

Foothills Chapter RMDS

Monday, May 6, 2013

Start time: 6:36

Finish time: Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Members present: Lori Mitchell, CC Ross, Heather Fitzgerald, Laura Quakenbush, Pam Devore, Maureen Yaskanin, Linda Gaber, Kris Cooper, Jim Cooper

Agenda

1. Review of Minutes: Linda Gaber moved to approve minutes as written, Pam Devore seconded, all approved.
2. Financial report: Laura Q.:
 - a. Balance in account is \$5001.08.
 - b. Some dues are yet to be deposited.
 - c. Club liability insurance policy is renewed.
 - d. Paragon CDI is selling advertising, but FH chapter is not in a position to add to the funds RMDS already provides to that show.
 - e. Mary Ann Schlung has not yet submitted an invoice for 2013 (historically \$25/month).
 - f. FH membership grew last month by ten.
3. Updates:

- a. Lunge seat clinic: Pam D.:
 - i. Kathy Simard agreed to be the clinician, the challenge is getting enough appropriate horses. Some people would bring their own horses and some would need a horse provided. Kathy will charge how much for the day? Per ride?
 - ii. Lunge lesson would be 30 minutes. Generally, doing a lesson on your own horse would be ideal.
 - iii. TMR finally responded to Pam's efforts to contact them. There is a new manager at TMR, apparently trying to plug back into the dressage community.
 - iv. Something to consider would be doing an email blast survey to sound people out about their interest and whether they would prefer to do the clinic on their own horse. Need a date for the clinic to survey RMDS. Possible dates late June and late September? Pam will talk to TMR.
- b. Freestyle clinic: "Introduction to Freestyle from the Judge's Eye"
 - i. The goal of the clinic is to promote freestyle education.

- ii. Structure to be determined.
 - iii. Dolly spoke to Corrine Lettau, at Denver Equestrian (formerly Normandy), who agreed to host a freestyle clinic at her facility. Need to confirm that Dolly will organize this clinic.
 - iv. Cost of facility? Date? Horse trailer parking?
 - v. Do we pay for an email blast to survey RMDS membership about the lunge seat clinic and the freestyle clinic?
 - vi. Tabled until we have more context from Dolly.
- c. RAT: Pam D.
- i. Cancelled May plans for RAT due to location challenges.
 - ii. August 24th RAT date at Robert's Ranch is still on. Leslie O'Neill Olson will judge. Pam and Lori are organizers. Will advertise through a flyer that Ellen Storeim will develop when we have content. Flyer to be posted on FH website and an email blast. Plan email blast for (date?).
- d. Foothills Show:

- i. Marci K. reports that the arena relocation at A Rising Star is on hold for now due to city zoning issues. Can still use previous arena.
 - ii. Lori will update Jan Danis about this and see what planning steps are for the show.
 - iii. Need to also flesh out thoughts Jan has proposed for the show.
 - iv. Have contracts for judge (Kathleen Donnelly) and TD (Dee Stiers), but need contract for ARS.
- e. Foothills Flea: Linda G.:
- i. Linda proposed an idea for a flea market at the FH show.
 - ii. She proposes charging a space fee (\$15/table or space) and people can promote whatever they wish for sale.
 - iii. Someone needs to be a “manager” of this effort for the day.
 - iv. Linda will to talk to ARS about where they would locate this in any weather and how many spaces can be considered.
 - v. Will be advertised with the show advertising.

f. FH sponsorship of arena at Regional Championships:

- i. We have traditionally contributed \$500 from the FH chapter for an arena.
- ii. Last year, we sponsored a barn instead of an arena, because of some logistical issues.
- iii. Lori is volunteer coordinator for Regionals this year. Lori proposed that FH sponsor volunteer long-sleeved T shirt (or identifying apparel) for volunteers at Championships this year in lieu of sponsoring an arena. Heather moved that we get more information about the costs involved (how many volunteers, costs per shirt, etc.), so we can make an informed decision, Pam seconded, all were in favor.
- iv. Lori will do the footwork to get more details.

4. New Business - Nicole Thungen clinic in June:

- a. Heather will send email to FH membership first with lower clinic rate, first crack at stall space and free auditing, then will promote to RMDS for a higher fee.
- b. Kris shared info about Centaur Rising summer schedule. Here's the link to their website:
info@centaurrising.org

5. Next meeting location: Morrison? Arvada? The Spot on Highway 93 south of the turnoff to TMR? Abrusci's near Applejack's? Bridgewater Grill? Heather will check out the deal at each of them. Will make a determination about location for next meeting, which is on August 5, 2013 at 6:30pm.