

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Attendance: MaryJo Hoepner, Dorothy Kapaun, Shannon Lemons, Beth Geier, Sharon Soos, Gwen Ka’awaloa, Karen Harkin, Heather Petersen, Jan Tracy, Andrea Price-Valenzuala, Miranda Avila, Stan Adamson, Ginka Kubelka, Jon Haugen, Joan Clay, Anclaire Spaulding, Nicole Bizzarro, Kathy Simard, Cassandra DiPentino, Christy Rawlings, Natalie DeFee Mendik

Proxies: Ginka Kubelka to Heather Petersen when she is not present in the meeting;

Call to Order-President

Dorothy Kapaun

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Dorothy Kapaun

Secretary - Approval of Minutes - December 2020

Heather Petersen

Nicole Bizzarro made a motion to approve the December 2020 minutes as amended, 2nd by Karen Harkin. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Sharon Soos

Funds as of December 31, 2020

RMDS Checking Account	\$18,589.35	
RMDS PayPal (as of 12/19/2018)	\$ 100.00	Total \$18,689.35 operating cash total

Restricted Funds as of December 31, 2020

Database/Website	\$ 0.00
RMDS Scholarship	\$ 4,592.29
Reserve	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$23,281.64

Funds as of January 14, 2021

RMDS Checking Account	\$31,368.41	
RMDS PayPal (as of 12/19/2018)	\$ 123.23	Total \$31,491.64 operating cash total

Restricted Funds as of December 31, 2020

Database/Website	\$ 0.00
RMDS Scholarship	\$ 4,592.29
Reserve	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$36,083.93

Database / Website Development By CodeGeek

Estimated:

Cost \$66,000 - \$88,000
Timeframe: 8 Months

Payments:

1 st Payment	07/22/2019	\$16,500.00
2 nd Payment	12/18/2019	\$17,875.00
3 rd Payment	02/14/2020	\$17,875.00
4 th Payment	04/16/2020	\$17,875.00
5 th Payment	11/17/2020	\$17,875.00 (stop pay and reissued on 12/7/2020)
Total		\$99,150.00

Special Payment:

75 hours (1/2 of 150 hours) 10/11/2020	\$8,250.00
	\$2,900.00
Total	\$18,432.00

Donations:

As of 12/31/2019	\$5,735.00
Received in 2020	\$12,622.00
Total	\$18,432.00

Payment Terms:

- First payment of one quarter (1/4) of the quote is due before work commences
- Second payment of one quarter (1/4) of the quote is due 60 days after work commences.
- Third payment of one quarter (1/4) of the quote is due 120 days after work commences.
- Fourth payment of one quarter (1/4) of the quote is due 180 days after work commences.

Remaining balance is due upon delivery, defined as the date upon which the website is approved on our testing servers, and prior to it being made available to the public via the Internet.

President Report

Dorothy Kapaun

I am excited about all the events on the calendar for 2021. I do believe that our season will not be interrupted this year and we can start planning our show season. The George Williams AA clinic is full and Lilo Fore will be presenting a clinic for our Professionals at Tomora in Greeley. It is my hope that with our clubs utilizing Zoom or Facetime, we will be able to increase the participation in educational programs.

I have a few ideas for our 50th Anniversary Championship show. Verena Diaz suggested to recognize all the horse and rider combinations whose ages equal 50. I thought it would be fun is to recognize the top 5 people that have been involved with RMDS for the most years. Of course, there should be an evening with cake and perhaps one small glass of Champagne for the adults. I would love to hear any other suggestions on making this year spectacular.

If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Vice President Report

Gwen Ka’awaloa

As we begin this year we all have hope that as equestrians we can resume showing and attending educational events. There are some new rules to follow and if we do follow them we will be able to return to showing.

This is the 50th anniversary for RMDS and we are going to plan some special events to mark this historic year. This as with many things will take participation from the Executive and our membership. We need to work with the Championship Liaison to get sponsorships so we can celebrate.

I am looking forward to assisting Dorothy in making 2021 a year of awesome memories and accomplishments.

Gwen has volunteered to co-chair a special 50th anniversary committee.

Central Office

Beth Geier

Membership

- Registration – 225 members as of 1/1 for 2021 – sent out a reminder and as of 1/5, 333 members 387 as of 1/14/2021; 13 new horses since October 2020
- See Reports with chapter membership totals.
- Accepting dues for 2020: \$65 and on the 15th, it is \$75

Shows:

- For 2021: 7 RMDS shows: 33 USEF/USDF recognized shows which includes Championships and Regionals. 2 for 2022.

Omnibus:

- See Nicole’s report.

Database/Website:

- Working well – a few spots still need to be cleared up-spoke to Megan last week and clearing up a few “bugs”.

- Currently have raised \$19,427.00 as of 1/5. Asking people that have refunds if they want to donate – most say yes.
- Please ask your chapter members to see if there is a donor in the group or if they know of one.

General:

- Chapters receive free email blasts for educational purposes.
- RMDS Executive Board members get ½ price admission to RMDS events.

Banquet:

- January 15, 2022 – confirmed.

Next Executive Board Meetings (2nd Thursday odd months-exceptions noted) – 2021

AA Clinic April 17-18

Professionals Apr 24-25

Executive Board Meetings: Jan 14, March 11, May 13, July 13, Sept 9, Oct14 (budget)

BOG Nov 20

2022

Banquet January 15

**RMDS MEMBERSHIP -
YEAR-TO-DATE**

1/8/2021

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Members:	225	636	700	725	752	756	779	694	827	797	868	773	945	1030	1008	1036	1019
Horses:	13	109	159	161	91	93	59	63	59	135	123	132	132	166	246	262	234
AV	16	39	39	36	39	25	29	26	27	25	27	24	15	26	12	-	-
BV	52	138	151	162	159	182	168	171	180	182	190	200	188	205	172	178	179
FH	18	51	56	70	57	73	79	76	64	65	71	72	75	76	77	74	73
GV	31	78	80	77	91	95	71	55	71	53	65	83	87	105	102	88	92
HP	42	117	162	164	169	149	156	151	176	190	208	226	256	265	260	259	251
NC	4	57	64	75	69	77	77	89	94	93	110	132	107	124	137	137	139
NM	27	33															
OB	13	40	37	38	49	43	42	33	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PP	18	62	87	77	89	63	70	63	62	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WC	3	20	23	25	29	22	18	19	23	27	31	22	21	25	25	32	34
No Chapter	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	11	12	13	15	14	25	14	16	22	21
CS				-	Dissolved	24	35	47	52	63	115	124	115	127	126	143	130
PN				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dissolved	inactive	12	13	13	14
PR				-	-	Dissolved	10	11	18	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
TS				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dissolved	36	51	68	90	86
WA				-	-	Dissolved	19	21	26	28	24	24	20	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		636	700	725	752	756	779	694	827	797	868	773	945	1030	1008	1036	1019
Juniors	19	54	66	73	80	86	88	95	120	117	120	134					
Amateurs	62	140	217	205	195	163	152	176	209	220	239	230					
Education	7	11	14	18	21	17	16										
Business	4	12	12	9/2													
Life	43	35/1	33/1	32/2													

Permanent Committee Reports Continued:

Adult Amateur

Jan Tracy/Anclaire Spaulding

George Williams Clinic

Dates: April 17-18, 2021

Location: Faith Farms

Riders: We have all the riders selected (from 2020 cancelled clinic). I will start to re-work the budget soon and ask for payment from each rider.

Food: TBD

Auditors: TBD based on COVID climate. If we allow auditors, will they need to wear masks? Do we need to take temps every day at the door? I can buy a thermometer and masks.

Food: I will have food for the riders (additional cost). Do we want to do food for the auditors too? It's a hassle but a nice thing to do. I could probably have it catered.

Breakfasts: I'll do coffee and those donut holes from the place in Castle Rock.

We will do a waiver for all in attendance and temperature checks. Wrist bands issued after temp check daily Friday thru Sunday. Heather will bring wrist bands. Paneras was suggested for the meals.

I do not plan on organizing any other clinics in 2021 as I will focus on championships. Jan Tracy will take over after the clinic (and hopefully help me with GW Clinic).

Awards

Shannon Lemons

She has the awards for this year and the bills – approximately \$1100. She will send out letters this weekend asking people to pay postage ahead of time with set rates. She will mail them in February when she gets back in town. Shannon is still waiting for trophies from 5 folks sadly.

Was thinking about repackaging the trophies but due to the financial state of the organization right now we are going to wait on that project.

