

RMDS BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 9, 2013
Renaissance Denver Hotel
3801 Quebec Street – Denver, CO 80207

Meeting called to order: by Gwen Ka'awaloa @ 8:35 am

Attendance and delegate count:

Arkansas Valley-2:

Catherine Siemiet – 2 votes

Boulder Valley-9:

Sarah Barnes

Julie Barringer-Richers: proxy to Sarah Barnes

Leslie Carrig

Nicole Donohue

Kathy Hibbard

Jeannetee Hillery: proxy to Sarah Barnes

Robin Gay

Beth Geier

Stephanie Margulis: proxy to Beth Geier

Colorado Springs-3:

Patricia Leech

Jennifer Glass

Anna Worley

Foothills-4:

Lori Mitchell

Jan Danis

Linda Gaber

Cecilia 'CC' Ross

Grand Valley-4:

Tammy Fagan: proxy to Stephanie Soule

Susan Gregg

Cheri Isgreen

Stephanie Soule: proxy for all votes to Susan Gregg-sick

High Plains-9:

Wendy Cibis: proxy to Lori Mitchell-all 9 votes

Northern Colorado-5:

Renee Martig – arrived 9:05

Joan Clay– arrived 9:15

Jon Haugen– arrived 9:05

Julie Haugen– arrived 9:05

Pat Cole: proxy to Renee Martig

Pikes Peak-4:

Michelle Anderson

Nina Felsenthal

Shannon Lemons

Bev Swanson

Platte River Valley-1:

Laura Speer

Wasatch Mountain-2:

Sally Shaffer: proxy to Gwen Ka'awaloa-all 2 votes

Western Colorado-2:

Barbara Graham Terry: proxy to Nicole Donohue

Barbara McElnea-proxy to Gwen Ka'awaloa

Delegates not in attendance and no proxy:

Tammy au France-On the Bit

Connie Woodruff-On the Bit

Terrece Pearman-Wasatch Mountain

Non-delegates attending (no vote): Aline Brandau, Sharon Soos, Deborah Skillicorn

Attending & holding proxy: Gwen Ka'awaloa

Approval of minutes November 2012 BOG

Shannon Lemons moved to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Jennifer Glass. Motion carried.

First reading of election roster with nominations from the floor:

The slate for 2014:

President: Gwen Ka'awaloa

Vice-President: Aline Brandau

Secretary: Heather Petersen

Treasurer: Sharon Soos

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Soos

Funds as of October 31, 2013

Wells Fargo RMDS Checking Account	\$38,678.67
Wells Fargo Paypal Account	\$ 4,083.14
Wells Fargo Scholarship Account	\$ 5,903.88
Wells Fargo Money Market	<u>\$44,259.16</u>
Total	\$92,924.85

Documents

Current Year vs. Prior Year Profit and Loss Statement

Current Year vs. Prior Year Balance Sheet

Proposed Budget

Proposed Donations

Issues/Discussion

Championships Show **LOSS** \$1,486

Comfort Inn invoice still outstanding)

Omnibus 2014 advertising as of **10/31/13** \$2,976

Centaur 2014 advertising as of **10/31/13** \$ 798

RMDS 2014 membership dues as of **10/31/13** \$1,080

Current Profit & Loss Statement shows RMDS at a **loss of (\$2,817.17)**. If the stated income for 2014 booked in 2013, and the stated Income and Expense for 2013 booked in 2012 is taken into consideration, the **profit is \$523.33**.

Profit & Loss Statement

2013 Reconciliation

January, 2013 - October, 2013	(\$2,817.17)
2013 Income Booked in 2012	\$10,142.50
2014 Income Booked in 2013	(\$ 6,802.00)
Net Profit/ Loss	\$ 523.33

Notes: Beverly Swanson has an invoice for about \$70.00 for Championships

Cat Siemiet made a motion to put ½ the money market funds into a 12-24 month CD. Bev Swanson 2nd.

After a discussion, it was decided that there needed to be more facts.

Cat Siemiet withdrew her motion as did Bev Swanson.

Treasurer will research alternate investment opportunities to be presented at the January Executive Board meeting.

Donations and Pledges:

Need to recategorize the Centaur ads between 2013 and 2014 since we went to 6 months print and people paid for 12 months.

Central Office Report: Beth Geier

Pat Leech is working on the history of CSDA & RMDS. Pat received documents from the Central Office to help in this endeavor.

Membership

- Registration – 827 members for 2013 – 12 are Centaur only. 97 new horses since October, 2012

- Accepting dues for 2014: \$60.00 now until December 31, 2013.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Members:	1162	1177	1151	1019	1036	1008	1030	945	921	868	797	827
Horses:	274	337	207	234	262	246	166	132	132	123	135	59
AV	-	-	-	-	-	12	26	15	24	27	25	27
BV	230	208	199	179	178	172	205	188	200	190	182	180
CS	134	155	137	130	143	126	127	115	124	115	63	52
FH	115	103	109	73	74	77	76	75	72	71	65	64
GV	77	98	93	92	88	102	105	87	83	65	53	71
HP	278	283	267	251	259	260	265	256	226	208	190	176
NC	150	151	162	139	137	137	124	107	132	110	93	94
OB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
PP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	62
PR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14	18
WA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	24	24	28	26
WC	64	55	44	34	32	25	25	21	22	31	27	23
No Chapter	24	36	34	21	22	16	14	25	14	15	13	12
PN	13	14	15	14	13	13	12	inactive	Dissolved			
TS	77	74	91	86	90	68	51	36	Dissolved			
TOTAL	1162	1177	1151	1019	1036	1008	1030	945	921	870	797	827
Juniors									134	120	117	120
Amateurs									230	239	220	209

Shows:

- For 2014: 44 RMDS recognized shows: 38 are USEF/USDF recognized and 6 RMDS only shows maybe 2 more
- For 2013: 47 RMDS recognized shows: 35 were USEF/USDF recognized and 12 RMDS only recognized shows. 4 had breed shows. 1 cancelled
- For 2012: 52 RMDS recognized shows: 38 were USEF/USDF and 14 RMDS only and 4 of these cancelled. 6 included breed shows

Recognized Officials:

- TD's need to take the written test by November 14 and score 85% or better Standing Rule: VI, B.6.
- Officials for RMDS only recognized shows: All USEF recognized TD's and Judges as well as:
The following "**L**" graduates in the RMDS only recognized shows. These have kept up with their continuing education.
Simone Ahern * 719-749-9274
Julie Burt 719-431-2342

Kathleen Donnelly*	970-310-8729
Beth Geier	303-673-9840
Jessica Greer	970-581-5613
Julie Haugen*	970-290-8360
Sarah Martin *	719-379-3716
Linda Ohlson-Gross *	303-840-9818
KC Parkins-Kyle	303-841-9953
Kathy Simard*	720-981-4448
Stephanie Soule*	970-201-0747
Simone Windeler	719-287-2040

- You may also use the following **RMDS TD's** in the RMDS only recognized shows. These have kept up with their continuing education.

Joan Clay	970-420-0887
Jeannette Hillery	303-494-7718
MaryJo Hoepner	719-495-3648
Mindy Maguire	720-301-0089
Dee Stiers	970-618-2033

Omnibus:

- Accepting ads-need help in getting more. All tabs are sold.
- Chapters receive one page of a prize list free.

General:

- Chapters receive four (4) free email blasts per year for educational purposes.
- RMDS Executive Board members get ½ price admission to RMDS events.

Office:

- Bids due by February 28, 2014**
 - The position of Centaur Production-effective with May issue 2014
 - The position of e-Centaur Production-effective with June issue 2014
 - Omnibus Production-2015/2016 Omnibus
 - 2015/2016 Championship Show Management
- Bids due by June 30, 2014**
 - Website Maintenance & hosting – effective August 1
 - Central Office Manager – effective September 1 – will train

Discussion regarding job descriptions: Pat Leech & Sharon Soos will work on defining the positions further for clarity in the bidding process.

