

August 3, 2022

Call to order: 6:36pm

Attendance: Sandra R., Kelle J., Andrea C., Kelly M., Sue W.

Review of decision of last meeting (with some updates stated below)

Kellee J. sent a note with a check to Kathy C., who sent the check back with a note thanking us and saying that the refund was not necessary.

A discussion on the non profit status of RMDA and NDCA was discussed. Our non profit status should be safe. Kellee gave a short discussion of her experience and how we are doing. Due to the amount of educational events and that our shows do not have prize money, we should be good. But, with the amount in our bank account, we need to do something with it as non-profits are not in the business of making profit.

Ideas: arena supplies, office supplies, storage unit, small cargo trailer

We need a better solution for storing our equipment than just having it at a member or barn's facility. This discussion was tabled until September.

Kellee gave a discussion on the expense comparison of 2020-2022 document that was sent to the board before the meeting. This lead into a discussion of the possible options of what we want to consider "5% reserves" to put away for emergency funds. Kellee discussed opening a saving account, despite the song and dance that has to happen with the bank to make that happen. Kellee will check into the feasibility of the saving account.

Sue brought up that we might need to do this differently as the 5% reserves doesn't cover our yearly expenses. Kellee will put together, for the September meeting, what we spent yearly for the past 3 years on: Taxes being done, website, ribbons, insurance, awards, advertising, and anything else that is a usual expense.

Sandra let Julie H. Know that we want to accept her offer to sponsor the Western Dressage award. While we discussed it going into effect next year, Julie would like to offer it this year. It will take some reconfiguring from Didi's record of shows to redo the standings. The criteria for the western award will be the same as the classical dressage. Julie's award also includes a reserve championship award. Kelly will update both websites on the western award.

RMDS is looking to get Lendon Grey to come during sometime in 2023 (maybe). They've asked Sandra to be in on the conversations.

What do we want to do next year!?

Sandra has a friend (Jodi) in Berthoud who has some trail/working equitation obstacles that may be willing to have us out at their facility. This might be a fun event to promote how awesome our club is and get our dressage horses out of the arena. Kellee makes a motion to have Sandra call Jodi and see what she says. Kelly seconds it. Passed unanimously.

Andrea is happy to put The Tack Sale together if the club still wants to do it. She suggested moving it back to February when there are fewer competing events. A new location should be found so we can have it at a warmer venue.

The discussion of shows was tabled until Didi could join us. Kellee mentioned that we need to get our Judges contracts done by Nov. 1st. The show committee will need to get started on this stuff by Sept. We tabled more discussion on the show committee organization until Didi can be here for September.

What do we want to use the Robert Dover Symposium funds for?

Sue mentioned that the young rider group is going to Michigan for championships and while they leave soon, they are still accepting donations. Since Kathy C. Sent us back the \$1500 check, we will give that \$1500 to the young riders. Sue will send the link and info to Kellee who will send them a check. We will ask them to provide us a picture of the team that we can post to promote on our website/Facebook. Kellee made a motion to send \$1500 to younger riders. Sue second. Passed unanimously.

September meeting will start back at second Wednesday of the month and the board will meet the week before those meetings. We will keep the conversation going via email on a place to hold it. Board meetings will still be via Zoom.

The other parts of the agenda were tabled for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm