

**RMDS BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 3, 2018
Stock Show Complex Denver, CO 80207
The Centennial Room**

AGENDA

Call to order at 8:50 am by President Gwen Ka'awaloa.

Arkansas Valley-2	Brenda Haley – Proxy to Kathy Simard at 3:10 PM	1	Yes
	Catherine Siemiet – Proxy to MaryJo Hoepner at 3:10 PM	1	Yes
Boulder Valley-9	Sandra Rosewell	2	Yes
	Beth Geier	2	Yes
	Nicole Donohue	2	Yes
	Stan Adamson	1	Yes
	Dorothy Kapaun	2	Yes
Foothills-4	Linda Gaber	2	Yes
	Cassandra DiPentino	2	yes
Grand Valley-4	Arlene Rhodes	1	Yes
	Susan Gregg	1	Yes
	Judi Devore	2	Yes
	Karen Harkin - Proxy to Judi Devore	0	----
High Plains - 9	Stephanie Figgins - 4	5	Yes
	Lori Keilt	1	Yes
	Natalie DeFee Mendik	1	Yes
	Anclaire Spaulding	1	Yes
	Sharon Soos	1	Yes
Northern Colorado-4	Didi DeKrey	1	Yes
	Laura Speer - Proxy to Rose Balfour	1	Yes
	Margie Mathews	1	Yes
	Jacki Rosellen	1	Yes
On The Bit-2	Ginka Kubelka - Proxy to Heather Petersen	2	Yes
Pikes Peak-4	MaryJo Hoepner	1	Yes
	Heather Petersen	1	Yes
	Tiffany Rutledge	1	Yes
	Amy Michelsen - Proxy to Gwen Ka'awaloa	1	Yes
Western Colorado-2	Lesley Hill- Proxy to Heather Petersen	2	Yes
	Total votes present: 40		
Board attending without votes	Gwen Ka'awaloa		
	Una Schade		
	Michelle Stevens		
	Beverly Swanson		
	Joan Clay		

Guests:

Approval of the 2017 BOG Minutes

Heather Petersen

No corrections brought forward. **Stan Adamson moved the motion to approve the 2017 minutes. Seconded by Jacki Rosellen. Motion passed unanimously.**

President's Message

Gwen Ka'awaloa

Welcome everyone and Thank You for coming to the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society Board of Governors Meeting. Your willingness to participate in the planning, organization and running of RMDS is the backbone of our organization. Every person is important and we appreciate hearing your voices and thoughts.

Today we will also vote on some Officer and Chairman positions. Those who have volunteered to run already know that their time and energy are needed to move forward in 2019. I encourage nominations from the floor as I hope we have more folks willing to help in the growth of RMDS. None of the positions is a one man/woman show. Committees make the work easier and ideas are plentiful.

First reading of election roster, nominations from the floor

Heather Petersen

The slate for 2019:

President:	Gwen Ka'awaloa
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Scholarship:	Natalie DeFee Mendik
Adult Amateur:	Michelle Stevens/Anclaire Spaulding
Communications:	Beverly Swanson?
Jr/YR:	Cassandra Dipentino
Show Chair:	Anclaire / Michelle / Tiffany

Vice-President's Message

Tiffany Rutledge

It was an interesting year learning more about the organization. Enjoyed presenting awards at the RMDS Championships.

Treasurers Report

Sharon Soos

Funds as of October 31, 2018

RMDS Checking Account	\$59,478.23
PayPal Account (as of 10/20/15)	\$8,822.92
Scholarship Account	\$ 6,102.29
Reserve	<u>\$44,000.00</u>
Total	\$118,403.44

Discussion of how the reports work and what they say, how to read them.

Central Office Report

Beth Geier

Membership

- Registration – 725 members for 2018 161 new horses since October, 2017 See attached report.
- Accepting 2019 dues today at \$60. \$70 after Jan 10

Omnibus:

- Lining up advertisers now. **Need help!!** Nov 20 is the drop dead deadline.
- Binders – **Tiffany Rutledge moved to approve \$1500 for 500 new binders. 2nd by Lori Keilt. Motion passed unanimously.**

Shows:

- Approve 2019 schedule later
- 2018: RMDS Shows: 8 USEF/USDF Shows: 36.
- Please encourage your club members to enter before closing date. It helps the shows to know their numbers in a more reasonable time and not have to consider cancelling show.

Education:

- Professionals Clinic with Lilo Fore – 29 attended on day 1; 25 on day 2 + 8 riders
- USDF Region 5 Adult/Youth Team Competition-3 youth teams and 7 adult teams \$1357.48 profit
Thanks to the donations and hard work of Anclaire Spaulding & Cassandra DiPentino + all the volunteers
2019 date will be determined after the show schedule is completed

Marketing:

- Emails and website ads are coming in.

General:

- Chapters receive free email blasts for educational purposes. We will do one horse show advertising for each chapter. We will continue to email out requests for volunteers for all shows if needed.
- RMDS Executive Board members get ½ price admission to RMDS events.
- Hats – will bring to BOG (\$15) and then give to Heather to drive to UT for USDF convention.

Awards Banquet:

- January 5, 2019 – 10 rooms have been set aside. If those are taken, then she will add more rooms to the “block” up to 25 rooms. **Good until December 20.** Reserve as early as possible so you get the rooms.

Next Executive Board Meetings (2nd Thursday odd months-exceptions noted) –**2018:****2018 Awards Banquet:** January 5, 2019**2019 Championships & Region 5:** September 19-22, 2019**2019:****Executive Board Meetings:** Jan 10, March 14, May 9, July 9, Sept 5, Oct 10 (budget)**BOG Nov 2 or 9****2020****2019 Banquet: January 4**

Discussion of volunteer hours – was it successful, payment for hours, etc? Discussion of how the new requirement worked.

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

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Members:	725	752	756	779	694	827	797	868	773	945	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162
Horses:	161	91	93	59	63	59	135	123	132	132	166	246	262	234	207	337	274
AV	36	39	25	29	26	27	25	27	24	15	26	12	-	-	-	-	-
BV	162	159	182	168	171	180	182	190	200	188	205	172	178	179	199	208	230
FH	70	57	73	79	76	64	65	71	72	75	76	77	74	73	109	103	115
GV	77	91	95	71	55	71	53	65	83	87	105	102	88	92	93	98	77
HP	164	169	149	156	151	176	190	208	226	256	265	260	259	251	267	283	278
NC	75	69	77	77	89	94	93	110	132	107	124	137	137	139	162	151	150
OB	38	49	43	42	33	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PP	77	89	63	70	63	62	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WC	25	29	22	18	19	23	27	31	22	21	25	25	32	34	44	55	64
No Chapter	1	1	3	5	11	12	13	15	14	25	14	16	22	21	34	36	24
CS	-	Dissolved	24	35	47	52	63	115	124	115	127	126	143	130	137	155	134
PN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dissolved	inactive	12	13	13	14	15	14	13
PR	-	-	Dissolved	10	11	18	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dissolved	36	51	68	90	86	91	74	77
WA	-	-	Dissolved	19	21	26	28	24	24	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	725	752	756	779	694	827	797	868	773	945	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162
Juniors	73	80	86	88	95	120	117	120	134								
Amateurs	205	195	163	152	176	209	220	239	230								
Education	18	21	17	16													

