

High Plains Chapter of RMDS
Monthly Member Meeting
January 18, 2010

In Attendance:

Mary Buckley – President
Sharon Soos – Treasurer
Cindi O'Shea – Secretary
Alex Curnutte – Vice President
Jennifer LePierre - Member
Debbie Wilke – Member
Deb Williams – Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mary Buckley.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Soos provided a handout of the Chapter's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2009. The Chapter showed a bank balance of \$7,938.97. In addition, the Income and Expense Statement was provided for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Total income was \$8,535.00 and total expenses were \$10,056.51 for an overall total of (\$1,521.51).

Chapter financials were sent to the Central Office. A check was issued in the amount of \$400 for liability insurance. It was noted that RMDS rebates \$9 per member and we currently hold back \$1 per member for the insurance. Mary Buckley will be added as a signer on the checking account.

Vice President's Report

Alex Curnutte provided receipts for her expenses while attending the USDF Annual Convention. She reported that the focus of the convention was on new membership. Dues will increase in 2011. A new "Education" membership category will be added. The budget for USDF was in the red for 2009. Tests will be changed in 2011 and Alex noted that while the USDF doesn't have an Adult Amateur Committee, it does have a Competition Committee. Further information can be found on the USDF website.

Voting categories consisted of the membership package and the new USDF President, George Williams.

New Business

Mary Buckley reported on the results of the survey. The breakdown shows our Chapter has interests in schooling shows, training techniques and improving the yearly awards banquet and the website.

We are asking members to send a short bio and picture for our High Plains website.

This year's Board of Governors Meeting and Awards Party are in the hands of the Chapter for organizing. Mary Buckley will visit prospective hotel sites along the I-25 corridor, as RMDS agrees that a central location is vital to the success of these events. The chosen location will remain going forward.

Cindi O'Shea and Mary Buckley are working with Lauren Smith, the Awards Committee Chair, on the details. Information about this effort will be posted on the Chapter website in the near future.

We are looking for a new location for the monthly meetings. An email will be sent to the members prior to the February meeting noting the new start time of 6:30 and the new location. This information will also be posted on the website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi O'Shea
Recording Secretary
High Plains Chapter