Communications

Nicole Bizzarro/Sally O'Dwyer

The Magazine:

Some sections we are looking to leave out to watch costs – Standing Rules/By Laws – they need to be updated but they are also posted on the website as well.

Awards – we are only going to print the people and awards that were awarded and put a note at the top directing folks to go to the website to see a complete list of awards and award sponsors

e-Centaur

Una Schade

A presentation of statistics on openings of the newsletter and the percentage of click-through for the last few e-Centaurs.

Nicole brought up the Built-a-Byte in the e-Centaur – should it be monthly or every other month? We'll run the barn and direct them to the website.

Website/Data Base

Beth and Heather have a few little projects to update but otherwise the learning curve is slowly getting there.

Education

MaryJo Hoepner/Pam Phillips

March 20. TD/show management seminars. Via Zoom. Dial in details will be sent to those registered Judges CE postponed until fall. Working on details

Junior/Young Riders

Cassandra Dipentino

I am super excited for the 2021 Summer Intensive, June 24th – 26th. As previously discussed, the cost will now be \$495. Using this increase in income, I will be having two lessons per rider each day. I have reached out to Sara Storch and Gigi Brittain to be clinicians since I had them lined up for last year. I will also be reaching out to local judges to do a ride a test on the last day. I will hopefully have a flyer by Thursday.

Marketing

Nicole Bizzarro/Christy Rawlings

For volunteering:

“Wanna learn more about the ins and out of the shows to help become more confident when you show?” It helps to understand everything that is going on. Help us, help you-volunteer.” Not able to show come volunteer! We put a volunteers' check list in the publications.

Could we have a page of volunteer thanks yous in the new production. Just pictures and names.

Have a competition between the clubs for the most volunteer hours. 1 award for the most hours and 1 award for

the most versatile positions filled.

For Membership:

Send a blast out about what the benefits on being a member are to competitor and non-competitors. And the benefits the clubs. We have so much to offer, I think a lot of people have forgotten that.

Could we sponsor a clinic for the club with the most members?

Happy holidays!

Give the gift of support this year. We have all been affected in some way shape or form. So let's give the gift of support. Your local plumper, your bank, your salon, your down town shop, your trainer, your boarding facility, your favorite cookie shop, your friend, your insurance agency, your neighbors business. Since making homemade goods is being frowned upon and every business is struggling, skip the tin of cookies and give the gift of support through advertising for them in our new magazine!

Here's the info...."

And then another email along the lines of increasing membership

Looking for a stocking stuffer/ or a birthday present (give it early) Membership fees are discounted in the month of December/January, did you know that? Purchase your four legged friends membership early this year as a gift.

Or you want your friend to ride more...encourage her with an RMDS membership! Ride and show together!

Create an attachment of some form for the member to forward to their partner or parent to fill out and pay, with a printout certificate to put in the stocking (or sticker, I think you mentioned we have).

Sponsors:

So a lot of this would have been better for Christmas, so maybe this year we can do these for next year but thought it would be good to work on this now.

Another one is to create a sponsorship form that each member could print out, or we send out and ask them to give to a company that they have a relationship with. it benefits every company to donate to a nonprofit. They are already starting to figure out where those funds are going. If we get this out soon, we could be the benefactor to those funds! But we unfortunately need to make it easy for everyone. So providing a single page that can be printed or forwarded easily. That way each members can just hand out one, it would make a big difference and so helpful.

Make it a race between clubs maybe? Who can collect the most sponsors?

I'm obviously new to this and not sure how sponsorship work between raising fund for RMDS and the individual club works...so might have to modify these.

Professionals

Kathy Simard / Joan Clay

The RMDS Professionals Symposium is April 24-25, 2021 with Lilo Fore. Let's hope we get lots of vaccines into arms so we can have this event!

The location is Tomora Farms and we plan on using the same vendors scheduled for 2020 for the hotel, porta potty, and heater rentals. We expect lunch and Lilo's flight to come in at the 2020 pricing. Lilo is honoring her 2020 contract. That means her fee is the same as in 2018!!

Applications for riders as well as registration for auditors have gone out via email to RMDS professionals.

Deadlines are mid-March for both. We have already had numerous inquiries. But I imagine that most people will wait until we have a better idea of what direction Covid numbers are going.

Questions: Sarah Martin moderator again? Do we want to set a date regarding postponing again?