Committee Chairman Reports

Adult Amateur

Anlaire Spaulding/Michelle Stevens

Michelle and Anlaire hosted a fabulous event for the AAs at Reverie Farm in Longmont, Colorado with clinician, Bill McMullin. We had 9 riders and about ~20 auditors throughout the two days. Most of the auditors were from the northern Denver-Metro area. All of the riders loved Bill and learned so much. A few people wrote essays which were submitted to USDF because this was a sanctioned event as we applied for the National Education Initiative grant. Although the grant money was not used, it was an easy process. Both ladies are happy to help other chairpersons to apply for the grant. The clinic did break even.

If Anlaire and Michelle are elected to the board for the next two years, they will use their expertise to apply for more grants to bring more educational events to RMDS because \$500 per year that is allocated for AA events is very limiting. This was their "practice round" of being the AA Chairs and really enjoyed it!

The thought is to continue to one event per year. Spreading out the focus over 5 events or something loses the interest. Suggestion of northern and southern clinic. Discussion of poor auditor attendance for the AA 2018 Clinic and lack of support. How to get people to support the clinics? Big names versus smaller names for clinics. Trailering networks, auditor carpools. Survey monkey for clinicians.

TEAM COMPETITION

2019 date is June 23rd. Table Mountain can do it again at this point in time.

This competition is no longer supported by USDF, it will be an RMDS only competition, not recognized as an RMDS show. We will be allowed to have English and western mixed teams for 2019.

2018 Team competition made \$1300.

Awards

Shannon Lemons

1. Budget
 - a. 2017 Awards – including income and expense received or paid in 2018
 - i. Budget was \$7500 expense, \$600 income
 - ii. Actual was \$4941 expense, \$387 income
 - b. 2018 – Lowered budget by \$1000 since we were under budget last year to \$6500 expense, \$500 income
2. Trophy Return
 - a. One broken beyond repair because winner shipped it instead of bringing it on time; they will have to replace it
 - b. Requesting a few minutes at banquet – every year people act surprised that the trophies are due back even though it is on the agreement they sign and receive by email, reminder in Centaurs. Speaking about it at the banquet probably won't change anything, but maybe telling them one more time will help!
 - c. Still waiting on 2 trophies that are "in the mail:
3. Banquet
 - a. Need banquet tables set up by 1:00pm and at least a couple of guys to help unload at noon, please!
 - b. Trophies will be left on the display tables and the plaques and ribbons handed out as they are presented.
4. Trophy replacements needed this season:
 - a. HM Overall – This is a special award, no donor listed. Currently it is a champagne bucket with a plaque. Any takers?
 - b. I1 Freestyle – Have contacted Dolly Hannon who will continue to sponsor this award
 - c. Friesian HOTY – Friesian statue, donated by the Culvers. Beth emailed Danielle.
 - d. Quarter Horse HOTY – Woman and horse sculpture – donated by Barb Goldman. Would she still be interested? Beth emailed.
 - e. JR/YR 2nd Level – Originally donated by RMDS. If we continue to sponsor, can we change it from champagne bucket?
 - f. JR/YR 4th Level – Donated by Julie Barringer. She usually wants to keep supporting the program, so I will contact her.

5. Trophy replacements for 2019 – keep these in mind.....
 - a. Single High Score – currently a champagne bucket, no donor
 - b. High Median Under 12 – Large old style school trophy – originally donated by Duke’s Morgan Farm. This trophy is pretty beat up, suggest replacement
 - c. AA 3rd Level – Nonesuch Farm Trophy. Currently a champagne icer – 1 handle off
 - d. Open Training Level – Foal statue and plaque – sponsored by RMDS
 - e. Open 4th level – Sponsored by Foothills and Sue Halasz – Horse head framed print.

Communications

Beverly Swanson

As always, Communications assists with email blasts etc for Championships, cultivating sponsors, and other urgent communications to our members. This year, as in past years, I have provided free ad design for all RMDS members who wanted to put an ad in the Champs program.

I have served as Communications Chair for two years, and published The Centaur for several years. I've also done a lot of work with Marketing and as Championship Show Liaison.

I love publishing The Centaur and helping out wherever I can, but I would welcome anyone who is interested to join me as a co-chair or to assume this board position. A fresh perspective is always great!

Centaur

Beverly Swanson

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our call for more content, and to my volunteer editors. We can always use more articles and pictures. Writing an article for the Centaur gives you two volunteer hours!

And again, we have two contributors this year who have won USDF Newsletter awards: Judi DeVore and Amber Clark. To be recognized by USDF for the quality of The Centaur is very rewarding.

Judi’s article was very helpful, especially for our adult amateurs.

Suggestion of considering letting members opt for the printed Centaur to be received as a pdf as an option. Should we ask members if they would like that option?

Beverly has been putting events near the top of the E-Centaur, so if you have something going on for your chapter or RMDS, please let her know so she can prominently feature it in the newsletters.

Discussion of writers not wanting to necessarily putting themselves out there with articles. It’s hard to want to publish. The suggestion of anonymous submissions was made so that we can learn from each other.

OMNIBUS

Nicole Bizzarro

Building has started for 2019. Need to get advertising and prize lists collected. We will add a sheet on volunteer opportunities.

Website

We need to look for a new website person and do a redesign. We need someone to also rebuild our database as well.

Discussion of a sub-committee for the data base system. Those interested in the sub committee: Michelle Stevens, MaryJo Hoepner, Stephanie Figgins, Heather Petersen, Una Schade.

Education

MaryJo Hoepner/Pamela Phillips

2018 “L” CE was “Upgrade Your Judging Eye I” in a classroom session held in Longmont on January 27. This was approved by USDF for CE credit. This session was followed by a 2 day clinic with our instructor Melissa Creswick (“S” California) at Lookout Ridge. Many thanks to Julie Smith for hosting this clinic.

2019 “L” CE will be on BioMechanics (from Section A L program) in a classroom session to be held at the La Quinta, DIA on January 13, 2019. We are requesting approval by USDF for CE credit. This session will be taught by Debbie Riehl Rodriguez, L faculty. Kathy Simard will lead discussion for the attending Professionals. \$100 for participants. \$45 for silent auditors.

The 2018 TD & Show Manager educational session was held at Douglas County Fairgrounds with Deeda Randle as TD instructor and Simone Windeler as Show Management instructor.