Upcoming dates for 2014: – Romano’s Italian Restaurant – 720-344-9530 (usually 2nd Thursday of odd months)

Jan 9	Mar 13	May 8	July 8-Tues
Sept 11	Oct 9-Budget	Nov 15- BOG	

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

Scholarship: MaryJo Hoepner sent a report

- Scholarship application deadline is the end of November, the 30th.
- We are already receiving applications!
- After the application deadline, we will alert the RMDS board for the scheduled time and place to review applications.

Discussion was held regarding the parameters of selecting the recipients and if it should be more needs based, volunteer based or equal between the two.

Motion: Laura Speer made a motion to have two scholarships for \$750; 21 & under and 22 and over. 2nd by Lori Mitchell. After a healthy discussion, **Laura withdrew her motion.**

Motion: Pat Leech made a motion to table the discussion of the parameters for giving a scholarship and to have a meeting with interested parties. Joan Clay 2nd the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**

Adult Amateur: Jennifer Glass

Adult Amateur had a great year this year and looking forward to 2014. This year we had the Adult Amateur team competition; it was a great success actually making money for the club. This competition is held in conjunction with Jr/Yr camp and team competition which has been very beneficial and has helped with attendance. Tomora Farms has graciously allowed us to use their facility for no charge. We will again ask Tomora Farms if we can use their facility, but if this is not possible we will need to research new venues. We have a tentative date for the weekend of June 29th, but once we have the venue secured will ask board to pass this date.

It was also suggested we make the competition a volunteer training experience. So this year we will rotate people through the volunteer positions, so everyone has a chance to learn. We will be calling for volunteers that can help train certain positions, as well people wanting to learn. I will be working closely with Beth Geier, and the Jr/Yr Chairs to make sure everything runs smoothly. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to call or text me at (719)641-6587.

I am also working on bringing in James Shaw in for a biomechanics clinic. I would like to explore other clinics for the Adult Amateurs, if any member has an idea or thought on what they would like to see or have me bring in, please call me or text at (719)641-6587. I would love some input so I could better serve our AA members.

Discussion ensued with good suggestions:

Working Equitation

2nd Youth/Adult Team Competition in the south Denver area

RMDS will be happy to consider other venues for events & help with events in your area. Must keep in mind:

1. donation of facility
2. have volunteers ready
3. have participants

Junior/Young Rider: Julie Haugen

- As of now, no bids have been presented for a 2014 Camp. I am looking into finding a way to get the camp going but will need to find a Director. It is possible to do a camp that is slightly different than the camps of the past, which may be more desirable for a Director.
- Joan Clay and I did a get together for Junior/Young riders at the George Williams clinic. It was our goal to gain some information on what interests them, and inform them that we are here to help them with their dressage needs. It was well received. Joan did a wonderful job giving the riders information on the many wonderful USDF and USEF programs available to them. I received some great ideas about the camp, and am thinking of things the kids may have an interest in participating in. Julie Barringer-Richers gave me some great ideas about trying to contact the various trainers with JR/YR riders to assist in getting everyone involved.
- Beth, Jennifer and I are beginning work on the USDF team Competition for 2014. We have decided on the last weekend in June (29th) and are working on a judge and location. It is well attended, super fun event that will not disappoint!

Notes: It is hoped to have a camp during the week leading up to the June 29 USDF Region 5 Adult/Youth Team Competition.

Awards: Shannon Lemons

2013:

- New Awards this year
 - Junior Sportsmanship Award -
 - Adult Amateur I2 - donated
 - Adult Amateur GP - donated
- New Trophies
 - Adult Amateur Second – donated
 - Morgan – donated
- Budget

- Unable to provide numbers until January
- Estimated at end of report

2014:

- Notifications
 - Consider email notifications of winners
 - Postage
 - Printing costs
- Final correction date
 - Need to move correction date forward OR
 - Move banquet back a week
 - Max of 3 weeks is not enough time
 - Vendor issues, adding trophies
- Unused/retired awards
 - Colorado Horse Park?
- Replacements:
 - For 2015
 - Hanoverian
 - Iberian
 - AA I1

Notes: Ann Edelman is the force behind the 2 new awards for AA at I2 & GP

It was suggested to place a list of the award winners on the website as another means of notifying the recipients. Eventually, we might get to have no mailing of notification postcards.

It was suggested to sell some of the donated trophies on e-bay that are sitting in storage that we do not use; or donate the trophies that are from another discipline back to that discipline.

Shannon Lemons made a motion to change the date for final corrections for score checks to October 1. Nina Felsenthal 2nd. Motion passed unanimously

EXPENSE ITEM	Awards Budget					
	2013 to			2012 To Date, 2014 Proposed		
	2013 To Date			2014 Proposed		
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
Postage	\$350	\$160	\$0	\$600	\$0	(\$600)
Trophy replacement/update	200	390	0	300	0	(300)
Supplies	150	160	0	300	0	(300)
Gifts	250	400	0	400	0	(400)
Ribbons	1,600	1,750	0	1,600	0	(1,600)
Rider plaques/plates, engraving	2,700	0	0	2,725	0	(2,725)
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	150	0	(150)
INCOME ITEM						
Postage Reimbursement Award	(350)	0	0	(350)	0	350
Sponsor	(250)	0	0	(250)	0	250
Late Fees/Donations	0	0	0	0	0	

TOTAL	\$4,650	\$2,860	(\$1,790)	\$5,475	(\$5,475)
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Still remaining: Trophy/award shipping - a lot!
 Reimb for sponsored awards

Note: Over budget due to change in vendor: \$500-\$700.

No invoices available yet for 2013 due to only three weeks to get awards completed.

RMDS Championships: Beverly Swanson

I came into this position in July this year, a little late in the game for some action items to be accomplished as well as hoped. Thanks to the help of VP Aline Brandau and Show Manager Heather Petersen, we did fairly well with sponsorships and prizes, given the double 2013 catastrophes of fire and flood.

All competitors I spoke with were very pleased with the venue and the show management. What few complaints there were, were resolved quickly and satisfactorily. The overall impression was that we presented RMDS in a professional, friendly and efficient manner, and our out-of-state visitors were looking forward to coming next year.

Accomplishments:

- Put together new Sponsorship Packages
- Uploaded Complete Sponsor Info Packets, Class Sponsor Form, and Ad Form to website
- Secured Devon Wycoff as our theme representative for PR and Friday night dinner
- Asked WDAA to join us. They were thrilled and both learned a lot and also educated many people who are interested in Western Dressage.
- Used Constant Contact for weekly “asks” for sponsorship
- Sent Press Releases
- Brought Colorado Hay Bank and Colorado Farm Bureau in to accept donations
- Circulated throughout the show and barn, checking to see that everyone was settled and happy, introduced myself, handed out flyers for donations and daily updates.

Lessons Learned:

- Big donors/sponsors need to be approached early and worked throughout the year. I will put in requests to likely prospects (Medved was interested) starting in January
- Likewise, media needs to be chased down several months ahead of the date.
- Having a non-profit equine charity on site is great PR.
- Better planning and advertising for parties needed.
- Expand vendor opportunities and variety. i.e.: Western clothing and a greater variety of products

Notes: A suggestion was made to attend WESA at the Colorado Market for more sponsors.

Beverly is going to follow-up on the thank you cards to the sponsors.

2013 RMDS Championships Management Report: 2White Feet – Heather Petersen

Basic Numbers:

Sport Horse Office Fees:	19
Under Saddle Office Fees:	250
Total arenas Wednesday-Sunday:	17

Total number of rides that went down centerline Thursday-Sunday: 737

Notes:

It worked very well not to use the RMDS permanent bridle tags this year and all competitors were very understanding of the reason why. We will continue this for next year since it is again a USDF Regional Championship year.

Sponsorships and the silent auction were a little more difficult for 2013 due to the fires and floods – getting donations was quite difficult as most felt their efforts should go to the natural disasters and we did not discourage this philosophy. We did end up better in the sponsorship column at the show than we would have though due to some last minute donors but we are working hard to bring the numbers back up for 2014 and hope that the state stays disaster free for many years to come.