A discussion of allowing working students? Joan will find out from the facility on how much space we can make. We will work on a Facebook Live setup and perhaps using volunteers.

There was discussion of an NDA as well that folks should sign in participating in the clinic. We want to protect the integrity and ideas of our professionals.

Scholarship

Natalie DeFee-Mendik

All 2020 scholarship award recipients have completed their requirements.

The RMDS Scholarship Committee met via Zoom on December 26, 2020 to evaluate applications. In attendance were Natalie Mendik, Gwen Ka'awaloa, and Heather Petersen; Mary Jo Hoepner was unable to attend, so reviewed documents in advance and voiced her opinion.

The committee reviewed four scholarship applications: two for Leg Up and two for Junior/Young Rider. One application was received a week past the deadline and postage due, so was not considered.

All four applicants had strong letters of recommendation, clear budgets, and volunteer hours. Plans include:

- Attending Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive in Florida
- Spending a week training with Jessica Jo Tate at her farm in South Carolina
- Attending clinics (TBD based on Covid) and taking lessons with Julie Burt
- Spending ten days training with Sarah Martin at her facility.

The committee feels each scholarship was extremely well presented and that the scholarship award funds be divided equally between the four applicants (\$500/each).

Stan Adamson moved that we approve the 4 scholarship applications, 2nd by MaryJo Hoepner. Motion passed unanimously.

Awarded Recipients

Jr/YR - Sophia Still

Leg Up – Amber Benson

Jr/YR – Emily Schmid

Leg Up – Cindy Petersen

Shows – Championships

Anclaire Spauling/Heather Petersen

Anclaire:

Location: Grand Junction, CO (possibly)

Time: Sept 2021

Parties: TBD but crossing fingers because COVID should be under control by Sept and all the parties are outside. I will start looking around for good restaurants beginning this summer once plans for champs are more solidified.

Karen Harkin would like to sponsor one of the dinners - yippee! She will have it catered. THANK YOU KAREN!

Trainer's party: I would like to drop the sponsorship cost down to something around \$100 per trainer. I think we might get more trainers to sponsor if it's more economical.

Fundraising: I'm going to ask every board member to bring in 1 sponsor. It doesn't have to be a new sponsor. You can call someone off my list, but I'm going to ask that everyone make 1 phone call to help.

Heather:

Judges and TD are in progress. Nicho can be our announcer. What has the board decided to do regarding having enough dressage arenas brought to the facility? The facility has not returned phone calls to procure a contract but I will keep trying.

Appointed Committee Reports:

1. Western Dressage

Simone Windeler

No report for Western Dressage. They will have a zoom meeting on planned clinics on the same day which Simone will attend.

2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents

Stan Adamson

Stan Adamson volunteered to head the committee again for 2021.

Treasurer, Secretary, Awards, Education, Marketing, Professionals, Shows

Need nominees for 1 year: Vice President

3. BOG - November 20, 2021

Heather Petersen

We have the Renaissance

4. Banquet –
January 15th, 2022.

Beth Geier

5. Volunteers –

Miranda Avila

Not too much to report yet. Just getting organized and will begin to reach out to chapter presidents in the next week or so to get their lists of the chapter or RMDS related events being held that will need volunteers for 2021.

Region 5 Report

Heather Petersen

We had an excellent USDF Convention. Heather highlighted the new Regional Championships Committee Region 5 member, Heather Miles. She also covered the upcoming convention locations, the Regional Championships date and location and discussed the lack of upper level competition on the West Coast.

Old Business:

- No old business.

New Business:

The roster of chapter officers needs to be approved by the board for coverage under the RMDS D&O Insurance. Heather Petersen read the roster of chapter officers into record.

Jon Haugen moved to approve the roster of the D&O Insurance Officer’s List. 2nd by Dorothy Kapaun. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Virtual Ride-A-Test Program

Dorothy and Cassandra would like to create a proposal to structure this program. It would be more beneficial to the organization than a virtual show.

MaryJo Hoepner moved to accept all the chapter reports as written, 2nd by Karen Harkin. Motion passed unanimously.

Chapter Presidents:

1. Arkansas Valley
No report.

Nancy Leonard

2. Boulder Valley

Stan Adamson

The Boulder Valley Dressage Association met on December 14, 2020, for a special holiday meeting remotely via Zoom, to do business and to hear a presentation by Julie Barringer-Richers on “Preparing for a Musical Freestyle.” This was a repeat and expansion of an earlier presentation Julie had offered in person in February at the home of Beth Geier, before COVID-19 caused all meetings to go virtual.

