

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

In Attendance:

Mary Buckley – President
Cindi O'Shea – Vice President/Secretary
Sharon Soos – Treasurer
Wendy Cibis – Member
Colleen Diamond – Member
Cathy Van Berg – Member
Judith Weber – Member
Pam Allen – Member
TJ Remsing – Member

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Mary Buckley.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were read from last month's meeting. Sharon Soos made a motion to approve, with a second from Wendy Cibis. All present were in favor and the minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Soos provided a handout of the Chapter's Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2010 which showed a balance of \$8,603.97. The budget for 2010 and the Income & Expense Report were also reviewed.

BOG/Awards Banquet

Discussion was held with regard to the format of the banquet. A silent auction and/or a prize drawing were offered as activities for the banquet. With the economy, the best idea was a prize drawing at the end of the evening. To be eligible for the prize, the winner must be present. The best idea for a prize is a gift certificate from a local tack store. We also discussed having a photographer at the banquet in order to post pictures to the RMDS/HP websites as well as for production in the Centaur.

Hilda Gurney 2010 Symposium

Mary Buckley announced that Hilda agreed to a date of October 23, 2010. Colleen Diamond suggested having trainers nominate students. Additionally, discussion took place with regard to having each applicant provide competition scores for the level they are signing up for. We also talked about those applicants who aren't currently working with a trainer. Cindi O'Shea will provide a sample application for review at the June meeting. We hope to use a 3-day format, with the riders having private one-half hour sessions with Hilda. It was agreed that this time will be used as an initial observation period for Hilda. Auditors will not be present for these rides. The selection process is being discussed and will be

finalized in the near future. The Chapter will use the President's Message in the Centaur as well as RMDS email blasts to announce the clinic and generate interest for riders and auditors.

Additional discussion took place with regard to having video clips of the riders' competitions for auditor Q & A sessions. Another ideas presented is to have a painted horse ride to address the biomechanics of the horse.

New Business

Schooling Show

Our chapter is interested in hosting 2 schooling shows in 2011. Cindi O'Shea will review the schedules from 2009 and 2010 to come up with possible dates. WinDancer Farm and Cresta Farm have expressed an interest as venues. Cindi will also contact judges for scheduling and interest. May and July may be the best months for these shows. Colleen Diamond also suggested contacting Mariah Farm as a possible venue.

There being no further business, Wendy Cibis made a motion to adjourn, and Pam Allen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi O'Shea
Vice President/Secretary
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