

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DRESSAGE SOCIETY

FOOTHILLS CHAPTER

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Monday, Aug. 11, 6:30 p.m. – Bridgewater Grille, Golden
The Golden Hotel, 800 11th St., Golden, CO 80401 (303) 279-0100

Members Present: Nicole Riffe, Linda Gaber, Cecilia Ross, Glenda Needles, Tracey Egolf, Marilou Metcalf, Laura Quakenbush, Elizabeth Cotton, Kristie Cotton, Heather Fitzgerald, Dolly Hannon, Suzanne Zimmer, Betsy McKenzie, Jim and Kris Cooper, Lori Mitchell.

Meeting Start Time: 6:40 p.m.

Meeting End Time: 8:20 p.m.

Agenda Minutes

Meeting Minutes Approved for previous meeting, April 14, 2014.

1. Equibalance presentation on Pilates for riders by Julie Leiken postponed till Oct. 20 meeting, due to schedule conflict.

2. News from July 8 RMDS Board meeting

Reported by Lori Mitchell and Linda Gaber: Members must accept and return trophies in person, no more mailings. Return trophies now at RMDS Championships show office in September. RMDS is urgently seeking championship sponsors to defray cost of show, contact Bev Swanson at Piaffe Design, bj@piaffedesign.com, and rmds.org Championships for advertising information; members can submit proposed bylaw changes until Sept. 1 to Beth Geier at RMDS office rmds.org. RMDS Board has openings for several committee chairs, including adult amateur, awards, championship show committee, communications, education, junior/YR, marketing and scholarship. Contact Michelle Anderson for details at michand@hotmail.com. Next Board meeting is Sept. 11 at Darcy's Bistro & Irish Pub, 303 770-0477, all members are welcome. Annual awards banquet is Nov. 15 at Sheraton Stapleton. Debbie Riehl Rodriguez is scheduled to present a freestyle clinic in January. There is a taped freestyle presentation on USDF E-Track to view for free. RMDS has black, and also white Year of the Horse T-shirts for sale at shows and Championships. They were done in Parker by Threaded Ink. They also make banners and do embroidery. All Championships volunteers receive red Year of the Horse T-shirts to wear at show.

3. Last Chance Show update

Several members have volunteered for jobs at the show on Sept. 7, including some 2014 scholarship recipients, but more volunteers are needed. Contact Show Chair Jan

Danis at jandalusian@gmail.com to help. She again plans printed show program with advertising available: \$25 full page, \$20 half page, \$15 business card size. Let her know if you know of potential advertisers.

4. Education Committee

Kristie Cotton suggested several clinic topics, with programs to be planned by 2015 Education Chair.

5. Scholarship Committee

CC Ross offered to work with members to revise scholarship program, unless another member would like to chair this committee in 2015. Discussed delaying application due date until summer when most people join the chapter.

6. Treasurer's Report – checking account balance is \$6,506 on Aug. 11. Profit of \$780 from March Lunch & Learn program.

7. Nominations for 2015 Board

Lori Mitchell reported she has interest from officer candidates, including:

President – Kris Cooper, VP – Jan Danis, Secretary – Nicole Riffe, Treasurer – Laura Quakenbush. Nominations from the floor and voting are scheduled at Oct. 20 meeting.

8. Championships Sponsorship

Approved giving RMDS \$250 to sponsor 2 Championship classes and 1 open class. Also agreed to provide 10 volunteers in 2 teams of 5 Foothills members on Saturday, if volunteer coordinator approves. Nicole Riffe will coordinate volunteers. Contact her at polishcountess@gmail.com.

9. Colorado Horsecare Foodbank fund-raiser

Sixth Annual Hay Bales & Horse Tales, is Oct. 3 at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Volunteers needed. Call 303-670-1474 or visit website at www.horsefoodbank.org for tickets and to volunteer.

10. New Business

Survey of membership received 29 responses. Results shows “best thing” about chapter was the people and camaraderie of members. Most wanted no more than quarterly meetings, educational clinics and lectures, presentations by out-of-area clinicians and local trainers, other riders to attend shows with and “a chapter to belong to.”

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

All meetings at 6:30 p.m. Menu meals and beverages available.

Monday, Oct. 20 – Tuscany Tavern, Evergreen
32214 Ellingwood Trail, Evergreen, CO 80439 (303) 674-3739

– Prepared by FH Secretary Linda Gaber