2019 TD & Show Management education will be at Douglas County Fairgrounds with Heather Petersen teaching both sessions.

Group sit time was held at The Colorado Horse Park on August 4 with Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez as well. We had 8 participants.

2019 Group Sit Time instructor and location still TBD based on possible change in requirements for L grads.

RMDS also hosted one clinic to learn how to scribe. It was by Michelle Anderson in conjunction with the FootHills RMDS show in August. We had 4 participants signed up but only one was able to attend. Because of the level of participation we will wait until 2020 for the next session unless there becomes an urgent need.

Many thanks to all the efforts provided by Michelle Anderson for the past few years. We miss your expertise in this area.

Second reading of election roster, nominations from the floor

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Show Chair:	Anclaire / Michelle / Tiffany

No nominations were made from the floor.

Resumed Committee Chair Reports after a short lunch break at 12:45 pm.

Junior/Young Rider

Cassandra Dipentino

The 2018 Jr/Yr Summer Intensive was very successful. I was debating canceling as I only had 5 students signed up by the last week in June but as of the 1st of July I received 5 more entries. We ended up with Dolly Hannon, Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez and Susi Primgaard as the clinicians. Friday afternoon Raissa Chunko, Paige Smith and Lexi Donaldson came to TMR to do demonstrations for the campers. Raissa performed her 3rd Level Freestyle, Paige performed 4-2 and Lexi performed I-1. The campers were so inspired to see what they are possibly headed for. These ladies were absolutely gracious and poised; I was very impressed with them and how encouraging they were to this next generation. I want to give a huge "thank you" to my assistant Jewlee Barber for helping me make this camp a success.

We also ended up making \$284.27 and that is without the \$500 I was given to work with.

I was also very happy with the excellent event that Raissa Chunko and Joan Clay organized at Championships for the youth to participate in and work together. Folks really want to do it again in 2019.

We are already getting ideas for next year to make it even better, in addition to proposing a date change to make the Intensive June 20-22 (Thursday-Saturday) and keeping it in conjunction with the team competition.

March 3, 2019 for the High Plains youth clinic though they may move it to the 10th. They will consider it due to other things on the schedule.

Foothills is looking at doing a fall clinic in October 2019. One day jr/YR and one day AA.

RMDS Championships

Heather Petersen / Beverly Swanson

Beverly –

Good packet from Una to use for sponsorship. We were able to pull in some new sponsors for this year. There is extreme concern about writing the thank you notes. We must make sure these notes do get sent out. We need help to look up the addresses and such to get the notes sent out.

Management Report

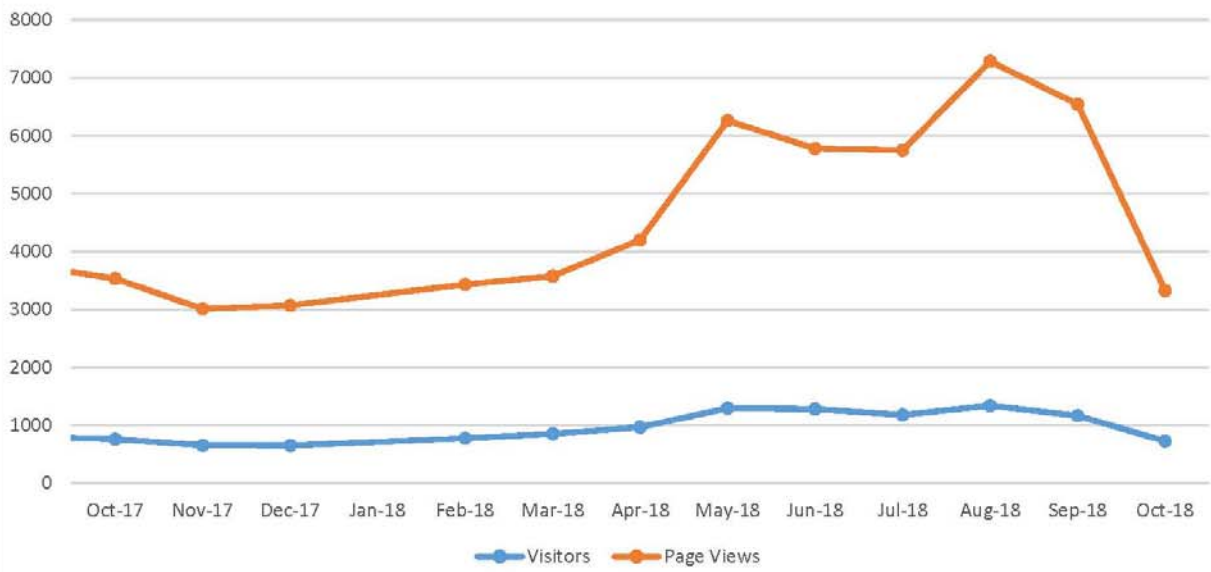
Show went well. Concerns on scheduling for 2019 with the Horse Park but it was resolved for now. 2020 might be an issue.

Marketing

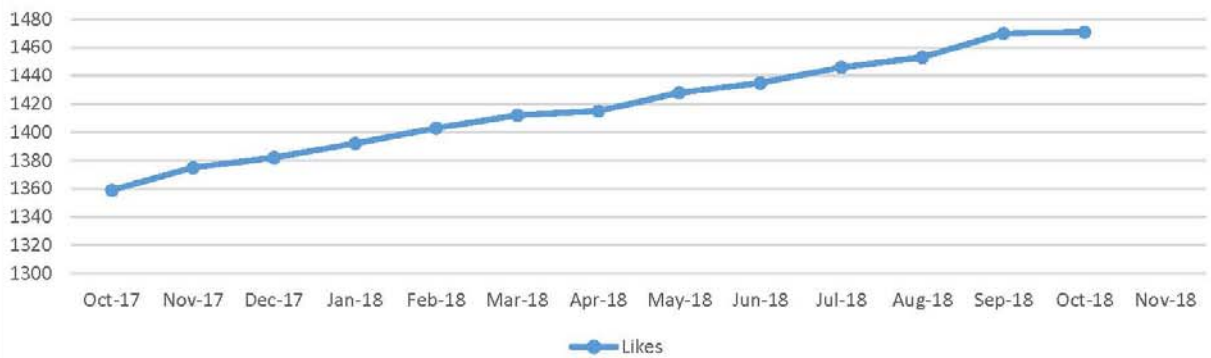
Una Schade

- Unfortunately, a good portion of this year was affected by a major medical issue on my part, so marketing efforts were limited. I am still not really up to speed with my ability to perform duties 100% due to brain injury.
- We are ALWAYS looking for people willing to reach out to potential sponsors to try and help make the daunting task of Sponsors and Marketing more manageable. If you are willing to help reach out to sponsors please let us know.
- Our website continues to be well used. We continue to trend higher in users over previous year. With visitors focusing on the following pages (Top 5 for 2018 YTD)
 - Calendar
 - Membership
 - Awards
 - Championships
 - Marketplace
- Our Facebook and social media presence continues to grow.
- Silent Auction coming up for RMDS Year End Awards. Great fundraiser for the organization. Contact Una, Stephanie or Michelle to donate things.

