

NCDA BOD minutes

September 29 and 30, 2020

Andrea, Silja, Didi, Kristi, Sandi, Kellee, Jon and Katie - 29th

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Call to order 6:38pm

- RMDS BOD meeting coming up Oct 8 - they will further discuss a by law proposal to move the required score for year end awards from 55% to 57% for median scores (section 5.A.8.C). Last year, Boulder Valley Dressage lowered the requirement, to encourage younger participants. A short discussion followed and most members seemed OK with the change. This RMDS meeting is also the budget meeting, where the 2021 budget is determined. Nicole Bizzaro has temporarily taken over managing the publication of the Centaur. She has a proposal which includes combining the Omnibus with a colorful glossy magazine that would be published twice a year, with the online e-Centaur continuing on a monthly basis. Proposal is available for review; contact either RMDS Office or Didi.

- Committees:

Events 2021 - April 17 and 18th will be a ride-a-test with Julie Haugen, location TBD. May 15 and 16th, Sandy Hotz will judge a schooling show then put on a clinic the next day. Show location TBD and the clinic will be held at Blue Roof Equestrian Center (BREC). Thank you Kristi for donating BREC for the clinic! We will need a port-o-potty for that event. June 26 and 27th, Simone Windeler will judge a schooling show then put on a clinic the next day.

Events 2022 - A steering committee for a BIG NAME clinician will be lead by Katie McGivney, she's hoping Silja, Kristi and Sandi can join her team to help bring high quality instruction to Northern Colorado! We will likely need a year to focus on fundraising to make it financially feasible for most members to be able to participate on some level (riding or auditing). Bud barn as a possible location? Last time Katie called to get pricing at the Bud barn, they required 175 stalls to be able to use the facility, and the overall facility cost was very expensive, even for a non-profit club, so probably not.

- Treasurer's report: a random person tried to join the meeting and Andrea's computer froze up. We logged off, hoping to log back in - but were unsuccessful, so agreed to try to meet Wednesday.

Meeting ended around 7:15pm

September 30 :

- Zoom interruption - we decided that posting the meeting link on Facebook exposed us to possible hackers, so we will only send the link via email to members.
- Treasurer's update

September ending balance is \$4363.08; which is a much healthier number to be at compared to last year at the same time

- Events 2021

Update for the big name clinician - Katie has secured the beautiful indoor arena at Hobby Horse Farm in Loveland on Hwy 402 (donated by Kathy Coulson for no charge to NCDA)

for hosting a top clinician. Katie also reached out to Sara Hassler (daughter of Scott and manages his schedule) about possible dates in late 2022 or 2023, and is awaiting a response. His rate in 2019 was \$2000 per day, plus expenses and he would teach 8 riders per day.

- Website update - Andrea will send out 2 mailchimp emails before the next general meeting; Silja will try to locate her working equitation presentation for use on the website
- Oct. 14 is the next general meeting, and we will need to present a slate of officers for elections in November. Sadly Sue Woods withdrew her name for consideration for President of NCDCA. Kellee James is interested in running for Treasurer!
- Board of Governors meeting for RMDs is Saturday, November 21, all day on Zoom. All are invited to attend as little or as much as you can; only 3 NCDCA members will be allowed to vote on by-law changes, so if you are interested in being a delegate, contact Didi. Andrea will also attend.
- Kellee James offered her place as a potential clinic site (port-o-potty would be needed). Plenty of parking, indoor and outdoor arenas; possibly in May or June (more reliable weather in June). She lives on CR 110 in Carr, CO, approximately 30 minutes from Fort Collins.
- Because of the possibility of Simone holding a clinic at Kellee's, Didi was going to offer Simone an extra night at her place, so she isn't driving home after a long clinic day.
- The question was posed should we continue to separate business meetings and general meetings? Didi mentioned that the meetings were split some time ago for several reasons: the drudgery of business, long meetings bogged down with discussions, taking up so much time it impacted the educational portion of the meeting. Kellee mentioned working with a 4H group that was very efficient with their meetings. They employed a Parliamentarian to keep time during the meetings, to remind speakers of time limits for each topic, and to keep the meeting moving and on track. NCDCA would like to adopt this concept, and perhaps rotate that role (Between Andrea and Silja). It was also suggested we open the meeting room at 6:00 for some social time before the 6:30 meeting start. Andrea will send out info with the meeting link and reminder.
- Educational ideas?

A suggestion was put forth to have a rally or fun ride (a group ride), or potentially a ride to music event (Kellee can have 4 riders comfortably at a time in her arena). Or perhaps a working equitation event with obstacles.

Next general meeting is October 14th at 6:30, social time to start at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm