

The Rocky Mountain Dressage Society

Foothills Chapter

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Monday, Oct. 21, 2019

Mimi's Café

14265 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80401-3211

Attendees

Laura Quakenbush

Linda Gaber

Marilou Metcalf

Cassandra DiPentino

CC Ross

Lauren Still

Debbie Black

Meeting Minutes

1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
2. President's Comments - Linda Gaber at her last meeting as president, thanked all officers and reassured attendees that they are ready and capable of keeping the chapter moving forward.
3. Treasurer's Report- Laura Quakenbush

Based on her report of income and expenses since the last meeting, FH net income to date \$3.54; Current balance \$9650.19

4. Education Grant Report - Marilou Metcalf
 - a. Marilou recommends sending quarterly email blasts to members to remind them to volunteer and to submit education expenses to receive up to \$100 annually in grant funds.

- b. She also proposed and members agreed that volunteer hours which have not yet been submitted for a previous Education Grant are valid within 18 months of an educational program expense.
 - c. Attendees also voted to approve a \$50 Education Grant to FH members who participate in the Junior and Young Riders Clinic.
 - d. A question about accepting trainer's fees as an education expense for a grant is postponed to be discussed in 2020.
- 5. RMDS Board Meeting Report - Cassandra DiPentino
 - a. Cassandra did not attend, but Linda noted that RMDS agreed to test and to produce both a printed and new online Omnibus, to save expenses. Stay tuned for details.
 - b. Cassandra is attending Board of Governor's meeting Nov. 2 with a proxy vote for Nicole Riffe and Laura Quakenbush.
- 6. Centaur publisher Bev Swanson is updating FH ½-page b/w ad for 2020. FH will send payment to RMDS for \$137 for this ad, \$100 for RMDS recognition of 2 FH 2020 shows and \$25 for second VOY plaque for FH.
- 7. Education Committee Report – Lauren Still
 - a. Learn to Fall Clinic in October had 17 attendees; it was intense but good. Two riders attended from Canada. Youngest attendee was 10 years, oldest nearly 70.
 - b. Level-Up Clinic with Julie Haugen rescheduled for 2020.
- 8. Show Committee – All underway for 2020. Using only 1 page (free) in Omnibus this year, (second page costs \$150), but adding show management link www.theeleganttrider.com to FH website, FH ad and FH single-page Omnibus prizelist for entries. Show Manager Simone Windeler suggested we raise entries slightly to \$30 per ride, no longer two for \$55.
- 9. New Business
 - a. Attendees nominated and unanimously elected proposed 2020 officers: new President Cassandra DiPentino and Vice President Lauren Still.

Approved incumbent officers Secretary Nicole Riffe, Treasurer Laura Quackenbush, Education Grant Chair Marilou Metcalf, Education (Co-Chairs) Jewlee Barber and Lauren Still.

- b. Approved Marilou's nominees for 2020 FH Volunteers of the Year: Lauren Still and Julie Barber for their excellent and successful education programs this year.
- c. FH Banquet to be planned for Spring 2020
- d. No Western Dressage Award nominee
- e. Any FH awards for our members will be discussed for Spring Banquet.
- f. Lauren reminded members that our FH events can be posted on Facebook. Contact Lauren or Nicole to post FH updates, changes, news of interest.
- g. Newest FH attendee Debbie Black volunteered to work with Cassandra planning Spring party/picnic/banquet.
- h. Who volunteered to prepare FH basket for silent auction at RMDS Awards Banquet Jan. 4 at Renaissance Hotel, Denver and have it at banquet?
- i. Nominated Simone Hersh for RMDS Junior Young Rider Sportsmanship Award. Cassandra will investigate and nominate her.

Motion to Adjourn by Laura Quackenbush. All agreed.

Next Meeting is Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, at Mimi's Café, 14265 W. Colfax Ave.,
Lakewood, CO 80401-3211.