Special Events: Parties went well. Wednesday's pizza was cleaned out (ordered more pizzas than normal and there were no leftovers – the ½ of a pizza we thought was left was whisked off by a trainer for their grooms), Thursday's chicken dinner was another feast with no leftovers. Friday's competitors' party was cleaned out and folks enjoyed the band. Several competitors asked if the band could come later in the evening so we will research this for next year. If we can't find a sponsor for the party, we will go back to a DJ as it's much cheaper, but we had many great comments on the band and people really did like them. Saturday's food was cleaned out and the sponsor loved the turnout and great conversation. The Sunday morning brunch had a very similar reaction from the sponsor – great turnout, great people – and they have already signed up to sponsor the Sunday morning brunch for 2014.

2 White Feet will continue to donate the competitor bags and cover one party if additional sponsors are not acquired. They also donated bottles of wine for all the officials in 2013, which worked well and we will continue for 2014.

The per diem for officials ended up costing us a little more this year but worked well for the officials and they appreciated it. I think it made the accounting easier for Sharon too.

Weather was great. We didn't have the RMDS arena due to the flooding, but 2 White Feet donated their arena for the awards arena and High Plains donated their arena for use in Ring 4. Next year we should just need the RMDS arena and one other one donated hopefully from a chapter.

Since the Horse Park allowed us to sell bedding again, we were able to raise a little extra money on those bedding sales to help cover the Parking and stabling person.

Parking was the best it's ever been at the Horse Park and they complimented us greatly on it. It made working with the facility much easier this year and they are actually very much looking forward to having us back in 2014.

The show did not do as well as we had hoped due to increases in the CHP contract prices after we had already published our prices in the omnibus. We're working to fix that for 2014 and we will have to see a significant increase in stabling fees and maybe class fees to cover these increased prices the Horse Park is using.

We are working with the Horse Park to schedule a meeting to go over the contract for 2014 and sign it. We will work with Gwen and Beverly and their schedules, along with the Horse Park, to get this accomplished. We will be the lone event at the facility that weekend again.

We cannot provide a proposed budget at this point in time due to the lack of contract from the Horse Park. We will provide one as soon as we have signed with the Horse Park.

Discussion notes:

Larry Tobias was praised for his excellent job as parking attendant!

It was also noted that the Colorado Horse Park considers overnight stall to be two days. We need to change how we price the stalls. Laura Speer noted that none of this is a management problem, but it is a Colorado Horse Park problem.

Pat Leech wanted it noted that the show could be in violation of USEF rules since not all outstanding bills have been paid within the 30 day time frame.

Bottom line: if we want to be making money it is up to the membership:

Be more proactive with the contracts – Aline Brandau is a lawyer and will be a part of all contract negotiations along with Manager, Heather Petersen & President, Gwen Ka'awaloa.

There should be more than just the Show Liaison, Beverly Swanson, doing the work; needs to be more of a committee. It is stated that should there be a request, please answer and become active.

Communications: Linda Gaber

It has been a year of cooperation and innovation as the Communications Committee produced cost savings, and new advertising and communication avenues for RMDS members and advertisers. RMDS Centaur online was introduced to members on Feb. 1 and transmitted to their e-mail address. Goal of change is to reduce Centaur production expenses, and offer new communications/education options and services to members and advertisers. E-Centaur is published six times annually in February, April, June, August, October and December. The printed newsletter is published and mailed alternate months. E-Centaur gives RMDS an electronic template, delivery system, advertising sizing and pricing, and working links to numerous Society services and committees. This was accomplished with help of Lori Mitchell, Beth Geier, Nicole Bizzarro and Michael Petersen.

At the same time, the committee created and implemented an updated advertising link on E-Centaur and RMDS web site providing information to advertise in Centaur, E-Centaur, Omnibus and Championship program.

In the spring, the committee created a job description to advertise a two-year Centaur Production Contract for online and print issues. From five area candidates, the Board chose RMDS Pikes Peak Chapter member Beverly Swanson, principal with Piaffe Design & Marketing, Denver. They accepted her pricing per issue of \$100 for E-Centaur and \$550 for printed Centaur, for a savings of \$2,850 for six issues July to December 2013, compared to 2012 contractor fees. Her first issue was the July printed Centaur.

Summer Centaurs featured show tips and information, ending with the November show recap featuring riders, horses and scores. Also in the fall, the call for Omnibus advertisers began, as well as marketing in the newsletters for advertisers in the January stallion issue of Centaur.

Additional notes:

USDF awards:

- Best General Interest article in Category 4 - Janet Hannon **won** for her article 'Exceptional George Williams Clinic Clarifies Training Scale' published in the May 2013 issue of the Centaur
- The First Person article -Amy Jablonovsky won **Honorable Mention** in for her article 'Love, Devotion and Dressage: The Story Behind the Capt. Michael D. Jablonovsky Trophy' also published in the May 2013 issue of the Centaur.
- Website - Rocky Mountain Dressage Society's website, www.rmids.org, has won **Honorable Mention** in the category of GMOs with over 500 members.

Omnibus: Nicole Bizzarro no report

Beth mentioned that ads are needed by November 20

Website: Michael Petersen – no report

Bev Swanson mentioned the addition of a blog for the Championships that Michael created

Centaur: Beverly Swanson

Content, pictures and ad deadline is the 7th of the prior month.

Education: Jon Haugen

2014 will be a busy year for education. In March, the second section of the USDF Instructor/ Trainer Cert. will be held, and in May, we will host a refresher course for the certification program. We have just set the dates of the final for October 24-26, 2014.

The "L" Program CE clinic is scheduled for Feb. 1st at the Larimer County Fairgrounds; the presentation will be a video program. The instructor is Bill Solyntjes. There will be a clinic on Friday where auditors will be welcome.

Feb 15th is the scheduled date for the Show management and TD Clinic, Veronica Holt has agreed to do the TD section, and Heather Petersen will be instructing the Show Management clinic. This clinic will be hosted at the CSU extension building at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Also considering a "Show Nerves Discussion".

It was suggested to have an article as to the importance of attending the Show Managers/TD Training for all show managers and td's. Rules are always changing!

Instructor Workshops Report: Beth Geier

Date	Workshop	Faculty	Place
October 12-13, 2013	Teaching	Annie Morris	Phantom Hill
October 14-15, 2013	Lungeing	Annie Morris	Phantom Hill
March 15-16, 2014	Riding	Vicki Hammers O'Neill	Phantom Hill
May 3-4, 2014	Refresher	Debbie Bowman	Phantom Hill
October 24-26, 2014	Testing		

The two workshops held in October were very successful with 9 participants, 12 demo horses and riders, and 15 auditors.

A block of rooms have been reserved for the March & May sessions at the Holiday Inn & Express along with a meeting room for the Friday night lectures.

Holiday Inn & Express-1426 Oakridge Drive-Ft Collins, CO 80525 - 970-225-2200

Auditor sign-up is available and encouraged.

Demo riders are needed for the May refresher for all 3 workshops. Application is found on the RMDS website.

October, 2013 Teaching & Lungeing

2 workshops

Participants	8 @ \$325 x 2	\$ 5,200.00
Auditors		\$ 1,195.00
Donation		\$ 1,000.00
Misc		\$ 4.00
Total Income:		\$ 7,399.00
Fees-Faculty	4 @ \$600	\$ (2,400.00)
Facility (Phantom Hill)		\$ -
Insurance		\$ (150.00)
Stalls	27 nights @ \$25	\$ (675.00)

Airfare		\$ (445.00)
Hotel (faculty organizer)	2 x \$472.24	\$ (994.48)
Meals (Faculty & Organizer)		\$ (147.80)
Lunches	90	\$ (651.60)
SB Portabowl/Aurora		\$ (150.00)
Application Fee	2 @ \$65	\$ (130.00)

Total Expenses: \$ (5,743.88)

Net: \$ 1,655.12

Marketing: Sharon Soos

- Summary of 2013
- Rocky Mountain Horse Expo – Focus on:
 - Chapters
 - RMDS / USDF
 - Breed Shows
 - Shows & Clinics
- RMDS Shirts
 - Sales at Championships – 10 Shirts Sold
 - Remaining Inventory – 7 Shirts
- 2013 Championships – Table in Show Office
 - Shirt Sales
- Advertising Information – Omnibus & Centaur
 - Media Kit
 - Banquet Information
 - Stallion Spotlight Issue – January Centaur
 - Membership
- Marketing Plans for 2014
- Rocky Mountain Horse Expo
- RMDS Merchandise
- Promote Advertising at RMDS Sponsored Even

Notes: A blizzard on Saturday of the Expo caused reduction of people coming through the exhibits. Dolly Hannon gave a lecture and demo with 2 Friesians doing western dressage.

