

RMDS Executive Board Meeting
October 9th, 2008
Perkins Restaurant

Called to order 635pm

Present:

Beth Geier, Laura Speer, Nicole Bizarro, Barb Goldman, Julie Barringer-Richers, Susan Rudman, Sharon Soos, Heather Petersen, Dolly Hannon, Alex Curnutte

Proxies: Debbie Wilkie, Simone Windeler

Treasure Report:

Amounts on statement are very liquid as checks are still going out for Championships and a deposit has also come in from Championships. Still need to move \$750 from general funds to the Scholarship acct. All monetary commitments are accomplished other than Scholarship and the USDF Booth.

Office Manager:

No membership changes at this time. 2009 Show recognition requests are starting to come in. Discussion about the Iberian Show for 2009 and the poor TD reports received in the past.

Laura/RMDS will contact the Iberian group and give them until Oct 31st to have a new show manager and other discussed stipulations or RMDS will withdraw recognition.

Moved – Laura, Nicole seconded – PASSED unanimously.

Insurance: All Chapters need to have 50% of their board by January 09 Executive Board meeting submitted to the Central Office to insure coverage under RMDS D&O policy. No other new bylaw changes can be accepted as of this date, not enough time to notify members of proposed changes.

Award Report: 2008 is last year the Sweepstake awards will be handed out.

Discontinued as of 2009. Plate recipient names will not be read this yr at the Banquet.

Discussion followed.

Ned Marshall selected as the recipient of the Russ Fawcett Award for 2008.

Banquet: Julie B-R will be working the Silent Auction which includes the Painted Ponies, Chapter Baskets and the Show entry drawing. Request to group the shows more geographically for drawing.

Communications: Nicole wants a replacement for 2009, put that on the list for the BOG.

Education: USDF Symposium riders are selected. Volunteer spots are filled and waitlist started. The CHP is donating their nicest arena for the Symposium. Judges Continuing Ed program at Freedom Farms will be Jan 24, 2009. As this is a USDF Continuing Ed program a grant for funding thru the USDF/ Dressage Foundation has been applied for. TD/Show Management Education will be Feb 7, 2009 at the Comfort Suites in Castle Rock. Comfort is donating room.

Championship report: As CHP is under new management many changes experienced; all staff handled things very well. Profits still being worked out as all bills have not been received yet. Changes to prize list as follows:

- 1) Require RMDS Sport Horse Championships classes to be run individually on the triangle.
- 2) Ribbons given thru 6th place for RMDS Sport Horse Championship classes.
- 3) Materiale classes added to the under saddle show
- 4) For those entered in the Open show and not in the Championship show allow multiple riders/horse.
- 5) In 2009 follow new rule requiring that horses stabling on the grounds remain on the grounds, from the time they arrive until after their final Championship class award ceremony. **MOTION: Once horse enters grounds at Championship show, must stay on grounds until after their Championship class award ceremony. Heather, Barb 2nd, 7 yes, 3 no PASSED**
- 6) Clarify in Futurity rules that both classes must be ridden and proof of age is required either by papers or a vet letter certifying the horse's age.
- 7) Separate Junior Training level and First level Championship classes by age, 15 yrs of age and below and 16 yrs of age and older.

2009 Championships prize list to come shortly as many changes at CHP with new management. 6 judges needed for 09 as 5 were not enough for 08. Local Sport horse judge needed still. Laura Speer has volunteered to stay overnight to enforce the no leaving the grounds rule. Various ideas thrown around concerning this and more discussion to follow at a later date. 2009 Winter Wake Up moved to Norris Penrose, April 4-5. Some discussion concerning making show more profitable.

Jr/Yr report: Have requested donation of greenery by Tagawa Gardens for the Symposium. Should hear back soon on that. Colleen McFadden interested in becoming Jr/Yr Chair for RMDS. Susan would stay on for one more yr to bring Colleen up to speed. Autumn Hill show series planning USDF Jr/Yr regional Team Championship in conjunction with their shows. Possibly during the June series.

Scholarship report:

Simone Windeler finished packet and would like to present it at the BOG in Nov 08. Many thanks to Simone!!

Nominating Committee: Still need names for outgoing positions.

USDF Capital Campaign: No change since last meeting.

2008 Convention: **MOTION: RMDS donate \$2000 for Region 5 Kick Off Party.**

Laura, Beth 2nd, PASSED

MOTION: Apply \$500 approved for Booth towards Kick Off Party

Laura, Dolly 2nd, PASSED

Meeting adjourned 845pm

MOTION: Laura, Sharon 2nd PASSED