

The Rocky Mountain Dressage Society

Foothills Chapter

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Monday, March 7th

6:30 PM

Tuscany Tavern

32214 Ellingwood Trail, Evergreen

Attendees:

Nicole Riffe

Laura Quakenbush

Kris Cooper

Marilou Metcalf

Cassandra DiPentino

Linda Gaber

Jan Danis

Katie Feely

Meeting Minutes

1. *Approve Previous Meeting Minutes*

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

2. *Treasurer's Report*

❖ Year end report: net income for 2015 was \$2,047.40

❖ Linda approved, Jan 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

3. Scholarship Program

- ❖ Need to make sure if giving credit for volunteering that scholarship reimbursement is not categorized as payment for services
- ❖ Linda and Kris will check to see what the RMDS policies are for volunteer time
- ❖ Marilou will update the wording of the scholarship to make sure it doesn't appear to be payment for time spent volunteering
- ❖ Once scholarship wording and rules finalized, Linda will write up a summary of the program for Nicole to have included on the website and email out the membership

4. Western Dressage Year End Award

- ❖ Jan & Linda will update the prize list for the two Foothills shows to include classes for each level for western dressage
- ❖ Jan & Linda will send in required forms to WDAA (Western Dressage Association of America) for the Foothills shows to make sure scores from western dressage classes are counted towards WDAA awards
- ❖ Foothills will give a new Western Dressage median high point award to the member who has shown in at least three Foothills shows in 2016. Cassandra approved, Laura 2nd the motion and the motion carried.
- ❖ Katie Feely will work on finding a trophy for the new award.

5. Foothills Banquet

- ❖ Foothills Chapter would like to host a banquet in the fall to give members awards
- ❖ Cassandra to research how some other chapters have done this and come up with ideas for what awards may make sense
- ❖ Cassandra will also look into hosting the banquet at Table Mountain Ranch.
- ❖ Potluck style may be one option
- ❖ Timing- looking at early November or late October

6. Additional Events

- ❖ 2-day Western Dressage Clinic:
 - Cassandra discussed that the February Western Dressage clinic hosted by the Foothills Chapter was very popular
 - Cassandra will look into scheduling a 2-day clinic at Table Mountain Ranch with Frances Carbonnel again
- ❖ Ride-a-Test Clinic:
 - Cassandra is still working on getting a Ride-a-Test clinic set up for May 22nd
- ❖ Seat Lesson Clinic:
 - Discussed having a seat lesson clinic for members and new members
 - Kris offered to have the clinic at Anchorage Farm using their lesson horses
 - Set date of Sunday, April 10th for the clinic
 - Kris will work on setting prices for the clinic

7. Foothills Shows

- ❖ Looking to hire new L judges for both shows
- ❖ Jan will look into possibility of electronic entries
- ❖ Need to make sure insurance is renewed for the 2016 year. Kris will email Laura the forms once she receives the renewal notice.

8. Board of Governors Meeting & Executive Board Meeting Updates

- ❖ Foothills paid for and received an ad in the Omnibus on page C-44. The ad references “check out our trainers” but no trainer information is on our website yet.
- ❖ Kris will send Linda list of trainers and information she has to include in the ad
- ❖ The Foothills basket got the highest bid at the BOG
- ❖ New marketing chair for the Executive Board- Una Schade
 - Encouraging members to post items on the Colorado horse forum
 - Has list of western dressage sites to post on to market western dressage events

9. Helmets

- ❖ Nicole discussed that we should adopt a rule to require helmets for all Foothills shows and clinics going forward.
- ❖ Nicole will look into amending the Chapter bylaws to include this item.

10. Website Makeover

- ❖ Nicole discussed that our web master has offered to refresh our website free of charge
- ❖ Katie suggested adding a feature to be able to download Foothills events to a google calendar or outlook calendar
- ❖ Nicole will send out a link with the test site for all to review and give feedback once available

11. Next Meeting

- ❖ Attendees decided on Monday, May 23rd at Mimi’s Cafe in Lakewood.