Officers for 2021 were elected at our October 6, 2020, meeting:

President	Stan Adamson
Vice-President	Lesya Ukrainchuk
Secretary	Janeen Cochi
Treasurer	Dorothy Kapaun

We are pleased to announce an online auction sponsored by BVDA as a benefit for RMDS, commencing on January 11, 2021. I appreciate the work of Sally O’Dwyer and Dorothy Kapaun in helping set up this auction, and we encourage all members to go to [Boulder Valley Dressage Association Benefit for RMDS by Boulder Valley Dressage Association | BetterWorld](https://bvda.betterworld.org/auctions/boulder-valley-dressage-associat) (<https://bvda.betterworld.org/auctions/boulder-valley-dressage-associat>) and bid on items. All proceeds will be transferred to RMDS after receipt of all funds and payment of all fees and expenses. Those who donate items should retain them until after the auction, when they should deliver or ship the items to the winning bidders, who will pay the shipping expenses.

We will continue the great programs we have planned for 2021 with a presentation on February 8 by Sue Martin called "The Million Dollar Dressage Horse," on the characteristics to look for in a great dressage prospect. We will be advertising this Zoom presentation to the full RMDS membership.

We are excited to announce our horse shows for the 2021 season, which will take place July 31 and August 1, 2021, at the Boulder County Fairgrounds; please see our ad in the RMDS Magazine for 2021 for all details. Set up and schooling will take place on Friday, July 30. Of course, all of this is contingent on whether the Fairgrounds is open at that date, due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

While we were all disappointed about the number of shows that had to be altered or cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19, we had several great virtual meetings, and many of our members participated in the shows that were available; since we are foregoing awards for the 2020 season, the names of those participants are listed on our website, in honor of their efforts.

We all look forward to a productive year of enjoyment with our horses in 2021, and hope that the limitations we all have shared in for the common good will be behind us soon, so that we can all safely and sanely enjoy the sport of dressage.

3. Foothills

Cassandra Dipentino

Foothills has lots of exciting events coming up this year! We have our two shows with dates and judges secured for both. We will also be having some educational activities May 2nd and June 5th, I'll keep everyone posted on our clinicians for those Ride a Test dates along with any other clinics we add to the calendar.

- June 6th Spring Into Summer- Julie Haugen
- August 29th Last Chance - Debbie Riehl- Rodriguez

4. Grand Valley

Karen Harkin

The Grand Valley Dressage Society (GVDS) started 2021 with new officers, new volunteers, new committees, and many fresh ideas.

- A website redesign is underway, with a launch date in early February. The team is led by Linda Chadwick-Wirth a member who is a web designer with an emphasis on customer experiences. We are excited to go-live with many more features than what we have now. A special thank you to our webmaster Jennifer Weber for her many years of service.
- Our 2020 awards celebration will be held on Zoom on January 19, preceding our first club program.
- After conducting a membership survey in November, we identified the top 10 program and clinic ideas that appealed to the membership. Judi DeVore, the new Vice Presidents/Programs Chair, is leading these efforts. The inaugural program is MELT for Equestrians, a Zoom program, to be held on January 19. A MELT Q&A session had nearly 20 participants - impressive for a Saturday night on a holiday weekend. Due to the interest from the members, the MELT instructor, Karin Denny, is planning a weekly MELT for Equestrians class beginning in early February. A Sue Martin clinic, supported by a TDF grant, is scheduled for later in February; Julie-Barringer-Richers is conducting "Let's Dance", preparing a musical freestyle Zoom class in March; and Krista Nobilio is demonstrating equine massage via Zoom in April. All information is on the RMDS calendar page and everyone is welcome.
- We've doubled our sponsorship outreach with an emphasis on greater sponsor exposure through social media. Inka Spatafora is leading that effort.
- We've created a new Supporting membership category for GVDS. This is to serve members who are western dressage riders, are unable to travel to the front range to utilize the RMDS sponsored activities, and/or do not compete but still want to learn more about dressage and support the club and its mission. This enables them to participate in the programs and clinics offered by GVDS, enjoy the camaraderie of the club, and continue to grow their dressage knowledge. We continue to support and promote the RMDS/GVDS membership option and are pleased to have four new members already for 2021.
- Annual "housekeeping" is underway – switching officers on accounts, reviewing, and updating rules and by-laws.