Suggestions for future products:

Cheaper t-shirts with logo: \$5.00-\$7.00

Bumper sticker of logo with reflective material to place on rear of trailers. (Hodges Badge-\$.65?)

Look into getting “Dressage with Altitude” slogan

Banquet: Laura Speer

I reported in full about the 2012 BOG & Banquet at the January meeting but here’s a general recap:

Total income \$9511 (includes reservations, auctions, donations, etc.)

Expenses: \$8655 (hotel, reimbursements, misc. expense)

This means there was a positive bottom line of \$856 so not only was the banquet paid for but the BOG was covered in full. Thus, the \$1700 that was budgeted for the BOG was never used and remained in the general fund.

Here is what 2013 looks like so far: 163 people reserved and paid for a dinner. There will be no live auctioning tonight, just silent auctions and fewer of them so I am anticipating less income. (People complained last year that the event was too long.) This may be the year that the BOG uses its budget.

Things to discuss:

Policy & Procedure for BOG

Chair position—I am happy to continue

Location & date November 15, 2014

Any other ideas and suggestions or help is welcome!

Policy & Procedure for BOG: to be brought to the Executive board in January

Motion: Laura Speer made the motion: RMDS pays for BOG meals for current Board members (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Central Office, Committee Chairmen, and delegates) Shannon Lemons 2nd. **Passed unanimously**

Motion: Robin Gay made the motion: No RMDS paid banquet meals. Pat Leech 2nd. **Passed unanimously**

It was announced that at the banquet, there would be 5 special drawings for anyone who made a reservation and was in attendance \$10.00 certificate to Dover Saddlery.

Volunteers from the year and in attendance – 3 drawings for \$25.00 certificate to Tractor Supply

Motion: Laura Speer made the motion to have a media package to the chapter whose basket received the highest bid for 2013 & 2014. 2nd by Beverly Swanson. Media package: ½ page ad in Centaur 1 email blast. **Passed unanimously**

By Laws: Beth Geier

BYLAWS:

1. **Add** the professionals committee: proposed by Gwen Ka’awaloa Page E-8

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

A. Permanent Committees:

3. The responsibilities of the Permanent Committees relate to coordination of the major activities of the Society.

h. PROFESSIONAL TRAINERS/RIDERS COMMITTEE shall be responsible for developing educational, social and competitive programs for the Society’s Professional Trainers/Riders. These programs shall be developed and run in coordination with the RMDS Education Committee

Passed – 42 Aye 0 nay 1 opposed

2. **Bookkeeping:** Page E-8

Change the current h. The Scholarship Committee... to **i.**

Passed unanimously

STANDING RULES:

3. **Change** number of shows from 3 to 4: proposed by Kristi Wysocki Page E-15, 16

E. Perpetual Trophies:

4. Horse of the Year Perpetual Trophies will be awarded at the RMDS annual banquet to horse/rider combinations based on the median scores from at **least four (4) shows**, four (4) judges and five (5) rides. Two (2) of the scores must be at least 55% at the most difficult test of the level and at least two (2) of the shows must be recognized by US Equestrian Federation. The median must be 55% or higher to qualify for an award. FEI levels will be based on four **(4) shows, four (4) judges and four (4) rides**. The median must be at least 55% or higher to qualify for an award.

Divided this into two votes:

Defeated: changing Training-4th Level to 4 shows – remains at 3 shows

Majority passed: changing FEI qualification to 4 shows, 4 judges, 4 rides

31 yes 4 no 1 abstain

4. **Change** to Central Office - To comply with current procedure Page E-16
 F. Sport Horse Breeding Show Year End Awards
 f. All owners are responsible for verifying and documenting their scores with **the Central Office (was Awards Chairperson)** prior to September 30 of the competition year.

Motion Passed unanimously

5. **Add** Complaints: proposed by Aline Brandau & Gwen Ka’awaloa Page E-21

SECTION XII. PROTESTS, CHARGES, HEARINGS, WARNINGS, AND COMPLAINTS

C. Complaints must be filed per current RMDS policy for complaints to be found on the RMDS website.

Pat Leech made the motion change the wording to: Complaints, which do not meet the requirements of Section A above, must be filed with the RMDS Executive Board per policy as published on the RMDS website. 2nd by Aline Brandau

Motion Passed unanimously

6. **Add** e-Centaur: to comply to Centaur change Page E-22

SECTION XIII. COMPENSATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

C. Contracts that the Society awards on a yearly and /or bi-yearly basis may include the following:

3.e. The Chairperson of the Communications Committee shall present a contract for the e-Centaur newsletter publications artist for approval by the Executive Board.

Linda Gaber made the motion to change the word artist to contractor. 2nd by Bev Swanson

Motion Passed, as changed, unanimously

Second reading of election roster, nominations from the floor Gwen Ka’awaloa

The slate for 2014:

- President: Gwen Ka’awaloa
- Vice-President: Aline Brandau
- Secretary: Heather Petersen
- Treasurer: Sharon Soos

Robin Gay nominated Laura Speer for Secretary; Laura accepted

Budget : Sharon Soos

2014 Budget	Income	Expense	Net Change
Adult Amateur	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (500.00)
BOG Awards	\$ 650.00	\$ 6,150.00	(\$5,500.00)
BOG Banquet	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$0.00
BOG Meeting	\$ -	\$ 1,700.00	(\$1,700.00)
Centaur	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	(\$9,000.00)
Central Office	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 13,000.00	(\$9,500.00)
Championship/Breed Show	\$ 112,000.00	\$ 112,000.00	\$0.00
Continuing Education	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 8,900.00	(\$200.00)
Education / Expo, Symposium	\$ -	\$ 800.00	(\$800.00)

General / Interest	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$0.00
Jr/Yr Program		\$ 500.00	(\$500.00)
Jr/Yr Camp	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$1,000.00
Marketing	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Membership - Dues	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$24,000.00
Membership - Horses	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$7,000.00
Misc. / Donation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,550.00	(\$3,550.00)
Omnibus	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 18,000.00	(\$2,500.00)
Operating: Treasurer/USDF Conv.	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	(\$3,000.00)
Scheduling / Insurance	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$1,200.00
Scholarship	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,500.00	(\$700.00)
Taxes / Legal	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,400.00	(\$800.00)
Team Competition	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$500.00
Website	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	(\$300.00)
Total	\$ 218,650.00	\$ 224,500.00	(\$5,850.00)

Marketing income to be increased to \$500.00 and increase the expense to 1,500.00

Misc./Donation increase the expense \$200.00 for the USEF Affiliate membership - \$4,750.00

Scholarship increase income to \$2,500.00 and expense to \$2,000.00 to accommodate 4 scholarships at \$500.00

The budget includes the donations proposed for 2014:

CoHoCO (1 year Membership)	\$ 50.00
Dressage Foundation	\$ 500.00
RMDS Scholarship Fund	\$1,000.00
Region 5 Jr/Yr	\$1,000.00
Paragon Dressage CDI	\$1,000.00
Estes Park CDI	\$1,000.00
USEF Affiliate Membership	\$ 200.00
Total	\$4,750.00

Beth Geier will enquire about the increase cost of the Omnibus since we had fewer pages.