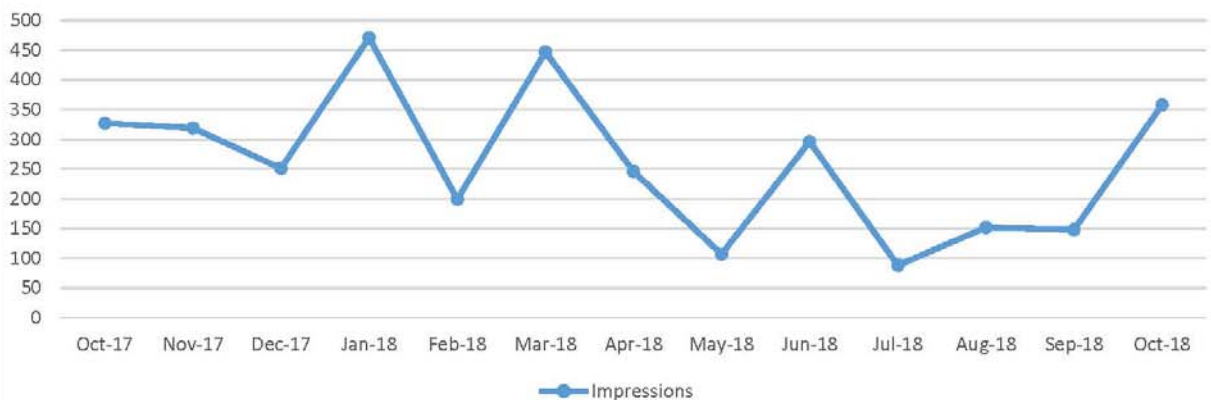
RMDS Website Analytics (October 2018 only through the 25th)



Facebook Likes



Twitter Impressions



SUMMARY OF 2018 EVENTS:

The 2018 Professionals Symposium with Lilo Fore was a success! Joan prepared a script that she and Kathy used to personally call the RMDS trainers to invite them to the event. While we are not sure it increased the number of auditors this year, we do feel it improved the pool of riders who applied to participate. We received a lot of positive feedback and the symposium made money. The profit was \$3,197.46. This amount includes the anonymous donation of \$2000 as well as \$500 from the RMDS professionals' budget. Subtract these amounts and we are still in the black for the event!

The 2018 Trainer hosted party at RMDS Championships was successful despite not achieving the goal of ten trainers as sponsors. In the end, \$1750 was collected from the seven trainers. Eighty percent of this amount is used for the party. Expenses were \$1500.76. This put the party in the hole reducing the donation to the show to \$249.24 instead of \$350. Hand written thank you notes were sent to party sponsors, prize donors, and Kathy's helpers. It is greatly suggested that RMDS hire or recruit a volunteer as a party planner for the parties at the championship show. These parties are a sizeable undertaking for members and management who also have other responsibilities at the show.

2019 PLANNED EVENTS:

The 2019 Professionals' Education Event will be held in conjunction with the annual RMDS Judges Education. The dates are January 12-13, 2019. January 12th will be open to all membership and is a Heart Saver and First Aid Certification class with Gwen Ka'awaloa and any additional instructors needed. The limit is 30 participants and is an eight-hour day. This will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. January 13th will be for RMDS "L" graduates and Professionals. It will be focused on biomechanics and will be presented by Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez and Kathy Simard. We are hoping to use the materials from the USDF "L" Program. Location TBD as of the writing of this report. Current budget is roughly \$2000.

Joan is currently working on a USDF Certified Instructor workshop for 2019. This workshop would focus on preparing six candidates for their Second Level testing. There is currently interest from trainers around the country. We will also open the weekend to professionals to audit. A second instructor will be available to specifically work with the auditors. Joan is waiting to see the final approval of the RMDS calendar to figure out possible dates. Then we can work on budget, facility, and instructors. Kathie Robertson from USDF will be guiding us through this process and what USDF would like the workshop to look like.

2020 PLANNED EVENT:

Lilo Fore was contracted to return for another Professionals Symposium in 2020. The contracted dates are May 16-17, 2020. However, this may conflict with the show calendar. Once the 2019 calendar is approved, Kathy will look at the 2020 calendar in relation to it and search for a new date. Once that is done, Kathy will both email Lilo and track her down at the 2018 USDF convention to nail down new dates.

Scholarship**MaryJo Hoepner**

For 2018 we awarded 3 scholarships. We value all the applicants time and efforts to prepare applications and to contribution to RMDS activities through volunteer efforts.

The deadline for 2019 scholarships is November 30. Voting on scholarship applications will be at the January board meeting.

I followed up with previous year's recipients to assure Centaur articles were submitted.

So far for this year we have received my article and I am pursuing the additional 2.

Appointed Committee Chairman Reports**Western Dressage****Simone Windeler**

Purpose: To be the link between the Western Dressage chapter of Colorado and the RMDS board

WDACO held several events and clinics throughout 2018. Highlights included the annual Awards Banquet in Parker on Saturday, March 3. They had several very nice awards that were handed out to riders at different levels and different divisions.

WDACO finances the awards partially through donations but also through recognizing fees from shows. In an effort to make this more wide-spread they have decided to drop the recognition fee from \$25 to \$15. Any show – schooling or recognized can get recognized. They do require the judge to be at least a L graduate with some training in Western Dressage but have no requirements beyond that.

There were numerous shows and schooling shows that recognized through WDACO and members had the opportunity to earn valuable points towards their year-end awards.

The annual Summer Sizzler show held by WDACO was a great success and well attended.

The Colorado Horse Park offered several fully WDAA/USEF recognized shows throughout the summer season which prepared riders to attend the World show in Oklahoma.

Colorado riders returned from the Western Dressage Association of America 2018 World show with five World Championship wins! The Western Dressage Association of Colorado was well-represented at the Show held at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Oklahoma on September 25 – 29. Both amateur and open competitors from Colorado enjoyed four days of fun, learning, and celebration of the journey that defines Western Dressage.

WDACO is a fun group and with quite a few educational events and shows planned throughout the year. Their website is <http://wdaco.org/>.

Banquet – January 5, 2018

Beth Geier

Renaissance Hotel – 3801 Quebec Street – Denver, CO

A block of rooms have been set aside until December we under Rocky Mountain Dressage Society. This is also a stock show week so reserve as early as possible so you get your rooms. Let Beth know if no rooms are available up to Dec 20. She can have the hotel open up more in the block.

