

RMDS Executive Board Meeting
May 10th, 2007
Perkins Restaurant, Denver Co

Called to Order: 6:35 PM By Jane McBride Pres.

Present: Jane McBride, Beth Geier, Heather Petersen, Cat Seimet, Julie Barringer-Richers, Gavin Ehringer, Debbie Wilke, Michael Petersen, Laura Speer, Barb Goldman, Nicole Bizzarro, Simone Windeler and Alex Curnutte
Proxies: Sally Strom, Tiger Adams, Cluadia Barkmeier, Lisa Wiggins

New Business:

Susan Rudman has offered to be the YR Chair. Jane McBride is appointing Susan to the position.

Cat Siemiet and 9 other members starting new chapter, Arkansas Valley Dressage Assoc. Salida to Canyon City, up toward Gunnison. Cat will be president.

Minutes from March meeting: Approved with a few corrections.

Beth moved to approve with corrections. Nicolle 2nd. Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

Lisa Wiggins reported that the financial review would be presented at the next meeting. Report highlights:

RMDS Checking Act.	\$ 36,264.15
Advanced YR Acct.	\$ 1,973.36
Money Market	\$ 43,080.52

Centaur: (\$3,620.83)
Judges Ed.: (\$ 1,669.97
Inst.Adv. Cert.: \$2,410.00
Jud.L Prog.: \$249.99
New Test clinic: \$ 1,795.70
Membership: \$13,492.00
Omnibus: (\$14,373.90)
Winter Wake-up \$3,316.81

Central office moved back to allow Communication report to go first.

Communication:

Nicolle submitted report. Highlights: Discussion of articles submitted whether they are Advertising or Advertorials. Do we need to establish guidelines i.e.: Tone, pro's submitting articles, non endorsement articles. The Centaur has lots of room for more articles and Gavin would encourage members to submit educational and informative articles to him directly. Would also like to have more pictures submitted.

Omnibus: No formal report at this time must check Centaur and website for omnibus corrections.

Website: Sponsor tabs with subheadings for different events and sections are in the works.

Education Committee:

Heather Petersen reporting:

L Program C session went well and the D1 session will take place at Dressage at High Prairie June 9-10.

USEF "r" Judges Program: Application submitted and waiting for a June meeting for Approval. Dates are Jan.18-20 and Aug. 23-24. Janet Foy and Lois Yukins testing judges. Autumn Hill donates facility for part and other at Radisson in Longmont. RMDS show on Sunday for program, Beth Geier judge, still need TD. There will be no Judges Cont. Ed during this program.

Clinics/ events in development: Freestyle clinic with Terry Gallo, 2008.

MOTION: To approve proposal for Terry Gallo/Freestyle clinic. Beth, Julie.

MOTION: Passed

Criteria for selection will be decided before the event is advertised.

RMDS maybe co sponsor the 2008 USDF Symposium

08 D2 and Final for the L program

08 Judges Cont. Ed. Jan. with Kristi Wysoki

08 TD/ Show managers Ed. Feb 9th,08

08 Inst. Ed will have a different format, Sat all teaching. Sun teaching plus instruction.

Winter Wakeup: profit at \$3,316.80. A couple of bills still need to be paid but it looks like profits will be around \$3000.00. Dates for next year are being looked at and also a venue.

Capital Campaign: \$2500 donated already. PERC has expressed their concerns about RMDS's commitment. Discussion about what was committed at BOG last year. It was discussed to maybe have the L program profits go toward the Capital Campaign Fund and maybe other program profits also. Further discussion needed on this and tabled until next meeting.

Debbie Wilke will be the Silent Auction chair for the Championship show Silent Auction. Packets for sponsors and the prize list are available on the RMDS Website under Championships.

Old Buisness:

Barb Goldman has rented a storage unit in Boulder.

Parameters for the Russell Fawcett Mem. Award discussed.

Longevity in our region

Contribution to Horses and Dressage

Does not have to be a trainer

Central office will handle process

Names would be in pool for one year only

More info in Centaur about award
Nomination by Sept. 1st.

There was further discussion and it still needs to be clarified. This was tabled until the next board meeting.

Office Managers Report:

Possibly publish Thank You's in Centaur. Tax info sent out and RMDS needs to be paid by Chapters for [preparation of taxes.

Membership: 921- 13 Centaur only, 159 horses since 9-06

October 1, 07 horse reg. is \$40 and change fee is \$15

Discussion on do we need a distinction between Business and Individual memberships.

TD report from Boulder Valley show was all good.

Insurance from Dietrich and Company discussed. Central Office told chapters that they need to purchase their own policy if they have 3 or more events. The insurance does not cover drivers of Judges and/or Officials.

D&O + Crime are covered for each chapter.

Brenda Halley has resigned as AA chair. New person needed.

Permanent Committee Reports

JRYR Committee:

George Williams's clinic went well and kids sent out thank you's. Very happy with the clinic. Flyers for the NYRAC team auction have gone out. Lots of money needed, 5 to 6 k needed for each horse rider combo. Kids are working hard to raise money.

RMDS JR camp: Please support Hollee Price and all the hard work she has done. Looking for \$600 for gas money for volunteers.

**MOTION: Give JR camp \$100 for gas. Beth, Laura
PASSED**

Scholarship:

¼ page ad will run in the Centaur in June or July. Program to be found on website. Raffle will be started next year.

Awards:

Just that the storage unit had been rented.

Banquet:

Plans are coming along. Greeley Country Club is set for location. Trying to keep costs under \$40 per person.

Nominating:

Laura Speer still only person for sure up as President. She will be contacting the chapter Pres. For help. Announcement to go in Centaur.

Chapter Reports

Arkansas Valley: Cat Siemiet new chapter as stated early in minutes.

Boulder Valley Report submitted. High lights: Spring Fling Ride a Test and show on April 29-30. 50 riders participated. Next show Sept.2 at Somerset Farm.

Colorado Sprgs: Report submitted: Highlights: May 17th Lecture with Dr. M.Nacey, sport Psychologist for equestrians. June 19th, Kelly Stoochnoff, Equine Bio Energy Seminar. July 20, Dressage at the Peak, July 21-22 Dressage at the Peak Midsummer show. Other comments concerning how well the April show went and how happy they were with the judges and hope to bring them back next year.

Foothills: Report submitted. Highlights: Clinic of show grooming for Dummies was very successful with large audience. May 20th show looking full. Sept. 16th show as Last Chance Show to qualify for Ch. 07.

Grand Valley: No report

High Plains: Report submitted. Highlights: June show and clinic, largest effort from this group this year. Discussing doing a “ Fear clinic” at 8th Heaven Farms.

Northern Colo.: Report submitted. Highlights: April show good turnout. June 16-17 show at Ft.Collins Eq. Center. Jane McBride came and showed video about new USDF Center in KY.

Penrose: Report submitted. Highlights: Concerns by Penrose about the horse slaughter issue. Looking to RMDS to support Penrose in an appeal process. Penrose is also very concerned about the \$20,000.00 Campaign commitment from RMDS. Need clarification from Executive Board.

Tri State: No report.

Western Colo.: No report.

Jane discussed PERC letter concerning Horse Slaughter, RMDS can not endorse or enter into any political issue. Debbie Wilkie had questions about the pony qualifying process. Julie will try and present to board via email info about NAYRC events and sponsorship needs.

Meeting closed: 840 pm

Next meeting July 12