Pat Leech made a motion to table the budget until January after we received the full financials from Championships. Aline Brandau 2nd.

Motion defeated 17 yes 22 nay 2 abstain

Michelle Anderson made the motion to approve the budget as adjusted Beverly Swanson 2nd

Motion passed 23 yes 7 nay 2 abstain

Old Business:

USDF Convention: Lori Mitchell

NEW ORLEANS

As RMDS President I attended the 2012 USDF Convention in New Orleans. I attended the Regional meetings, GMO Round Table and some Educational events.

REGIONAL MEETING

- Regional Meeting highlights were that the Region will assist financially for future delegates to the convention.
- Other items discussed were mainly pertaining to Regional Championships

GMO ROUNDTABLES

- Many GMO's struggle with insurance costs for the Directors and Officers, RMDS is one of a few that do offer.
- Membership is dwindling for many GMO's
- There needs to be more Show Management options. Many GMO's do not have access to any type of outside services. Therefore, they run their own shows.
- Volunteers always an issue, always the same people step up. Different ideas about recognition and rewarding volunteers came up that included 'chips' that could be used to pay for show fees, clinic costs, etc.

EDUCATION

- Most popular was a recap of the London Olympics.
- Adequan Discussion which explained how to use the product, how it worked and benefits.

Region 5 Report: Heather Petersen

2013 Fall Executive Board Meeting, December 4 & 7

Lexington, Kentucky

We had a good year in Region 5. USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships were back in Parker, Colorado at the Colorado Horse Park in 2013, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society. We had a great turnout from all over our region and several folks also from Region 4 and Region 6 joined us. Next year the Regional Championships will be back at the Colorado Horse Park in Parker, Colorado. We really need to get bids in for 2015 soon and I hope we're able to keep Arizona in the loop and there are some improvements that have also been done to the Utah facility, so we may see a bid from them again in the next couple of years. Here's hoping we can keep the Regional Championships moving throughout our Region to better serve this large area.

We had a couple of younger NAJYRC teams this year and they did very well! Our NAJYRC Young Rider team made up of Devon Wycoff with Power Play, Amelia Child with Veto and Talia Hershaft with Westfalica, brought home the Team Bronze Medal.

Devon Wycoff and Power Play also earned Individual Bronze and Freestyle 4th place. Our Juniors this year were Inga Fuengerlings with Milo and Laine Collins and Superstar. All of our girls did wonderfully and it was a great group to work with. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make the team and to all our team members. Many thanks to Joan Clay, our coordinator and one of the Chefs, and Raissa Chunko and Maddi Birch who served as our grooms.

Some of the other events that have taken place in our Region this year:

- USDF Adult and Youth Team Championships. These were held June 23 in Greeley, Colorado. The show was very well attended and the team atmosphere was great. Many thanks to the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society for hosting the show.
- USDF Junior / Young Rider Clinic, held October 26-27 at Autumn Hill International Equestrian Center in Longmont, Colorado. Region 5 was very happy to have George Williams back as the clinician. Our local youth love working with George and continually ask for him to come back. We had the highest number of riders apply for the clinic in a long time and it was great to see. It was sad though to have some not selected to ride.
- USDF Region 5 Life Time Achievement Awards. We received several nominations this year for some very worthy individuals. The award will be presented at the USDF Convention.

This year Region 5 was allocated 5 Participating Member delegates to the USDF Board of Governors meeting. Scarlett Fahrenson, our Nominating Committee member, rounded up a nice diverse roster of 5 individuals to fill those spots. Your delegates are Eva-Maria Adolphi, Rusty Cook, Joan Clay, Rise Grover and Annette Gaynes. These 5 members were a nice representation of the different states/areas in Region 5. Scarlett also worked hard to get representation for all our eligible GMOs in the Region or proxies to cover their votes.

One of our local Region 5 judges, Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez has been invited to judge the first ever Western Dressage National Championships and she's also doing the online judging for western dressage tests online at horseshow.com. Congrats to Debbie – and the western dressage folks for hiring a great dressage judge!

We received great feedback from Dianne Stanley, our TD committee representative: As both a competitor and TD.....all of the competitions in Region 5 at which my horse competed or where I officiated as TD in 2013 seemed to be well managed and skillfully run. I look back over a period of years and recognize that most competitions now run smoothly and efficiently - not only in Region 5, but in most parts of the country. I think that the USEF Levels requirement for managers/secretaries have had an influence on this and has helped proven to be a good rule. It brings people through a system which allows them to gain experience and I think this helps everyone. Technology improvements have also played a role in this. USDF plays a part in this too of course.

Many of our regional GMOS have been busy also. Here are updates from a few of them:

New Mexico Dressage Association

We had a successful Session A of the "L" Program in Albuquerque on September 28-29. There were 24 Participants, 12 Auditors and 7 Demo Riders. The Instructor was Treena Atkins. We had participants from New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Michigan, and Washington. We are looking forward to hosting the rest of the sessions throughout 2013 and 2014. Marybeth PerezSoto, L program organizer and NMDA President.



Rocky Mountain Dressage Society

The GMO started our year with a Judges Continuing Education program with Kristi Wysocki. Even though the weather was not good at all (it was very very cold and somewhat snowy!), we had a decent turnout. The technical delegate and show management education day was also well attended.

For our Juniors/Young Riders we were able to offer a camp in June wrapped up with the USDF Region 5 Team Competition for the third year in a row. This event is getting more popular each year we host it and really encourages the membership to go out to show or move up a level. We have many members who show for the first time at this event with the support of a team. Many thanks to Natalie Ellis, Nicole Roach-Reinsvold and Julie Haugen for their help with camp.

We had a great turnout for the USDF Region 5 and RMDS Championships and it was fun to host folks from all over our Region and other areas too! We also had a great CDI in our backyard this year that had the largest turnout for both the show and CDI ever. It was also home for the USEF/USDF Dressage Seat Medal Finals, which was wonderfully attended and fun to watch. We are expanding to 2 CDIs in the area next year.

The GMO is excited to offer a Foxvillage clinic in November and another Judges Continuing Education with Bill Solyntjes in February 2014, and also a Show Management and Technical Delegate clinic with Veronica Holt and Heather Petersen. We are hoping that we can also continue to produce some additional educational programs for our entire membership.

Tucson Dressage Club

The Tucson Dressage Club (TDC) will host next spring a one of a kind clinic with icons Gerd Heuschmann and Charles deKunfy as a team May 17-18, 2014 at the Pina County Fairgrounds. Tucson will be the only place in the US where the duo will held a clinic together (they did it very successfully in Germany). More info please get through Rosemary Panuco, TDC president.

Utah Dressage Society

UDS is finishing the year on a high note having recently learned that we are the recipient of a Michael Poulin grant from The Dressage Foundation to help underwrite a 2 day J/YR clinic in October. Verena Mahin, from

California, will be the clinician. Madison Bigler, a local young rider, is one of four, selected in a national competition, to receive a 2013 Youth Convention Scholarship. Earlier this year, UDS was fortunate to receive a Violet Hopkins grant from The Dressage Foundation which supported an AA clinic with another Californian, Mette Rosencrantz. Mette is such an outstanding clinician that several trainers in the area have recruited her to return for their clients.

Like many, if not all GMO's, UDS is looking to rebuild its membership by focusing on its base-AA and J/YRs by offering schooling shows, growing its' J/YR program and a renewed spotlight on education while retaining membership fees at 2009 levels. The state's rated shows ran at about two-thirds capacity this year. But a series of schooling shows, called the Short Tour Shows, sponsored by UDS were well attended and in many cases had to turn away potential riders. These shows offer classes, primarily at the Intro-2nd Level and primarily for AA and J/YRs as an introduction to showing. USEF/USDF rules are followed regarding tack and proper attire. Local 'L' judges are hired to maintain affordable fees. The final schooling show of the season is the Championship show which is held the day prior to our 2 day Annual USEF/USDF rated Show at the same venue.