Reservations are a must – no late reservations. Dinner prices the same this year to \$43 per dinner.

Any questions, please contact Beth Geier – 2942 Park Lake Drive – Boulder, CO 720-890-7825

rmds@indra.com

Una Schade/Stephanie Figgins/Michelle Stevens are doing the silent auction and are looking for donations. Each chapter please donate a basket for the auction.

Raffle for show entries as well this year.

Historical

Somewhat defunct.

ByLaw and Standing Rule Changes:

BYLAW:

None

STANDING RULE:

SECTION VI.

RMDS TECHNICAL DELEGATES PROGRAM

RMDS has established a Technical Delegate Program to provide members with the necessary experience and training to officiate as Technical Delegates at RMDS only recognized shows. The program is administered by the RMDS Central Office.

- B. RMDS Technical Delegates Continuing Recognition Requirements RMDS Technical Delegates who meet the following conditions shall be approved to continue to officiate at competitions recognized only by RMDS.
1. Is a member in good standing with RMDS.
 2. Is an individual member in good standing with US Equestrian Federation and is 21 years of age or older.
 3. Has successfully completed the RMDS Technical Delegate Training Program.
 4. Must attend-either a RMDS or a US Equestrian Federation technical delegate-training program at least once every two (2) years since becoming a recognized RMDS Technical Delegate.
 5. Must officiate as the TD for a RMDS recognized show at least once every two (2) years.
 6. An RMDS Technical Delegate must take a technical delegate's exam once every two (2) years and must receive a mark of 85% or better before their certificate is renewed. The test is to be administered in October of the odd years.
 7. **An RMDS Technical Delegate must apprentice for a minimum of one competition day with a USEF recognized TD at least once every two years and pass with a score of 70% or better. Effective 1/1/2019.**

8. If the test or the apprenticeship is not passed, the individual must do the whole program again: as stated in Section VI, A. above.

Discussion of having classroom at the competition but most valued having the 3 or 4 hours classroom to discuss new rule changes and such. **MaryJo Hoepner moves to approve the motion. 2nd by Kathy Simard. 4 votes in opposition. 2 abstain. Motion passes.**

SECTION VII. USDF “L” Graduate Program for RMDS

In an effort to provide quality judging RMDS has established a certification program that will allow USDF “L” Graduate to officiate at RMDS only recognized competitions. May judge through 2nd Level. The requirements are as follows:

- A. Must be certified by the USDF as having successfully passed the USDF “L” judges program.
- B. Must be a RMDS member in good standing and over 21 years of age.
- C. Must be a current member of US Equestrian Federation.
- D. Must officiate at a RMDS recognized competition, dressage schooling show or Eventing unrecognized event, which cumulatively includes a minimum of 30 dressage rides (USDF Intro-USEF 2nd Level or equivalents) once every two (2) years.
- E. Must attend a RMDS, US Equestrian Federation, or USDF recognized continuing education for judges program every two (2) years. **DELETE**
- F. “L” graduates must undertake 24 hours every 2 years of continuing education as approved by the RMDS Executive Board; 8 hours of which must include scribing with a “R” judge or higher, **DELETE** add: to be composed of:
 - 1. Classroom Continuing Education (CE)- 8 hours in a RMDS or USDF recognized CE session
 - 2. Sit Time – 8 hours with a North American recognized “R” judge or higher at a show of RMDS or USDF show recognition.
 - 3. Scribing - 8 hours with an “R” judge or higher at a show of RMDS or USDF show recognition.
 Alternative CE to the above (USDF eTrak, other judges’ education programs, etc.) must be approved in advance by the RMDS Executive Board.
- G. and 8 hours of sitting at a competition every 2 years which must be with an “L” faculty member or one of the approved apprentice judges from the USEF “r” program. **DELETE**

MaryJo Hoepner moved to approve the motion with the addition of the North American recognized wording. 2nd by Sharon Soos. Motion passes unanimously.

SECTION VIII. DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

- A. Membership classes are defined in the RMDS By-Laws. The membership application and dues should be sent to the RMDS Central Office. The Society's membership fees shall be as follows:

Individual	60.00
Additional Family member	45.00
Life	750.00
Education	45.00
Business-1 year	100.00
Business-Life	1,000.00
Transfer Ownership-Business Life	100.00

Beth Geier moved to increase memberships as follows: Individual to \$65, Additional family member to \$50, Lifetime to \$825, Education to \$50, Business – 1 year to \$110, Business Life to \$1100 to be effective for the 2020 membership year. 2nd by Natalie DeFee Mendik. Motion passed unanimously.

A special email vote from last year’s BOG group was held in October 2018 regarding the requirement for volunteer hours to receive a year-end award. This is in regards to just the plates and plaques that are given out. The following change to the awards was approved.

Standing Rules:

Section V. Awards – Year end

D. Rider Awards:

1. An engraved plate will be awarded at the RMDS annual banquet for scores of 60% or better for Training Level and above. Scores must be earned at RMDS recognized shows. Scores must be earned from current US Equestrian Federation or FEI tests. No scores from restricted classes (e.g.: breed classes etc.) shall count towards RMDS Year-End Awards.
2. If 5 scores or more of 60% or better are accrued in any one show year, a plaque will be awarded with engraved plates of the number of scores for each horse. In subsequent years, the engraved plate, which may be attached to the plaque, will be awarded to riders receiving one or more scores of 60% or better.
3. Plaques to which the engraved plate may be attached will be made available to 60% score award recipients at a cost to be determined by the Executive Board.

Add: 4. Exempt from volunteer requirement.

Budget

Sharon Soos

2019 Budget	Income	Expense	Net Change
Adult Amateur	\$0	\$500	(\$500)
BOG Awards	\$400	\$6500	(\$6100)
BOG Banquet	\$8,500	\$8500	\$0
BOG Meeting		\$1,900	(\$1900)
Centaur	\$5,000	\$14,500	(\$9,500)
Central Office/Paypal	\$3,000	\$13,000	(\$6,850)
Championship/Breed Show	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$0
Donations		\$2,785	(\$2,785)
Education/Clinics	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
General / Interest	\$100	\$100	\$0
Jr/Yr Program		\$500	(\$500)
Junior Camp	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
Marketing/Expo/Merchandise	\$750	\$1,000	(\$250)
Membership - Dues	\$45,000	\$22,500	\$22,500
Membership - Horses	\$6,600		\$6,600
Misc.	\$500	\$500	\$0
Omnibus	\$15,000	\$16,000	(\$1,000)
Operating (USDF Conv/Treas Exp) Treasurer/USDF Conv.		\$3,000	(\$3,000)
Professional Committee	\$0	\$500	(\$500)
Scheduling / Insurance	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$500
Scholarship	\$1500	\$2000	(\$500)
Taxes / Legal/ Audit	\$225	\$5625	(\$5400)
Team Competition	\$2,300	\$1,000	\$1300
Website	\$300	\$1625	(\$1325)
Total	\$222,175	\$234,535	(\$12,360)

