

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2023

Zoom Meeting

Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Sally O’Dwyer, Patricia Weed, Joan Clay, Karen Harkin, Beth Geier, Sharon Soos, Heather Petersen, Sarah Murphy, Katie Knight, Kristen Allen, Ginka Kubelka, Ruth Edie Nielsen, Rebecca Ciota, Jewlee Bellah, Stan Adamson, MaryJo Hoepner

Proxies: MaryJo Hoepner to Heather Petersen until her arrival at 7pm;

Call to Order-President

Sally O’Dwyer

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by Sally O’Dwyer

Secretary - Approval of Minutes -

Heather Petersen

March 2023 minutes –Katie Knight moved that we approve the minutes, 2nd by Sharon Soos. The motion passed unanimously.

Results of the electronic voting regarding appointment of the new Central Office Manager – The board voted to approve Sarah Murphy as the new Central Office Manager via email.

Treasurers Report

Sharon Soos

Operating Funds as of May 31, 2023

RMDS Checking Account \$ 46,462.07

PayPal Account (as of 2/15/2023) \$ 2,635.37

Restricted Funds as of May 31, 2023

Scholarship Fund

RMDS Scholarship \$ 5,597.29

Barbara H McElnea Scholarship \$ 8,500.00

Total \$ 63,194.73

Operating Funds as of June 8, 2023

RMDS Checking Account \$ 45,641.11

PayPal Account \$ 1,337.81

Outstanding Checks \$????

Pending Deposits \$????

Subtotal \$ 46,978.92

Judges “L” Program **\$ 14,789.00**

Subtotal Operating Funds \$ 32,189.92

Restricted Funds as of June 8, 2023

Scholarship Account

RMDS Scholarship \$ 5,597.29

Barbara H McElnea \$ 8,500.00

Payable 250.00

Pending Deposit

Subtotal **\$ 13,847.29**

Total \$ 46,037.21

President Report
No Report

Sally O'Dwyer

Vice President Report

If your committee needs any help, Dorothy is here to help!

Dorothy Kapaun

Central Office

Sarah Murphy

We are currently transitioning to our new Central Office Manager. Inventoried the storage unit. 608 current members, 6652 registered horses in the database. We will be working to move the storage unit to Monument, Extra Storage. It's not financially feasible to combine with the awards storage unit.

Next Executive Board Meetings (2nd Thursday each month) –

2023 S EVENTS:

- **Sport Horse** Sept 21
- **Championships** Sept 22-24

Executive Board Meetings:

Reports: July 11, Aug 1, Sept 7, Oct 12 (budget)

No reports: April 13, June 8, Aug 10,

BOG Nov 18

Permanent Committee Reports Continued:

Adult Amateur

Katie Knight

Working to put together about grants and such for the clinic – Nighthawk on October 7-8 with Amelia Newcomb. Discussion of application and videos.

Awards

Shannon Lemons

Nothing to report.

Communications

Rebecca Ciota

Looking through the types of awards that USDF gives out and we could offer more in terms of what they are looking for, also if there are some you enjoy, we can nominate them. Sally – there are lots of old Centaurs in the storage unit that we could pull from and reprint. Also, doing a volunteer photo gallery as well for the e-centaurs.

Website – It's rolling along, let Sarah or Heather know of any updates. Heather is working with Code Geek to get the Central Office contact information updated.

Education

MaryJo Hoepner

Nothing to currently report.

Junior/Young Riders

Lauren Still

We had to unfortunately cancel the Summer Intensive. There were too many concerns regarding lack of volunteers and adult supervision in addition to structure and organization of the 3 days sessions and clinicians. If you encounter family emergencies or life goes sideways, please let the board know soon enough and we can help! Jewlee came on the call to discuss rescheduling the camp, Gabrielle Hibbert is also interesting in helping. Discussed having campers supply an adult for a shift during the camp, lining up speakers in plenty of time. Sally would like to see an agenda for the camp and also for the board to review and approve the clinicians if possible. Better marketing of the camp as well.

Would it be helpful to Lauren for someone else to co-chair the committee or take the chair? How can we help so that we have a stronger committee and camp? Jewlee is willing to co-chair but doesn't have the time to be the

chair. There was discussion if a camp could still be held at some point this year and it doesn't seem so. Perhaps we can do a 1 day clinic for the youth in October. Sally and Jewlee will look at seeing if this is feasible.

Marketing

Kristen Allen / Jessica Reigel

Questions – getting a meeting going for Championships?

A feed store interested in working with Championships and also Happy Horse. Sally said Jana Ward is interested, Nadia and Sally also in Championships. Sharon discussed sharing how the expenses break down with the membership to try and gain the smaller dollar supporters. Promote class sponsors, arenas sponsors, etc.

Professionals

Joan Clay

Nothing to report currently.

Scholarship

Karen Harkin

Everything is going along, everyone has used at least part of their scholarship.

Shows – Championships

Nadia Westra

Katie Knight moved that we allow scores from Horse/Rider combinations in the 2022 RMDS competition season to count for qualifying for the 2023 RMDS Championships. 2nd by Sharon Soos. Motion passed unanimously.

Volunteer

Judi DeVore/Eleanor DeVore

No report

Appointed Committee Reports:

1. Western Dressage

Simone Windeler

No report this month.

2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents

Stan Adamson

Stan has a question – By-Laws for even number years: Secretary, treasurer, VP, awards, education, marketing, professionals, volunteers. Discussion of having a template for each committee, and descriptions that are available in the central office.

3. BOG - November 18, 2023

Heather Petersen

Staying at the same facility.

4. Banquet –

Beth Geier/Sarah Murphy

January 2024, facility all set.

Region 5 Report

Heather Petersen

No report

Old Business:

- No old business.

New Business:

- No new buseinss

Next Meeting is July 11th.

7:49 pm Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Heather Petersen