UDS continues to experience a growth in the J/YR program by offering monthly educational and social activities. Activities range from learning how to scribe, to swimming with their horses at a local lake, to the clinic with Ms. Mahin, to cleaning stalls after the annual show to help offset rider fees for participating in upcoming clinics.

Having been awarded our 501(c)3 not-for-profit status last year, UDS has been energized to provide a better balance between educational and showing options for our members. Looking to the future, we have created a new Board position of Education Director to highlight that commitment. In addition, we have instituted a rainy day fund with strict guidelines concerning its use, upgraded our web site presence, and finally, are reviewing ways to reduce the expense of producing the Omnibus.

As my version of the Chinese proverb states, without crisis we aren't pushed to be creative. Onward and Upward! Nance Allen, President, UDS

New Business:

2014 Show Schedule: Beth Geier

2014 SHOW SCHEDULE

Dates	Name	Manager	
JANUARY		Not recognized events	RMDS Only recognized
FEBRUARY			
2/1 2/1	RMDS Judges Continuing Education	Jon Haugen	
2/15 2/15	RMDS Show Management & TD Clinic	Jon Haugen	
MARCH			
4/15 4/16	Instructor Training-Riding Workshop	Jon Haugen	
APRIL			
4/12 4/12	Pikes Peak Dressage RMDS Show	Heather Petersen	719-683-8435
	Judge: Simone Windeler	Kaimana Farm	
4/25 4/25	Dressage for the Cure Warm-Up	Heather Petersen	719-683-8435
	Judge:	Colorado Horse Park	

4/26	4/27	Dressage for the Cure at the Peak - 2014 NAJYRC Qualifier	Heather Petersen	719-683-8435
		Judge:	Colorado Horse Park	
4/26	4/26	Boulder Valley Ride-A-Test	BVD Coalition	
		Judge:	Singletree-Boulder	
4/27	4/27	Boulder Valley Spring Fling	BVD Coalition	
		Judge:	Singletree-Boulder	
MAY				
5/3	5/4	Instructor Training-Refresher/Precert	Jon Haugen	
5/3	5/4	Grand Valley Schooling Show I	Tammy Fagan	970-858-1604
		Judge: Stephanie Soule-L	Mesa County Fairgrounds-Grand Jct	
5/10	5/10	Rocky Mountain Dressage I - 2014 NAJYRC Qualifier	Heather Petersen	719-683-8435
		Judge:	Somerset Farms-Longmont	
5/11	5/11	Rocky Mountain Dressage II - NAJYRC Qualifier	Heather Petersen	719-683-8435
		Judge:	Somerset Farms-Longmont	
5/17	5/17	CDEC Ride-A-Test	Jane Swanhorst-Ringlosby	
		Judge:	Cheyenne, WY	
5/18	5/18	Autumn Hill Spring into Summer Show	Simone Windeler	719-287-2040
		Judge: KC Parkins-Kyle	Longmont	
5/23	5/23	Paragon Dressage I BREED CDI*** 2014 NAJYRC Qualifier	Heather Petersen	719-683-8435
		Judge:	Estes Park	
5/24	5/24	Paragon Dressage II CDI*** 2014 NAJYRC Qualifier	Heather Petersen	719-683-8435
		Judge:	Estes Park	
5/25	5/25	Paragon Dressage III CDI*** 2014 NAJYRC Qualifier	Heather Petersen	719-683-8435
		Judge:	Estes Park	
5/30	5/30	Dressage at High Prairie #1 2014 NAJYRC Qualifier	Glenda McElroy	818-841-3554
		Judge: Louise Koch, Cindy Canace	Colorado Horse Park	
5/31	5/31	Dressage at High Prairie #2 Sport Horse - BREED 2014 NAJYRC Qualifier	Glenda McElroy	818-841-3554
		Judge: Louise Koch, Cindy Canace	Colorado Horse Park	
5/31	6/1	Grand Valley Schooling Show I	Tammy Fagan	970-858-1604
		Judge: TBA	Mesa County Fairgrounds-Grand Jct	
JUNE				
6/1	6/1	Dressage at High Prairie #3 2014 NAJYRC Qualifier	Glenda McElroy	818-841-3554

6/7	6/8	Judge: Louise Koch, Cindy Canace Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Open Dressage Judge: Joan Darnell	Colorado Horse Park Bill Gentle Laramie County Community College	307-634-1743
6/14	6/14	Rocky Mountain Summer I - 2014 NAJYRC Qualifier Judge:	Heather Petersen Longmont	719-683-8435
6/15	6/15	Rocky Mountain Summer II - 2014 NAJYRC Qualifier & BREED SHOW Judge:	Heather Petersen Longmont	719-683-8435
6/20	6/20	Sage Creek Dressage I Judge: Paula Lacey, Angela Littlefield	Sue Jero UT	801-330-5763 dressageshowsec@aol.com
6/21	6/21	Sage Creek Dressage II Judge: Paula Lacey, Angela Littlefield	Sue Jero UT	801-330-5763 dressageshowsec@aol.com
6/21	6/21	Autumn Hill Dressage Festival I 2014 NAJYRC Qualifier Judge:	Julie Barringer-Richers Longmont	720-341-5033
6/22	6/22	Autumn Hill Dressage Festival II 2014 NAJYRC Qualifier Judge:	Julie Barringer-Richers Longmont	720-341-5033
??	??	Junior Camp	Julie Haugen/Joan Clay Tomora Training Center	
6/29	6/29	USDF Youth & Adult Team Competition	Julie Haugen	
JULY				
7/5	7/5	Rocky Mountain Dressage III 2015 NAJYRC Qualifier Judge:	Heather Petersen Somerset Farms- Longmont	719-683-8435
7/6	7/6	Rocky Mountain Dressage IV & BREED 2015 NAJYRC Qualifier Judge:	Heather Petersen Somerset Farms- Longmont	719-683-8435
7/5	7/6	Millbrook Farms Dressage Show Judge: Dolly Hannon, Debbie Riehl- Rodriguez	Jan Lawrence Fairfield, UT	801 631 2516
7/11	7/11	Dressage at the Peak Summer Warm up Judge:	Heather Petersen Fountain Valley	719-683-8435
7/12	7/12	Dressage at the Peak II Summer Show Judge:	Heather Petersen Fountain Valley	719-683-8435
7/20	7/20	Centaur Rising Dressage Show I Judge:	Kristann Cooper Anchorage Farm-Pine	303-838-5086
7/25	7/25	Sage Creek Dressage III	Sue Jero	801-330-5763

7/26	7/26	Judge: Shirley Rector, Beverly Rogers Sage Creek Dressage IV	UT Bobbie Jo Derksen	dressageshowsec@aol.com 801.376.9062
7/26	7/26	Judge: Shirley Rector, Beverly Rogers Autumn Hill Dressage Festival III	UT Heather Petersen	dressageshowsec@aol.com 719-683-8435
7/27	7/27	Judge: Autumn Hill Dressage Festival IV BREED Judge:	Heather Petersen Longmont	719-683-8435
AUGUST				
8/1	8/1	Dressage in the Rockies #1 Judge: Hilda Gurney, Donna Richardson	Glenda McElroy Colorado Horse Park	818-841-3554
8/2	8/2	Dressage in the Rockies #2 BREED Judge: Hilda Gurney, Donna Richardson	Glenda McElroy Colorado Horse Park	818-841-3554
8/3	8/3	Dressage in the Rockies #3 Judge: Hilda Gurney, Donna Richardson	Glenda McElroy Colorado Horse Park	818-841-3554
8/9	8/10	Millbrook Farms Dressage Show Judge: Janet Curtis, Joan Darnell	Jan Lawrence Fairfield, UT	801 631 2516
8/10	8/10	Centaur Rising Dressage Show II Judge:	Kristann Cooper Anchorage Farm-Pine	303-838-5086
8/15	8/15	Estes Park I BREED CDI** 2015 NAJYRC Qualifier Judge:	Heather Petersen Estes Park	719-683-8435
8/16	8/17	Estes Park II CDI** 2015 NAJYRC Qualifier Judge:	Heather Petersen Estes Park	719-683-8435
8/23	8/23	8/23 Pendragon Stud Dressage Show Judge:	Leslie Terry Larkspur, CO	303-688-4147
8/23	8/23	Utah Dressage Society Show I	Corinne Cody Wasatch Event Center	435-901-3181
8/24	8/24	Utah Dressage Society Show II	Corinne Cody Wasatch Event Center	435-901-3181
8/24	8/24	8/24 Boulder Valley So Long to Summer Judge:	Jeannette Hillery	
8/30	8/31	Grand Valley Dressage Fall Show Judge: Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez	Tammy Fagan Mesa County Fairgrounds-Grand Jct	970-858-1604
SEPTEMBER				
9/7	9/7	Foothills Last Chance Show (Sun) Judge: KC Parkins-Kyle	Jan Danis Arvada, CO	505-490-2805

