

Foothills Chapter RMDS

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order:** Lori Mitchell, President, called to order the regular meeting at 6:47p.m. on October 8, 2012 at El Senor Sol in Arvada, Colorado.
2. **Roll call:** Lori conducted a roll call. The following members were present: Dolly Hannon, Lori Mitchell, Pam DeVore, Laura Quakenbush, Heather Fitzgerald, Linda Gaber, Maureen Yaskanin, Joan Buck, Betsy McKenzie
3. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Heather read the minutes. Approved as read.
4. **President's report:**
 - a) Championships update: Foothills sponsorship ended up being of barn A, rather than an arena, but all agreed that it is important to support championships from a chapter contribution of funds and/or volunteers.
 - b) The silent auction at championships made about \$3000. Very well organized by Susan Rudman and Elaine Haberman.
 - c) By-laws changes: the chapter discussed the proposed changes and agreed that some of the changes require clarification.
 - d) Last Chance Show update: technical delegate reported the footing was too deep in the show arena, but no horse tripped or struggled. Twenty-four horses competed. We made \$600.
5. **Treasurer's report:** Laura reviewed the budget. The chapter's account balance is \$5,286.22 on 10/6/12. All agreed that the chapter will maintain a minimum balance of \$5,000.00. The chapter has maintained higher balances in the past but only because we were required to carry high balances to run recognized shows. Since we are no longer running recognized shows, the club is prioritizing education by funding scholarships and donations.
6. **New business:** Nominations and voting for 2013 Foothills Chapter Board and Committees took place and results are as follows:
 - President: Lori Mitchell
 - Vice President: CC Ross
 - Treasurer: Laura Quakenbush
 - Secretary: Heather Fitzgerald
 - Show Committee: Jan Danis, Joan Bruck, Linda Gaber
 - Education Committee: Pam DeVore, Dolly Hannon, Betsy McKenzie
 - Scholarship Committee: Heather Fitzgerald
7. **Four delegates for the Board of Governor's Meeting, November 10**
CC Ross, Laura Quakenbush, Pam DeVore, Heather Fitzgerald
8. **Basket for the RMDS Banquet:** Linda Gaber has already started it for us with an equine first aid kit and a Home Depot bucket (we might need two baskets!). Need some additional items, but will not know until Linda Gaber knows what is in the HD basket.
9. **Foothills Chapter Scholarship for 2013:** In the interest of our current budget, a call for applications will be distributed in the fall of 2013, to be awarded in January, 2014

(amount to be determined). This plan is subject to change if someone wishes to make a donation ear marked for the scholarship, to be awarded sooner than January 2014, or if trainers giving clinics in the Foothills chapter geography are willing to donate a minimum of two lessons to be awarded through scholarship application.

10. **Last Chance Show, 2013:** Will be held on September 8, 2013 at A Rising Star Equestrian Center. Officials yet to be confirmed, Lori is organizing officials and Laura Quakenbush will send in RMDS paperwork and check.
11. **Foothills chapter education in 2013:**
 - * A ride-a-test in May at Miggy Monroe's (weather depending)
 - * A ride-a-test two weeks prior to the Last Chance Show (if longer prior to the show, consider idea of sending RAT comments to participants as a prompt to participate in the Last Chance show). Currently we have August 24th on the RMDS Calendar
 - * A lunge clinic (possibly with Kelly O'Leary Boyd - Heather to contact Kelly about her interest and availability)
12. **New proposals**
 - * To house volunteer forms, rider releases, all forms related to Foothills events and business on the Foothills website. To explore whether this is possible prior to next chapter meeting.
 - * To hold consignment "yard sale" of tack, horse items at each chapter event, call it the Foothills Flea Market. Owners can set their own prices.
13. **2013 Foothills Chapter meetings:**
 - * February 4 at 6:30pm at El Senor Sol in Arvada
 - * May 6 at 6:30pm at Tuscan Tavern in Evergreen
 - * August 5 at 6:30pm in Arvada
 - * October 28 at 6:30pm in Evergreen
14. **Adjournment:** Lori Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 8:34pm.