

The Rocky Mountain Dressage Society

Foothills Chapter

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Monday, April 13th
6:30 PM
Mimi's Cafe
14265 Colfax Avenue, Lakewood

Attendees:

Nicole Riffe
Laura Quakenbush
Koba Skelton
Sue Mohr
Jim Cooper
Kris Cooper
Marilou Metcalf
CC Ross

Meeting Minutes

1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

CC approved, Laura 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report

- ❖ Current balance is \$4,615 before cashing the checks for Western Dressage Clinic fees
- ❖ Western Dressage clinic made a small profit
- ❖ Report approval: Sue approved, CC 2nd the motion and the motion carried

3. News from RMDS Board Meeting

- ❖ The Colorado Horse Park is welcoming dressage shows despite some rumors
- ❖ Each chapter can receive up to 4 free email blasts per year
- ❖ Board is encouraging people to apply for RMDS scholarships
- ❖ Renewals- a couple of chapters are in danger of losing their chapter due to lack of membership
- ❖ Meeting attendees discussed sponsorship for the upcoming Championship show. CC Ross will look into options for the chapter

4. USDF "L" Education Program C Session/Kristi Wysocki New Tests Clinic

- ❖ New Tests Clinic:
 - Unfortunately no live rider demonstration due to weather
 - Kristi was on the test writing committee so she had great insights into why certain changes were made to the tests
 - Reviewed tests training through 4th level
 - Resources to learn new tests:
 - On the Levels DVD- each test filmed with comments- can purchase through the USDF website in their "store" site
 - If you are a USDF member through their website you can access "Etrak" which has literally hundreds of videos and explanations on various topics
- ❖ USDF "L" Education Program C Session:
 - Focused on collective marks, equitation, rider biomechanics and basics
 - Discussed how to score gaits, impulsion, submission, rider position & seat, and rider's use of aids
 - Live rider demonstrations were held at Iron Horse Farm in Elizabeth. There was a great variety of riders and horses
 - Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez led the program and did a great job of presenting the material and answering questions

5. Rocky Mountain Horse Expo Booth Report

- ❖ CC gave the report in Linda's absence
- ❖ There was a USDF certified instructor at each shift at the booth which was a great idea to help answer questions for people who stopped by
- ❖ We received one entry for the Western Dressage clinic from the booth

6. Western Dressage Clinic Report

- ❖ The Foothills chapter clinic was a success- all rider spots were filled and there were several auditors
- ❖ Budgeted \$1300 in income to make the clinic profitable and we received \$1360
- ❖ Most participants heard about the clinic from seeing a flyer being posted at their barn
- ❖ Kris marketed the event by contacting several local barns and trainers to have the flyer put up in addition to a RMDS email blast with the flyer

- ❖ Clinic started with a video lecture introduction on the history of western dressage, goals of the sport and demonstration of a couple of tests
- ❖ All participants had a great time! Frances Carbonnel was a phenomenal clinician.

7. Last Chance Show Update

- ❖ Need to find a new TD for the show
- ❖ There may be an issue with the size of the available ring at Rising Star- possible other location options may be Table Mountain
- ❖ We will see how the Ride-A-Test works out at Table Mountain to see if that may be a possible option for location

8. Foothills Events Updates

- ❖ Show Prep Workshop- not enough interest to have the event. The group moved and approved to cancel the event.
- ❖ Ride-A-Test Clinic- coming up on May 3rd
 - Sue Mohr volunteered to scribe
- ❖ Schooling Show
 - Contract with judge (Stephanie Soule) signed
 - Will also have western dressage classes available
 - Hoping to have at least 20 participants

9. Upcoming RMDS Auditing Opportunities

- ❖ Christoph Hess Clinic:
 - Trainer's Seminar (professionals only)
 - May 15-16th
 - Location: Iron Horse Farm, Elizabeth
 - Advance Pricing: \$175 full weekend, \$100 per day (includes lunch for both options)
 - Door Pricing: \$200 full weekend, \$110 per day (no lunch provided)
 - Clinic Open to All (Auditors)
 - May 17th
 - Location: Iron Horse Farm, Elizabeth
 - Advance Pricing: \$60 for RMDS members, \$75 for non members
 - Door Pricing: \$70 for RMDS members, \$85 for non members
 - Sign up sheet available on RMDS calendar website
- ❖ George Williams USDF JR/YR Clinic:
 - May 9-10th
 - Location: Stellar Farms, Parker
 - Link to sign up for auditing online:
 - <http://www.cvent.com/events/2015-platinum-performance-usdf-region-5-jr-yr-clinic/event-summary-9fb36bb0b71b4a08b826f0375d0de5f6.aspx>
 - Online sign up only open until April 26th!
 - Adult pricing: \$50 (Sat & Sun), \$30 single day
 - Youth pricing (21 & under): \$30 (Sat & Sun), \$15 single day

- Lunch will be available for purchase onsite for \$15 per day

10. Scholarship Update

- ❖ Meeting attendees discussed ideas for scholarship program for our chapter
- ❖ One idea may be sponsoring members to audit clinics and cover the cost such as for the George Williams clinic and also providing one or two larger general scholarships
- ❖ Marilou will work on ideas for the scholarship program for the 2016 year and will present at the next meeting

11. Next Meeting

- ❖ Attendees decided on August 3rd in Tuscany Tavern in Evergreen