9/17	9/17	RMDS Championship Breed Show BREED Judge:	Heather Petersen Colorado Horse Park	719-573-0398
9/18	9/21	RMDS Championship & Region 5- 2015 NAJYRC Qualifier Judge:	Heather Petersen Colorado Horse Park	719-573-0398
9/27	9/27	CDEC 2-Phase Schooling Show	Jane Swanhorst- Ringolsby Cheyenne, WY	307-634-2870
OCTOBER				
10/11	10/12	GVDS Schooling Show III Judge: TBA	Tammy Fagan Mesa County Fairgrounds-Grand Jct	970-858-1604
10/24	10/26	USDF Instructor Testing		
NOVEMBER				
11/8	11/9	USDF National Championships	USDF	
11/15	11/5	RMDS BOG & Awards Banquet	Laura Speer	

Other New Business:

Pat Leech discussed some of her work in gathering the historical documents for RMDS and CSDA. There will be a display of some of the old prize lists etc. at the banquet.

Chapter Reports –

Arkansas Valley-Catherine Siemiet

Arkansas Valley Dressage Association has had a wonderful fall, headlined by our Riverwalk Schooling Show. Many thanks to all of our volunteers and our judge, Beth Geier. With an improved treasury, we look forward to our annual Christmas party as well as our planning meeting to set the course for next year. And, of course, congratulations go to our very successful competing members. We hope that next year will find even more riding down the centerline.

Additional note: Ginny Wegener, now 90 years old, is an active member and has done 2 Century rides on 2 different horses.

Boulder Valley- Sarah Barnes

Boulder Valley Dressage had a successful year. We hosted two shows, the Spring Fling in April at Singletree Farm, judged by Jessica Greer and So Long to Summer in August at Sextant Farm, judged by Kathleen Donnelly. Altogether, over 80 riders participated in the two shows. In addition, BVD held two ride-a-tests, one in April at Singletree in conjunction with the Spring Fling, with Julie Haugen serving as the judge, and another in May at Autumn Hill, focused on the new Rider Tests and judged by Sandy Hotz. Thanks to Sandy's willingness to offer her services at a reduced rate, along with a subsidy from BVD, members were able to participate in the latter event at a significant discount. Altogether nearly 40 riders benefitted from these two educational opportunities. In addition, nearly 20 BVD members received subsidies to attend RMDS educational events, including the George Williams clinic in February and the USDF Instructor Certification Workshops in October. Boulder Valley Dressage members participated in numerous shows throughout the season and we are looking forward to honoring them at our annual awards banquet in January.

On the communications front, BVD members have been able to benefit throughout the year from an up-to-date website as well as the monthly publication of the BVD Newsletter. Thanks to Gwen Dordick for overseeing both these important communication tools.

In addition, Boulder Valley Dressage would like to acknowledge the contributions to the club from the facility owners and trainers who host our events, the board members who help to organize them and especially the volunteer-members without whom we could not put on any of our activities.

Thanks to:

 Singletree Farm – Jan Treadwell, Nell Foxworth and Karen Whitman

 Autumn Hill Farm – The Wycoffs, Julie Barringer-Richers

 Sextant Farm – Stephanie Margulis

 Show Manager – Jeannette Hillery

 Show Secretary – Beth Geier

 Board members -- Sarah Barnes, Stephanie Margulis, Kathie Hibbard, Nicole Donahue, Beth Geier, Julie Barringer-Richers, Gwen Dordick

 Show volunteers – Sharon Gilbert, Grace Maddox, Paige Smith, Kelly Schick, Kim Higgins, Susan Boucher, Sarah Barnes, Nicole Donahue, Diane Fassel, Pam Friedman, Joann High, Melissa Mullin, Beth Nicholson, Jolie Rossing, Jennifer Paquette, Elisa Cripps, Caroline LeClair, Julia Combs, Gabrielle Combs, Sandi Rosewell, Wiley Gilmor and Stacy Shaler.

A very special thanks goes to Jeannette Hillery, who has served for several years as the BVD show manager, along with being one of our most consistent volunteers. She will be stepping back from her role as show manager at the end of this year. In honor of her years of service to Boulder Valley Dressage, she has been named as our volunteer of the year. Thank you Jeannette!!

Colorado Springs Patricia Leech

Congratulations to the CSDA Chapter members who had great success with their horses this competition year. CSDA would like to congratulate Joan Stang and her horse Lionheart, on completing the requirements for their USDF Silver Medal at the RMDS Championship show.

In 2013, the CSDA board held several educational programs and clinics covering equine first aid, show readiness with Debbie Moloznick, a USEF “r” TD, holistic horse health, and several others topics. We also scheduled a two-day riding clinic with Dolly Hannon in October.

CSDA is working on our 2013 Year End Awards Program and banquet. We have received the scores from the RMDS central office and are in the process of determining the award recipients. The membership survey for the non-riding award nominations has been completed and these award recipients have also been identified. The banquet will be held in January 2014. Please check the website for details as they become available.

At the November 19 CSDA membership meeting, we will be having elections for the board positions of Vice President and Treasurer as well as some open committee positions.

As 2013 draws to a close with the RMDS BOG and the holidays fast approaching, CSDA is looking forward to planning another membership focused year in 2014.

CSDA general membership meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month and all CSDA members and their guests are welcome to attend. The agenda, meeting time, location, and directions are posted on the website at www.csdressage.org.

Added note: Black Forest fires and the flooding impacted membership and participation in events.

Foothills Lori Mitchell

Chapter meetings were well attended in 2013 as we only met once a quarter and alternated locations.

Membership held steady again

Financially we have remained at our goal of \$5000 or a bit over for the year.

Foothills Scholarship for \$500 was put on hold for 2013, but we hope to bring back in 2014

Scheduled Ride-a-Test was planned and canceled due to lack of participants

Last Chance Show, September 2013 was profitable.

“Foothills Flea” was held at our Last Chance Show and was quite fun and profitable for those who sold items and those who bought them.

We sponsored two championship classes this year for Regional Championships.

Grand Valley Tammy Fagan

GVDS has three members and one proxy attending the BOG this year; Stephanie Soule, Susan Gregg and Cheri Isgreen, with Stephanie holding Tammy Fagan’s Proxy.

I have enjoyed working with a great group of members, 74 at last count. We have had many hard working volunteers helping our events run smooth this year. We started out the show season with a Fun Show in March; it was cold but ended up with a good turnout. Then May thru October we held 3 Schooling Shows and 1 Recognized Show. We also held 3 Clinics with Sarah Martin and are excited to have her back next year for a series of clinics. It has been great to work with an instructor/trainer of her caliber.

We will have our Election of Officers at the November 21st General Meeting. The slate for 2014 consists of our last years’ officer team. President: Tammy Fagan, Vice President: Megan Gregg, Secretary: Deb Crooks, and Treasurer: Susan Gregg. I look forward in working with them for another year.

Our Show Committee has posted our 2014 Shows scheduled consisting of 3 Schooling Shows, May 3-4th Judge: Stephanie Soule “L”, May 31-June 1st Judge: TBA, Oct. 11-12th Judge: TBA and 1 Recognized Show held on Aug. 30 – 31st Judge: Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez “S”.