- We're thankful for the help from Nicole Bizzaro for our omnibus magazine ad. We could not have done it without her vision and talents. We tried something new in four-color and hope that the RMDS members like it as much as we do.
- We continue to follow-up on the wonderful ideas gleaned from the USDF convention and are implementing several this year.
- We are most excited that the RMDS Championships are coming to Grand Junction over Labor Day weekend in 2021! GVDS is anxious to welcome and host the "best of the best" from throughout our region.

I would be happy to answer any questions.

5. High Plains

Andrea Price Valenzuela

High Plains has been busy finalizing the details of the events we have planned for the upcoming year. We are still operating with the COVID-related unknowns in mind and excited to bring a few online based programs to our members.

The first event of the year will be a Zoom talk with a personal trainer on things to keep in mind when training for show season. She will also be shooting videos of a series of exercises with emphasis on core stability and others that target the muscle groups needed to ride. We hope to have these videos available on demand by no later than beginning of February. Exact date for this Zoom talk is TBD but shooting for last week in January.

The second Zoom session we have planned is with Amelia Newcomb. Amelia is a dressage trainer based out of California who has been successful in online based training. She is going to be putting together a course on the training scale of dressage.

Lastly, we are nailing down the final details of the Adult Amateur clinic which will be with Colleen Diamond on April 17th at Meadowbrook in Sedalia.

We have our Youth clinic with Sara Storch and Kelly Boyd on March 20th at Happenstance Barn in Parker. We are excited for the upcoming 2021 year!

6. New Mexico Dressage

Maureen Mestas

No report

7. Northern Colorado

Jon Haugen

In December, NCDCA held its annual Holiday party with a COVID twist. The party was held over Zoom. Yearend awards as well as some very nice thank you gifts for outgoing officers Didi DeKrey and Andrea Chirich, were sent to members ahead of time to be opened during the party. Silja Knoll organized a secret santa and those gifts were opened during the party as well. It was a pleasant evening, albeit strange. But what about 2020 wasn't!?

During the Party, a new Executive board for NCDCA was installed;

Jon C. Haugen, President

Melanie Newkirk, Vice President

Katie McGivney, Secretary

Kellee James, Treasurer

Looking forward to a bright and more normal 2021, NCDCA is planning some great events. In April, we will host a Ride-a-test at Kathy Coulson's Hobby Horse Farms with Julie Haugen as the clinician. May will feature a Saturday Schooling Show and Sunday Clinic judged by Sharron Sarchet at Tomora. We will return to Tomora in June for a Simone Windeler judged Saturday schooling show and a Sunday Clinic. In October, we will host a Sandy Hotz Halloween themed clinic at Blue Roof Equestrian.

8. On The Bit

Ginka Kubelka

All of our officers were willing to continue serving our chapter in 2021:

President: Ginka Kubelka

Vice President: Kelly Wolfe

Treasurer: Tom Wolfe

Secretary: Anna Chalfoun

During these strange times we were not able to get together for our usual holiday party in December. However, we are hopeful that we can offer some fun and educational events for our membership this year. We are planning to have a Ride-A-Test early in the summer and a fully recognized show on July 24th and 25th.

I was hoping that we could get some of the more distant members of our chapter more involved when we had to switch to meetings on Zoom, but that didn't happen, so now I am looking forward to getting all back together in person for our meetings at some point this year.

We will continue to hold our monthly meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm on Zoom and/or at Altitude in Laramie. Feel free to join us if you are interested in what we are offering or contact us through info@onthebitdressage.com or through our Facebook page!

9. Pikes Peak

Shannon Lemons

No report. She's slacking in Arizona.

10. Western Colorado

Lesley Hill

We have certified (!) ha our elections and all officers will stay the same for the 2021 year.

Simone Windeler continues to come to the Roaring Fork Valley to teach monthly. A swath of lucky members have decamped to the wonderful climes of Wellington and CA for the season.

Other than that, all quiet on the Western slope.

Next Meeting is March 11th meeting.

8:54 pm Stan Adamson made the motion to adjourn. 2nd by MaryJo Hoepner. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Petersen