- Discussion of how the budgeting sheets work and packet material.
- Allocate \$500 to Juniors, Amateurs and Professionals. \$500 loss for Juniors.
- Adult Amateur -

- Awards – most of the income is postage reimbursement. Expense reduced since it hasn't met those figures last year.
- BOG Banquet – hopefully the silent auction will actually help us show a good profit but not putting into the budget at this point in time.
- BOG Meeting - \$1900 expense.
- Centaur – numbers fairly similar to budget in 2018 for income, but expenses such as postage is going up.
- Central Office – Email blasts
- Championships – Regionals for 2019. Hoping to break even.
- Donations – our standard donations - CoHoCo, Dressage Foundation, RMDS Scholarship Fund, Region 5 Jr/YR, USEF Affiliate membership.
- Education/Clinics – programs come before the board for approval as they are proposed.
- Junior Camp – Looking to break even, though it tends to make a little money.
- Marketing/Expo - hats – dressage with altitude to sell and have available at shows.
- Membership dues – \$45,000 income, \$22,500 expense. \$22,500 profit. Right on previous years.
- Horse dues – right on numbers from previous years.
- Misc – pass through funds often times from people paying RMDS instead of who they were supposed to pay.
- Omnibus - It broke even in 2018 for the first time in a long long time.
- Operating (USDF Convention/Treasurer expenses)
- Scheduling/Insurance – show recognitions, insurance for club and chapters if asked for it. Event insurance, D&O.
- Scholarship – RMDS donations and outside donations plus what we give out.
- Taxes/Legal/Audit - Chapters are down but income is what chapters each pay. \$625 is what the preparer pays. \$5000 is that RMDS is due for a financial review.
- Team Competition – usually makes a decent amount.
- Website - limited advertisers and we anticipate having to pay someone more for doing the website.

Motion made to accept the budget as corrected by MaryJo Hoepner. Seconded by Lori Keilt. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- USDF Convention Gwen Ka'awaloa & Joan Clay
Gwen and Joan gave a basic report of the meetings and events of the USDF Convention.

Region 5 Report

Heather Petersen

We are very excited to welcome everyone to Salt Lake City and our Region 5! Thank you for attending this year's USDF convention and we hope you make time in the busy schedule to attend the Welcome Party sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society and 2 White Feet, Inc. Please let us know if you have any questions about the area and we're here to help you enjoy this beautiful area.

2018 has been a good year. The folks in our region had a variety of educational opportunities to choose from all over our region and lots of shows as well.

USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships were held in Scottsdale, Arizona at WestWorld, hosted by the Arizona Dressage Association. The show went well despite Hurricane Rosa trying to make an appearance. Many thanks to the show management, the volunteers, competitors and sponsors. There were great competitors' events that were very well attended and the USDF Championship classes were larger than expected. Next year the Regional Championships will be back in Colorado hosted by the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society.

The bid process for the 2020 USDF Region 5 Championships opens very soon. I very much hope we're able to keep as many parts of our Region in the process and hope that the championships will continue with a rotation to another great facility and GMO. Diversity is important and since our region is so large, it's very important to host the Regionals in various areas. Here's hoping we can keep the Regional Championships moving throughout our Region to better serve the membership. If you know of a facility we should consider, please let me know.

The North American Youth Championships were held this year in New York at Old Salem. Sadly due to the distance, our Region 5 riders who qualified made the decision not to go. We will know soon where 2019 NAYC will be held and hopefully more fundraising can be done to help support sending both a Junior and a Young Rider team this next coming year.

Quite a few of our Juniors and Young Riders, along with several other combinations in the Young Horse and Dressage Seat Equitation divisions did make the decision to go to the USEF Festival of Champions at Lamplight in Illinois and represented Region 5 very well! Congratulations to everyone who participated and thank you for your hard work.

The USDF Adult and Youth Team Championships were held in Region 5 again this year. These were held July 8th in Golden, Colorado at Table Mountain Ranch. The show was well attended this year and the team atmosphere was great. Many thanks to the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society for hosting the show and all the volunteers who helped put the show on. This was the final year for this USDF program but I know RMDS will continue to host a Team Championships and if other GMOs in Region 5 are interested, RMDS would be happy to help them set one up.

The USDF Junior / Young Rider clinic was held October 13-14 at the Colorado Horse Park in Parker, Colorado with George Williams. We had 13 applications and 9 riders were chosen to ride. Many thanks to the Colorado Horse Park for donating the facilities for this clinic.

This year Region 5 was allocated 5 Participating Member delegates to the USDF Board of Governors meeting. Eva Maria Adolphi, our Nominating Committee member, rounded up a nice diverse roster of 5 individuals to fill those spots. Your delegates are Eva-Maria Adolphi, Joan Clay, Cynthia Ganem, Beth Geier and Laurie Mactavish. These 5 members are a nice representation of the different states/areas in Region 5. Eva Maria also worked hard to get representation for all our eligible GMOs in the Region or proxies to cover their votes. If you are interested in being a PM delegate for 2019, please don't hesitate to contact Eva Maria. The convention will be in Savannah, Georgia.

Our regional GMOs and other organizations within our Region have been very busy hosting lots of educational programs. Here are some of the ones I know of and I'm sorry if some were left out. Please realize how much your GMOs have to offer and support them with your membership!

Central Arizona Riding Academy – USDF Instructor Trainer Workshops and Precertification Sessions

January, February, March, October 2018

Rocky Mountain Dressage Society – USDF Judges' Continuing Education Program

January 2018

Utah Dressage Society – Annual Winter Education Symposium

February 2018

Rocky Mountain Dressage Society – Technical Delegate and Show Management Clinic

February 2018

High Plains Chapter of RMDS – Youth Clinic

March 2018

RMDS/USDF National Education Initiative Adult Amateur Clinic with Bill McMullin

April 2018

Rocky Mountain Dressage Society – Professionals Symposium w/ Lilo Fore

May 2018

Dressage Through the Levels with Lilo Fore and Janet Foy

May 2018

Dressage Symposium in the Rockies

May 2018

Rocky Mountain Dressage Society Jr/YR Summer Intensive Camp

July 2018

Tucson Dressage Club University

August 2018

USDF Convention Educational Sessions

November/December 2018

And lastly, a couple of updates from some of our GMOs and what they've been up to this year.