The GVDS Awards Committee has planned to combine our Awards Night with our Christmas Party this year. It will be held on Dec. 15th at the home of Patti Chamberlain.

To update the protest made by one of our members to the USEF. GVDS asked for a dismissal and that will be reviewed by the USEF Hearing Committee Co-Chairs at their November or December Meeting. I feel that it is concerning one of the most important aspects of club activities; that being, the responsibility to provide a safe environment for all attending our activities. The right to excuse participants and the right to refuse entry are very important especially when you encounter unsafe or dangerous situations. As we all know, Horses can impose life threatening events in our lives and as event managers we must retain those rights.

Thank you, to all the wonderful members and volunteers that make Dressage happen on the Western Slope.

High Plains Wendy Cibis

No report

Northern Colorado Renee Martig

The January meeting included planning activities for the first few months of the year.

In February we were invited to join Ruth Meyers, a musical therapist and teacher, for an evening of drumming to the beat of our horses' gaits. Helping us understand the importance of rhythm when riding. Pat Cole volunteered her home for the event.

In March Christa Elaine Wood shared her knowledge of 'Musical Freestyle' at Renee Martig's home. We enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch and watched videos of participating riders while listening to their musical selections. With three selections for each gait, auditors were able to choose the music they felt was best suited for the horse. We all realized how much work and preparation goes into creating a freestyle!

On March 17th Dr. Kerri Belsito gave us an informative lecture and demonstration on Sports Medicine and the Ferno Aqua Pacer. It was interesting to watch the underwater treadmill in action. The demo horse seemed to enjoy its benefits.

On April 28th we held a Ride-A-Test with Dolly Hannon at Stone Gate Ranch. All the spots were filled and we had quite a number of auditors. Everyone seemed to appreciate Dolly's advice from the judge's point of view. She also helped the riders with things they could do to improve their test scores.

In May we were invited to Bowers Farm for a demo on the 'Parelli Game of Contact'. Amy Bowers gave us a lecture and followed it up with a demonstration.

A trail ride was planned for June at Lazy J Bar S Ranch in Loveland. Only two of us were able to attend. Hopefully next year we'll have a better turnout. It was a lovely day.

We decided not to have a meeting in July or August. Many of our members were busy riding and showing.

In August NCCA member Raissa Chunko finished 5th in the National Dressage Seat Medal Finals in the 13 and under division. What a great accomplishment.

We held our September meeting a week early so we could start planning our 'Fall Back Schooling Show' and 'Halloween on Horseback' party.

In October Phantom Hill Farm in Ft. Collins hosted the USDF Instructors Clinic. NCCA provided snacks and coffee for the trainers and auditors. We raised over \$100 for charity.

Phantom Hill Farm was also the host for our 'Halloween on Horseback' party. We had 13 costumed riders! The potluck lunch was great as usual. We also had fun games for the riders and their horses. 'The Golf Ball Spoon' ride, 'Musical Cones' and a timed 'Trotting Barrel Race'.

On November 3rd we held our 'Fall Back' Schooling Show at Tomora Training Center. It was a great success thanks to Vice President Didi DeKray and all the hard working volunteers! Our secretary, Kathleen Kilkelly was able to order and replace the center streamers for the many beautiful show ribbons we had left over from past shows. The weather was nice which helped attendance. We had about 30 rides! Kathleen Donnelly Mayger was our judge and offered constructive comments and encouragement to all the riders. After the lunch break we were treated to a Pas De Deux by Natalie Ellis and resident trainer Nicole Roach Reinsvold.

Nominations for officers are open and an election will be held at the November 19th meeting.

Our Christmas Party will be held at Pat Cole's home in December with a catered Italian dinner.

So far our plans for early next spring include a Cross Training Clinic with Sarah Barnes. Joan Clay is our Volunteer of the Year.

On the Bit Jessica Ford
No report

Pikes Peak Michelle Anderson

The primary focus of our small but growing chapter is fun and educational events for all.

Towards that end our 2013 activities included a presentation on trailer safety, a Q&A with licensed show officials and a hands-on session to prepare for showing, including braiding & grooming tips and tricks.

Pikes Peak also contributed to two new RMDS yearend trophies and sponsored a class at RMDS/Region V championships.

We also have an exciting new chapter awards program. This is a recognition program which rewards riders for their personal achievements, regardless of what color ribbon they might have received or how their horse compares to others. Bronze, Silver & Gold medals (similar to military medals rather than on neck ribbons) will be awarded for individual scores at each level in any show judged by at least an "L" graduate. Awardees must apply by December 1, 2013 using the forms available from our website or by contacting the awards chair Shannon Lemons (lemons_shannon@yahoo.com)

Officers for 2013 ran unopposed and remain for 2014

President – Michelle Anderson

VP – Heather Peterson

Secretary – Nina Felsenthal

Treasurer – Erin Ashby

Awards – Shannon Lemons

Education – Judy Carnick

Our December holiday party/meeting on the 17th will be combined with another shopping evening at Bingo's Saddle Shop near Penrose. It will be a potluck and each member is asked to bring a gift for exchange valued at \$10-15. Members will receive 10% off shopping and Bingo's will donate 5% of the purchases back to our chapter.

Our January meeting will be on the 14th and we are planning to have farrier Chad Toney speak about shoeing and how it contributes to (or detracts from) movement and soundness. February 4th will be our chapter awards dinner.

March 4 we plan a veterinary speaker and in April both a RMDS recognized show at Gwen Ka'awaloa's facility in Elizabeth (April 12, snow date April 13), and a lunging/long lining clinic.

Pikes Peak is also seeking ways to increase member participation including the use of Evite to arrange carpools to meetings and events, and door prizes for attendees. We are also considering sending out a member survey with a prize drawing of all respondents and an electronic chapter newsletter.

As always, the most current information for our chapter is available at our website at <http://pikespeakdressage.org/Main/Home>.

Platte River Valley written report by Peter Soos

Platte River saw its membership grow to 18 this year with representation covering a wide area. Through the artistic talents of Mary Kraft, the chapter has a logo. It is a free-hand drawing of the dressage pirouette with the mountains in the background and the river in the foreground.

Chapter members met Nov 2nd to socialize, share ideas, plan for 2014 activities, build our basket for the Banquet silent auction, and elect officers. Officers for 2014 are: Laura Speer-President, Peter Soos Vice-president, and Sharon Soos-Secretary/Treasurer.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Platte River Dressage Chapter members for the opportunity to serve as its president this year.

Wasatch Mountains Sally Shaffer

No report

Western Colorado Barbara GrahamTerry

No report

Final Reading of Candidates Gwen Ka'awaloa

The slate for 2014:

President: Gwen Ka'awaloa

Vice-President: Aline Brandau

Secretary: Heather Petersen, Laura Speer

Treasurer: Sharon Soos

Michelle Anderson nominated Nina Felsenthal for Secretary Nina accepted

Laura Speer withdrew her name as a candidate for Secretary

Beth Geier asked if there was no objection the following positions, President, Vice-President, Treasurer be approved by acclamation as they are unopposed. Unanimous decision.

A written ballot was presented for Secretary to vote for one: Heather Petersen or Nina Felsenthal.

Nina Felsenthal was elected as Secretary.

Ballot Results:

Nina Felsenthal – 38 votes

Heather Petersen – 4 votes

Abstain – 4 votes

Other Business

Sharon Soos announced that shirts are available to buy and are also available at all Executive board meetings.

Joan Clay reminded everyone she is the Region 5 FEI contact and that she & Julie Haugen would like to be notified of anyone interested in the JR/YR program and the NAJYRC.

Laura Speer announced that there will be absolutely no admittance to the banquet room before 5:30 pm. Be sure to get your parking tickets validated at the front desk.

Pat Leech reminded the committee chairman that if an event is in the area, to be sure to contact that chapter president for help obtaining a facility & volunteers.

Pat Leech moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Susan Gregg

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Geier