

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DRESSAGE SOCIETY

FOOTHILLS CHAPTER

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Monday, Oct. 20 – Tuscany Tavern, Evergreen

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Members Present: Nicole Riffe, Laura Quakenbush, Kristie Cotton, Lori Mitchell, Joan Bridle, Jim Cooper, Kris Cooper, Marilou Metcalf, Cecilia Ross, Jan Danis, Linda Gaber. Guests: Julie Leiken and Tracy McDermott with EquiBalance

Meeting Start Time: 6:40 p.m.

Meeting End Time: 8:24 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Approved Previous Meeting Minutes

1. EquiBalance presentation by Julie Leiken with Tracy McDermott discussed application of Pilates to dressage riders. Julie uses riding instruction, clinics and studio Pilates with the goal of adjusting a rider so they are sitting and riding in a more balanced position. She works to gain an awareness of how riders move in everyday life, as well as while riding their horse, and to change muscles and habitual movement to add energy, improve the rider's position and the horse's way of going. She can travel to area barns. 720-422-1592, julieleiken@hotmail.com

2. News from Sept. 11 RMDS Board meeting attended by Linda Gaber

Vote at BOG on:

- Adding an Education Membership for non-competitors, \$45. These members will be a group member of USDF. Will receive the Centaur only – no Omnibus. Will be eligible for discounts at RMDS events. Scores will not count towards year-end awards or qualifying for championships. Not affiliated with a local chapter. A card providing proof of RMDS education membership shall be provided to each member at no charge.
- Upon assuming office in January, appointing an auditor to review the financial records of the previous year. A full financial review of the financial records must be performed with every change of treasurer or at least every five years.

Committee Reports

Show Committee – signed \$7,600 in ads and sponsorships to defray Championship costs. Thank you to the chapters who donated to championships: High Plains, Wasatch, Foothills, Boulder Valley, Pikes Peak. Although won't be sponsoring Region 5 championships, urged members to discuss ways to reduce expenses in 2015.

Central Office – Sent request for permission to print tests to USDF/USEF, they will be printed in Omnibus; 773 members for 2014 (827 in 2013). Please check your show scores to ensure accuracy. Oct. 15 start accepting renewals for 2015 RMDS membership. Insurance: Refunded Foothills for clinic that was cancelled.

Treasurer – RMDS Checking account balance: 43,258.45; PayPal (As of 4/17/14) 3,202.97; Scholarship 6,538.88; Money Market 44,259.16 Total RMDS accounts: \$97,259.46

Education Committee – Clinic with Debbie Riehl Rodriguez freestyle education program in January. There is a freestyle taped presentation on USDF E-Trac to view for free. Clinic with Petra Warlimont on new tests in February.

Awards – All trophies and boxes must be picked up and returned in person; only mail to Central Office with professional packing because of expense and damage.

Nominating Committee – Need nominees for these open positions. Need nominees for Chairmen for 2 years: Vice President (1 year), Adult Amateur, Awards, Championship, Show Committee, Communications, Education, Junior/YR, Marketing and Scholarship. Professional's Committee Simone Windeler – Simone has asked an Eventing Trainer to write an article about Cross-Training.

Report on Oct. 9 RMDS Board 2015 Budget meeting

E-Centaur and printed Centaur do not pay their expenses with advertising. 2015 budget expenses estimated at \$15,400. Advertising at \$3,000 (-12,400 loss). Omnibus \$10,000 income, \$15,000 expenses (\$5,000 loss).

Education programs provide income, up to \$10,000 each, in some cases. I asked them to include a scribing clinic in 2015.

Championships budgeted expenses were \$112,000; actual expenses \$118,566 (\$6,566 loss). Budgeting for Champs in 2015 is \$82,000 income, \$84,000 expenses for (\$2,000 loss). Other dressage organizations had more sponsorships than RMDS: Idaho \$37,000 etc. How can we get more?

More money-saving ideas:

Change location and services for Awards Banquet to JeffCo Fairgrounds or Douglas County or? Family style? Buffet?

Change location and services for Champ Show: Estes Park? Cheaper. \$16 stall, \$3 tack stall; CHP \$25 & \$25, etc. and more interested in pleasing RMDS than CHP, plus CHP may be sold.

Russ Fawcett Award to Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez, a Foothills member; Vol of Year to C. C. Lee for vol at many shows (nominated by Heather Petersen).

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3. Education Committee – no committee news; Education Chair Kristie Cotton was named FH Volunteer of the Year.

4. Scholarship Committee – Submitted report with recommendations; to be discussed in 2015.

5. Treasurer's Report – oral report by treasurer; received refunds for insurance from RMDS for cancelled Last Chance Show; \$5,890.25 in checking account.

6. Nominations/Elections for 2015 Board

Congratulations to 2015 Foothills Chapter Board! Members present unanimously approved previous nominations and nominations at the meeting to elect:

PRESIDENT - Kris Cooper

VP - Jan Danis

SECRETARY - Nichole Riffe

TREASURER - Laura Quakenbush

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR – Marilou Metcalf

HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE CHAIR– Jan Danis

EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR – Open. Can be filled at January meeting by new Board and members. Contact new President Kris Cooper if you are interested. (303) 838-5086 info@centaurrising.org

Thanks to all current 2014 FH members and Board.

7. Foothills Chapter selected four members as delegates to the RMDS Board of Governors meeting Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Denver Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec St., Denver, CO 80207. Delegates are CC Ross, Marilou Metcalf, Kris Cooper and Lori Mitchell. Linda Gaber is attending as RMDS Communications Chair.

8. 2015 Meeting Schedule – First Foothills Chapter meeting in 2015 is Monday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at The Golden Hotel. (See info at end of Minutes.) Remaining dates TBD.

9. Members who have earned a USDF medal – CC Ross is checking with RMDS and will continue FH tradition of giving a Dover Saddlery gift certificate to winners.

10. New Business

- Voted to spend up to \$125 to buy a basket to be bid on at Nov. 15 RMDS Awards Banquet. Lori Mitchell to arrange this.

- Sought a Colorado item for RMDS basket going to USDF Convention in December. Jim Cooper volunteered a Broncos glass.

- Acknowledged Nov. 1 deadline for signing a judge for Last Chance Show on Sept. 6, 2015 to be listed in 2015 Omnibus, and submitting \$50 fee to RMDS to register this show. Discussion of show location – at Table Mt Ranch, A Rising Star? And finding a less-frequently used judge for our end-of-season show.

- Agreed to continue same insurance.

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

All meetings at 6:30 p.m. Menu meals and beverages available.

Monday, Jan. 12 – Bridgewater Grille, Golden
The Golden Hotel, 800 11th St., Golden, CO 80401 (303) 279-0100

Monday, – Tuscany Tavern, Evergreen
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