The Rocky Mountain Dressage Society had a good 2018. We started the year with our USDF Judges' Continuing Education Program taught by Melissa Creswick. It was very informative and well attended. We then moved onto our TD and Show Management continuing education program in February. We were lucky enough to be awarded a grant from the USDF National Education Initiative and we hosted an Adult Amateur clinic with Bill McMullin, USEF R Dressage Judge and USDF Certified Instructor Faculty member. May brought our Professionals Symposium with Lilo Fore, held in conjunction with the Colorado Horse Park's Dressage in the Rockies Symposium and Dressage through the Levels. We were blessed with getting to watch Janet Foy, Lilo Fore, Lisa Wilcox, Scott Hassler, Judy Reynolds and Allison Brock work with riders of all levels, divisions and horses of all types. In July we hosted a very well attended Jr/YR Summer Intensive Camp which culminated in our USDF Junior and Adult Team Competition. We wrapped our summer with the RMDS Championships. The Sport Horse Breeding competition had the most number of horses we have had in many years and it was great to see this aspect of our shows growing again. We hope everyone enjoys the Welcome Party and thank you for coming to Region 5!

The Utah Dressage Society has been busy again this year. We ran a winter education symposium in February, which was well attended, and everyone had a great time asking questions of veterinarians, trainers and other knowledgeable people! Over the summer, we had a Short Tour series that culminated in a Short Tour Championship. This series is meant to be a stepping stone between schooling shows and full recognized shows. For the first time ever, several of these shows ran to two arenas, and we found ourselves scrambling to find judges for them---what a good problem to have! Because we are no longer offering a recognized show of our own, we also increased our efforts to support other recognized shows in Utah, with class sponsorships for example. Coming up this fall, we have Jane Weatherwax coming to Sage Creek Equestrian to give a clinic, and then the Convention is in town, followed pretty quickly by our Annual Awards Banquet. Next year, we plan to continue to grow the Short Tour. We see working with barns to put on these smaller shows as a unique niche that the Utah Dressage Society can fill. 2019 is an odd-numbered year, so we will also be offering various educational clinics, such as a scribing and ring steward clinic, which we offer every other year. The educational mission of the Utah Dressage Society is front and center of everything we do, and it's a joy to see how this education benefits all of our Utah riders and trainers as the years pass!

New Business

- **2019 Show Schedule** **Beth Geier**
Schedule can be found on the RMDS website www.rmids.org. Team competition Moved to June. Championships is September 18-22. Junior camp in June.
- **Additional shows added and discussed and note of the Boulder Valley show in September being too close to Championships.**
- Updating the website with the 2018 RMDS Championship sponsors. Una will help Beth and Beverly.

Arkansas Valley

Brenda Haley

We held elections at our last meeting and the board remained the same except for our VP stepping to be President and I will be VP.

So our Officers are:

President: Nancy Leonard

Vice President: Brenda Haley

Secretary: Renee McMillan

Treasurer: Candice Bridgers

Our Volunteer of the Year is Candice Bridgers.

AVDA had 3 successful schooling shows and three clinics. Two were by our show judges the following days; Kathy Simard and Simone Windeler. We had a two day clinic with Dolly Hannon at The Lariat.

Membership has stayed steady and we now have two Young Riders that are avidly showing. We want to increase our chapter and hope to have more youth in the coming years.

Our next meeting will be November 17th at the home of Karen Randall.

Christmas party is Dec 1st.

Boulder Valley

Sandra Rosewell

We started the year with a very successful awards banquet. We awarded a Lifetime of Service award to Julie Barringer-Richers and Volunteer of the Year award to Vanessa Chavez.



We hosted two successful USEF shows at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in June, followed by a rider clinic with Melissa Creswick held at Blue Roof Equestrian Center.

We hosted two additional show (RMDS) at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in September where we included Western Dressage riders. These shows were followed by a clinic with Bill McMullin, also held at Blue Roof Equestrian Center.

We unveiled a new website, thanks to the expertise of our Show Secretary, Patti Hallock.

Patti also installed HorseShowOffice.com for the convenience of our members when registering for a BVD show. HorseShowOffice.com is the same software that Heather Petersen uses for her shows.

Our board for 2018-2019 are:

President - Stan Adamson

Vice President – Sandra Rosewell

Secretary – Dorothy Kapaun

Treasurer – Beth Geier

Foothills

Linda Gaber

Foothills Chapter members continued to be active in 2018 as RMDS volunteers, officers, riders and participants at area clinics and other educational programs. Membership has increased to 70, we produced two successful RMDS-sanctioned dressage shows and a Ride-A-Test open to all.

We are planning for 2019 with the re-election of 2018 officers for another year: President Linda Gaber, Vice President Cassandra DiPentino, Secretary Nicole Riffe, Treasurer Laura Quakenbush, Education Co-Chairs Jewlee Barber and Lauren Still, and Education Grant Chair Marilou Metcalf. Still looking for 2019 Show Manager(s). We welcome Andrea Mason as another active member organizing our end-of-year banquet.

Already scheduled in 2019 are two dressage shows: Sunday, June 9, and Saturday, Aug. 31, both at Table Mountain Ranch, Golden and sanctioned by RMDS and Western Dressage Association of Colorado. Another popular Ride-A-Test will take place there.

Our year-end banquet is Friday, Nov. 30, featuring awards for volunteers and riders, and thank-yous for a rewarding year. Maureen Yaskanin of Lakewood has earned her USDF Silver Medal. Other members will be recognized for high point, AA, O, JR and Western dressage.

To wrap up 2018, members look back on our annual shows, Spring Into Summer in June and Last Chance in August, with judges Julie Haugen 'r' and Gwen Ka'awaloa 'R', TD MaryJo Hoepner, Show Secretary Didi DeKrey and Scribe Koba Skelton. They made possible more than 100 Western and classical dressage rides.

Also this summer RMDS Junior/Young Riders Committee Chair and FH Vice President Cassandra DiPentino led the youth summer camp at Table Mountain Ranch. Members also were active in July at the all-level, low-key USDF Region 5 Adult & Youth Team Competition at TMR.

Several members attended the Dressage in the Rockies Symposium in May, and were reimbursed by the chapter, having accumulated up to 12 volunteer hours in our generous education grant program that rewards both volunteering and education.

The chapter continues to provide a free casual meal at its quarterly meetings on Mondays. Our next meeting is Monday, Jan. 28, at 6:30 p.m., location TBD. Watch for updates in *Centaur* newsletters and our website, www.cofoothillsdressage.org.

Grand Valley

Arlene Rhodes

We had a successful year with our club's events this year. We've had feedback for suggested changes that we will incorporate including having our schooling show on Friday and our recognized show on Saturday and Sunday in August 2019.

We've allowed freestyle entries at every level - to increase the enjoyment of competition and to encourage our members to try freestyle competition. One of the most popular entries this year is an adorable little girl who does a leadline freestyle to Beauty and the Beast. Deb Crooks is the trainer, Patrick the horse and the little girl is Emeline Hotard.

