

# On The bit Meeting – September 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:20. Present were Ginka, Stephanie, Jessica, Kelly, Anna and Tara. August minutes read and accepted.

Treasurer's report:

Presented by Kelly. Our ending balance was \$4096 as of 31 August. Only outstanding items are payments for a few silent auction items from the show. Kelly moved to accept, Anna seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Show reflections:

Stephanie suggested that we need an official show secretary! Ginka had talked to Heather about secretarial duties and she said for a small show such as hours her rates would be lower. Stephanie also heard good things about the quality of the arena and warm-up. Anna relayed that Heather Peterson said she heard good things about our show. Jessica Greer said it was a good experience for her young horse. Tara indicated that some guidelines could have been made more clear for volunteers, such as the rule that individuals cannot be dismounted within the warm-up area etc.

New Business:

Attendees had a discussion about whether to hold a USEF recognized show in 2019. Stabling availability at Spur Ridge might be a limiting factor. Anna will look into whether we could possibly rent/borrow panels from Windy Wyoming for stalls. But space may still be limiting. Kelly thinks that additional donations could be obtained. Other costs (judges, fees, secretary, TD etc. will go up). However, entries likely would go up. We should crunch some numbers to make sure it is financially feasible and wise. Deadline to decide is November 1. Didi (the TD) submitted a report to the RMDS and we should hear back from RMDS after the next board meeting (a week from now).

Group trail ride:

We could go from Kelly and Tom's house

Upcoming events:

Cheyenne Dressage and Eventing Club (CDEC) has a dressage/trail schooling show at Sue Gentle's place on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. All info is on the CDEC website.

NCDA has a ride-a-test in Tomora (Greeley) on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. They may be offering the new USEF tests (coming November or December).

Do we want to continue the educational presentations? Stephanie offered to present in October on the costs and benefits of blanketing.

Nominations for officers for 2019:

Tammy nominated the current slate of officers. Deadline for nominations is September 28th. Voting will take place at the October meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please nominate individuals for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary. There are also some Chair positions that are not official according to RMDS but serve critical roles, including the Public Relations/Communications Chair (currently Stephanie), Show Manager (Jessica), and Grants Chair.

Remember to turn in RMDS volunteer forms. Necessary to document volunteer hours for year-end awards, and eligibility for RMDS grants. Will also look good for the club.

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.