**The Rocky Mountain Dressage Society**

Foothills Chapter

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Monday, October 19th

6:30 PM

Mimi’s Cafe

14265 Colfax Avenue, Lakewood

**Attendees:**

Nicole Riffe

Laura Quakenbush

Jim Cooper

Kris Cooper

Marilou Metcalf

CC Ross

Cassandra DiPentino

Dolly Hannon

Linda Gaber

**Meeting Minutes**

1. ***Approve Previous Meeting Minutes***

Linda approved, Jim 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

1. ***Treasurer’s Report***
	* Current balance is $7,865.19
	* Net income made for 2015 was $2,397.24
	* Last Chance Show made a net profit of $1,580.60
	* Schooling Show made a net profit of $920.00
	* Ride a Test Clinic made a net profit of $509.14
	* Western Dressage clinic lost $300.00
	* Report approval: CC approved, Cassandra 2nd the motion and the motion carried
2. ***News from RMDS Board Meeting***
	* Governor’s Board meeting is on Saturday, November 14th
	* Annual banquet is on January 16th
	* Proposed rule changes were discussed including new requirements for L judges
	* RMDS is planning on organizing an adult symposium in 2016 with Kathryn Connelly and Betsy Steiner
	* Meeting attendees discussed issue of inconsistency of judging scores at lower level shows. There is an RMDS feedback form for judging that is rarely used. The group decided to give out the form to all show participants at RMDS events when receiving their tests to encourage members to give valuable feedback on judging to RMDS.
3. ***Last Chance Show Report***
	* Show went very well. Everyone liked the facility and the show was completely full of entries.
4. ***Scholarship Report***
	* Marilou presented her recommendation for the scholarship program for the Foothills Chapter for 2015/2016.
	* Provide a reimbursement for volunteer time at Foothills or RMDS events that can be redeemed towards clinics and any educational activities for Foothills or RMDS. Reimbursement will be up to $75 per member and $25 per each half day of volunteer time.
	* Reimbursement will be retroactive- meaning that past volunteer time for 2015 can be applied towards reimbursement on future events in 2016
	* Budget for the reimbursement is set for $750 initially
	* In addition, scholarship funds may be awarded to individuals to pay for show expenses
	* The group voted to approve the proposal contingent on Marilou sending the formal budget request and write up to the President. Laura approved, Dolly 2nd the motion and the motion carried.
5. ***Prizes at Championship Show***
	* The members discussed the disappointing prizes given at the year end RMDS show
	* The members discussed that there may be willing sponsors to provide better quality prizes at future shows.
6. ***Delegates to Governor’s Meeting***
	* Four Foothills members are required to attend the meeting to represent the Chapter.
	* Kris, Cassandra, Laura, Linda volunteered to attend.
	* Kris approved, Nicole 2nd the motion and the motion carried
7. ***Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award***
	* Kris provided a report compiled of the members with the most hours for the year.
	* Several members volunteered at Foothills events for the year.
	* The group voted to give the award to Kris Cooper and the motion carried.
8. ***Foothills Events for Winter 2015 & 2016***
	* Cassandra and Kris have several ideas for events for Foothills members over the next year
	* Western dressage clinic with Frances Carbonnel- Cassandra is working with Frances to schedule a date
	* Young riders clinic- Cassandra to follow up to see if Julie Burt, Susi Primgaard or Joan Clay would be interested
	* Seat clinic at Anchorage Farm- teach students how to give each other seat lessons on school horses
	* Ride A Test Clinic- hold several over the next year and looking to see if Dolly, Debbie Riehz-Rodriguez or Janet Foy would be available. Look at option for a shortened format with 20 minute lessons.
	* Tai Chi/Yoga clinic with Sarah Barnes
	* Freestyle Clinic with intro to basics lecture
	* Add a 2nd Foothills RMDS qualifying show in June (June 16th), possibly have Julie Burt judge if available
	* Change date for Last Chance Show to Sunday August 28th or Saturday August 27th so participants can have scores in time to qualify for Championships
	* Group voted to approve events contingent on Cassandra submitting budget details and dates. Kris motioned to approve, Nicole 2nd the motion and the motion carried.
9. ***Foothills Goals for 2016***
	* Kris presented three goals for the upcoming year:
	* Grow membership: teach more people about dressage with educational events
	* Enhance skills, knowledge and performance of all members
	* Professionals to work together to enable the first two goals
10. ***Foothills Board Elections for 2016***
	* All current board members are interested in retaining their positions for the next year.
	* Linda Gaber volunteered to help Jan Danis as co-show chair
	* Linda Gaber and CC Ross volunteered to help with communications for the Foothills Chapter such as compiling the chapter article for the Centaur newsletter
	* CC motioned to approve, Marilou 2nd the motion and the motion carried.
11. ***Next Meeting***
	* Attendees decided on Monday, February 22nd at Tuscany Tavern in Evergreen.