

MINUTES

Foothills Dressage Chapter Minutes

April 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Lori Mitchell at 6:46 p.m.

In attendance

Lori Mitchell, CC Ross, Laura Quakenbush, Heather Lamb, Marci Krummick, Joan Bruck, Jan Danis, Debbie Reihl Rodriguez, Linda Gaber, Heather Fitzgerald and Pam DeVore.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the January 9, 2012 meeting and approved.

President's Report

Lori provided information regarding the recent RMDS meeting. Beth Geier and Julie Haugen are looking into educational activities including:

- 2013 Education will include one RMDS – Region 5 large event with a national trainer (still undecided) in March 2013. The board is looking for a large venue possibly Penrose Equestrian Center or Douglas Co Fairgrounds. It was suggested to look into the Jefferson County Westernaires facility as a possible venue.
- Beth is planning the AA camp at Somerset (not confirmed yet).
- The Jr. Camp will be held July 18-21 at Tomora Training Center, Greeley
- USDF Youth & Adult Team Competition will be hold July 22 at Tomora

RMDS Banquet and BOG will be at the same location this year – Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3801 Quebec, Denver.

Treasurer's Report

Laura Quakenbush reported that she has sent in the Chapter's insurance renewal and asked for a list of any additional coinsured names for the 2012 Foothills events. Heather Fitzgerald will provide information for Capricorn Farms, Debbie Rodriguez will follow-up for A Rising Star and Dolly Hannon/Lori Mitchell will get information for Roberts Ranch.

Laura requested changes to the Foothills website: 1) post the reimbursement form and, 2) a revision to the officer list. "Bold" Treasurer and her name under the officers.

Bank balance is at \$6,452. Laura indicated that the chapter needs to delete Marti Foster and add a co-signer to the account at US Bank. Lori Mitchell, current Chapter President, will be added and new checks ordered reflecting the change. Motion approved.

Old Business

Heather Robertson Clinic is full with 9 riders for both days. Free auditing for Foothills members. Lori Mitchell will coordinate event on Saturday and Heather Fitzgerald will coordinate on Sunday. Pam will contact Lauren Rudman to ask if she is interested in catering the event with bag lunches.

Dolly Hannon's Ride-A-Test – The Chapter is looking for a volunteer coordinator for the event. Jan Danis will volunteer, if she does not participate as a rider. We will get an email out to members asking for volunteers when it gets closer to the event. Lori conveyed that Dolly would like to invite trainers to be in the judge's box during the Ride-A-Test. Lori will have Ellen redesign the application to reflect this change and use one our free blast to send out to RMDS members.

Heather Fitzgerald reported that the chapter had one application for the 2012 scholarship from Kristie Cotton. There was concern that the applicant did not meet the 8 hours of volunteer service to the chapter. A motion was made to allow the time Kristie spent on the awards banquet gift basket would count for volunteer hours and therefore, Kristie's application met the scholarship criteria. Motion approved.

Another motion was made to approve the \$500 scholarship award to Kristie Cotton based on her application. Motion approved.

Since no one from the Show Committee was in attendance (Sally Robertson and Dolly Hannon) there was a brief discussion on the Last Chance Show. Laura Q asked about ordering ribbons and Debbie Riehl Rodriguez mentioned she will need to get a final cost for using A Rising Star facility since last year the chapter donated bleachers to the ARS in exchange for rental charges.

New Business

Linda Gaber discussed our participation in the Evergreen Parade that is scheduled for June. Based on the conflicts of RAT and Fathers Day in addition to the additional insurance costs, the Chapter decided not to participate this year.

Closing Comments

Pam DeVore and Linda Gaber provided an update on the evacuation of horses in the recent Lower North Fork fire. Most were evacuated to the Jefferson Co. fairgrounds and have returned home safely.

Next Meeting

July 9, 2012 - Tuscany Tavern in Evergreen @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:01 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

CC Ross - Secretary