Several of our members have had success in regional and national competitions - we are very proud of their accomplishments. We also have a new award we will be giving away this year - Overcoming Adversity. We have two members who will be getting this award.... though not an award directly related to showing, we want to acknowledge their determination and passion that has brought them through difficult obstacles. We will award these at our annual Christmas party and awards celebration on December 1st. Karen Harkin is our new awards chair and she has worked hard this year finding great awards and she made sure members knew their status for eligibility. Also Karen and our GVDS newsletter editor Judi DeVore submitted their article to RMDS that was about a clinic they attended. RMDS chose use it for a submission to the USDF GMO newsletter competition.

Plans for next year's programs include showing the USDF DVD about the new tests, a rider's seat/lunge clinic, a combined ride-a-test and scribe clinic, plus highlighting rule changes at a meeting this spring.

Our current slate of officers have agreed to serve another year. Our talented and committed volunteers in all our programs, events, and activities continue to make GVDS successful.

High Plains

Stephanie Figgins

January:

- New website completed

February:

- New Logo designed
- **Youth Clinic:** Clinicians were Joan Clay and Julie Burt. Good participation. Joan did a presentation to the Junior riders about the Junior Rider Program, taught some strengthening exercises to the kids, and had a Q&A for the kids and parents.
- Survey sent

April:

- **Ride-A-Test:** Clinician was Julie Burt. Great participation. Grab and Go Lunch and horsey snacks for the Riders.
- Survey sent

June:

- **Adult Am Clinic:** Clinicians Joan Clay and Kathy Simard. Participation lower than expected which was attributed to be so late in the show season. Pot Luck Lunch was FANTASTIC!! To be evaluated and scheduled earlier in the season for 2019.
- Survey sent

Actions:

- All Chapter Member Volunteer hours recorded by the secretary and sent to Beth Geier (for all Chapter members that attend our meetings and volunteer at our clinics).
- Pat VanBuskirk has generously volunteered at our shows, taken photos, sponsored our clinics, and helped update our website safety.
- Our website has an updated RUFUND policy.
- Captcha was added to our contact forms for member privacy.
- Pat updated the website to a secure page. The new website, with the SSL is now: <https://www.highplainsdressag.org>
- Purchased items to RMDS Championship Silent auction, and USDF Colorado basket.
- We have a scheduled backup of all information monthly.
- Our sponsorship and donations have been budgeted for the year.
- Discussed with Sharon Soos the appropriate balance for checking and savings accounts to maintain non-profit status. It has been determined we need to give back to our membership at a very discounted rate a national clinician in 2019. This is under investigation.

Calendar of Events Planning 2019

Youth Clinic at Iron Horse- February 24, 2019 or March 3 or 10 for snow dates.

Trainers:

Kathy Simard

Joan Clay

USDF Grant Application to be investigated.

Ride a Test at Iron Horse Farm- April 7th 2019.

Trainer: Gwen Ka'awaloa

Adult Clinic:

Dolly Hannon Clinic @ Julie Burt Farm.

May 11th and 12th (Both Days)

Budgeted Sponsorships:

RMDS championships: \$200

USDF sponsorship: \$50

Dressage Foundation: \$50

Northern Colorado

Didi DeKrey

Winter decided to show up the week of our Fall Festival – Ride A Test. Thus, for safety concerns NCDA cancelled the event. Thank you to all those that signed up to ride and volunteer!

October's general meeting featured Ms. Megan Bryant, nutrition representative for Purina feeds. Ms. Bryant has a BS in Agribusiness-Equine Industry Program and MS in Animal Science – Equine Nutrition and Exercise Physiology from West Texas A&M University.

Our November General Meeting topic will be a discussion on the differences and similarities of Western Dressage and Classical Dressage. Ms. Julie Haugen, Western R and Dressage r judge will be our presenter.

On the Bit

Ginka Kubelka

We had another great year at On The Bit Dressage. We started out with fun and educational events in the spring by having a potluck and watching the On the Levels DVD in April and then put on a 2-day clinic with Kathy Simard in June.

In August we held our first RMDS recognized show in Laramie, WY. Our judges were Ulf Wadeborn ('S', CA) and Kathy Simard ('L', CO), who were giving great feedback on how to improve the rides. For several of our members this was the first recognized show, so it was an exciting experience.

For 2019 we have a big goal: we will be having our first fully recognized show. We are hoping to offer a nice opportunity for all Wyoming, Montana, and Northern Colorado dressage enthusiasts to show their horses in a relaxed and laid-back atmosphere. Keep us in mind when you plan your show season!

We will continue into 2019 with our current officers:

Ginka Kubelka – President
Kelly Wolfe – Vice President
Anna Chalfoun – Secretary
Tom Wolfe – Treasurer

We are looking forward to another exciting year!

Pikes Peak

Tiffany Rutledge

Just this past weekend we scheduled a clinic day with Sharon Schniedman. It was extremely successful and we look forward to scheduling another clinic with Sharon and other clinicians in 2019. This past year we weren't able to hold our annual PPDS dressage show due to the weather wasn't in our favor during April. We will discuss in the club if we want to see about scheduling another show this next year. This year went by extremely fast and we were able to host several educational meetings and one clinic. I hope to plan more in 2019 for educational opportunities and possible shows along with clinics.

Keep an eye out for further information.

Make sure to mark down December 15th for our annual member's holiday party with a wine glass decoration making activity to end the year and start off the exciting New Year!

For the most current information on our chapter activities visit our website at <http://pikespeakdressage.org/Main/Home> and follow the Facebook page!

Have a great Month!

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Western Colorado

Lesley Hill

The Western Colorado chapter of RMDS has had a strong year. Despite, the tough wildfire season here, we were able to host two of our three summer schooling shows and had a great group of competitors from across the Western Slope. With the departure of our long time wonderful leader, Barbara McElnea, we have a new team in place and exciting plans afoot. Over the summer and fall, we had numerous clinics and Ride a Test opportunities up and down the Roaring Fork Valley, including visits from Bent Jensen, Kathleen Raine and Alfredo Hernandez. We have plans in place for series of indoor spring shows starting in March, and will continue to have our trio of outdoor summer schooling shows in June, July and August. Our new website, WesternColoradoDressage.com is up and running and all updated information regarding our chapter can be found there.

We look forward to lots more fun and educational opportunities in 2019. Happy riding to all!

Beth Geier to approve all chapter reports as written, 2nd by MaryJo Hoepner. Motion approved unanimously.

Final Reading of candidates,

Heather Petersen

The slate for 2019:

President:	Gwen Ka'awaloa
Vice President (1 year):	Tiffany Rutledge
Scholarship:	Natalie DeFee Mendik
Adult Amateur:	Michelle Stevens/Anclaire Spaulding
Communications:	Beverly Swanson
Jr/YR:	Cassandra Dipentino
Show Chair:	Anclaire / Michelle / Tiffany

No nominations were made from the floor.

Everyone elected by acclamation.

At 4:47 pm **Tiffany Rutledge made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Sharon Soos. Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Petersen