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**Meeting of the CDS Board of Directors
Friday, January 19, 2018
Embassy Suites Hotel, Sacramento, CA**

ATTENDANCE: Directors: Kevin Reinig, Ellen Corob, Elizabeth Coffey-Curle, Tracy Underwood, Melissa Creswick, Nicole Bhathal, Kristin Young, Pat Hart, Brent Hicks, Michele Vaughn, Joan Williams. Others: Kathie Powers (Central Office), Paula Langan (Central Office), Diana Muravez (Treasurer), Patti Schofler (Dark Horse Media Biz), Carol Tice (Region 7 Director), Glenda McElroy (Championship Show), Marily Reese (Quadrille Committee), Mari Naten (FH), Laurie Farmer (SFP), Liz Lewis (EB), Connie Dahl (EB), Laurie Daniel (EB), Ruth Shirkey (EB), Barbara Crawford (VO).

President Kevin Reinig called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

MINUTES: Ellen moved to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2017 Board meeting, Melissa seconded. The minutes will be filed as written.

AGENDA: Ellen moved to approve the agenda, Pat seconded. The Agenda was approved as written.

PRESIDENT:

Kevin welcomed all the Chapter Chairs and guests.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT:

Kristin nominated Kevin for President, Ellen seconded. Kevin was elected as President by acclamation.

Brent nominated Ellen for Vice President. Melissa seconded. Ellen was elected as Vice President by acclamation.

Appointments to the Board were made by Kevin. Paula Langan was appointed Executive Secretary, Diana Muravez Treasurer, Cisca Stellhorn Legal Advisor and Terry Wilson Historian.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEES: Melissa asked to be taken off the Bylaws Committee. Ellen will replace her on the Bylaws Committee.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2018

The 2018 CDS Board Meetings will be as follows:

March 7, 2018 – Hilton Hotel Irvine
June 20, 2018 – Conference call

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September 5, 2018 – Hilton Hotel Irvine

November 14, 2018 – Embassy Suites Riverfront Sacramento

DONATIONS:

The Board discussed donations to USET and UC Davis. They also discussed donations to the California CDI's. The Board decided to give up to \$2,500 in advertising to each of the California CDI's.

MOTION #1: Tracy made a motion that CDS donate \$1,000 each to USET and UC Davis. Ellen seconded, the motion passed.

BUDGET & REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Diana told the Board that the financial report is current for 2017. She stated that the income did not come in as expected (Patrons, Annual Meeting, Advertising) and thus income is down except for income from shows.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

Pat spoke about how well the accounts are doing since being transferred to Wells Fargo Bank.

REVIEW & APPROVE THE BUDGETS:

Kevin adjusted the donations on the budget.

MOTION #2: Brent moved that the Board accept the proposed 2018 budgets. Ellen seconded.

CENTRAL OFFICE:

Paula spoke to the Board about the Expos in Pomona and Sacramento. The dates for Pomona Expo are March 9-11, 2018 and Sacramento is June 8-10, 2018. The Board is able to take CDS membership at the booth. It was determined that the Board would not be able to man either booth on these dates. CDS will not participate this year.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE:

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW:

Tracy Underwood gave notice of intent to amend the motion for changes to the CDS Championship Show. Kevin accepted Tracy's motion. Kevin stated that the Board will have a conference call on February 7, 2018 to discuss Tracy's motion in regard to the proposed changes to the CDS Championship show.

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Kevin spoke about the proposed changes and the reasons the Board made the changes. There was much discussion among the attendees about the changes. There will be an open forum on Saturday to allow for more discussion.

Glenda reported that the 2018 CDS Championship Show will be held at LAEC September 27-30, 2018. She has hired most of the judges, and other officials. She told the Board that if we use the Easter field, CDS would have to provide our own security.

RAAC: Ellen gave the Board the dates for the RAAC shows. The South will be August 10-12 as part of the San Diego Summer Show at Show Park. The Central will be August 11-12 at Twin Rivers Ranch in Paso Robles. The North will be August 18-19 at Santa Rosa Equestrian Center. August 18 will be a 1* show and August 19 is a 3* show.

AMATEUR CLINIC: Nicole told the Board that the dates are set for the Amateur Clinics. The Central will be March 23-25 at Templeton Farms in Templeton. South is April 13-15 at W Farms in Chino Hills. The North will be May 4-5, but the venue is now Christiane Noelting Dressage Center in Vacaville.

Paula reported that CDS had been awarded a USDF Education Initiative Grant for \$1,000.

There was discussion on clinicians for 2019. One idea was to ask people to submit applications to be a clinician for the Junior and Amateur clinics.

JUNIOR CLINICS: Beth gave the Board the information for the 2018 Junior Clinics. The Clinician is Heidi Gaian. The Central Clinic is April 20-21 at DG Bar Ranch in Hanford. The North is May 18-20 at Pacific Equestrian Center in Wilton, and the South is June 8-10 at W Farms in Chino Hills.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Kristin reported that the Junior Championship Shows for 2018 will be July 27-29, 2018 at Rancho Murieta with Golden State Dressage Warmup/Cool Down in the North and August 24-27, 2018 at LAEC with Cool August Nights.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Pat told the Board that the Committee came in under budget for the year. They were able to fund all scholarships. We need more participation in the RAAC Scholarship. It is \$200 for each region, to help with show expenses or education.

There was discussion regarding the Chapters having to pay back scholarship monies if their event made money. The Board decided that the Standing Rules will be changed to state that scholarship monies would not have to be re-paid if the event made money.

Joan Williams will be replacing Pat on the Scholarship Committee for 2018. Sandy Harper is joining the Committee for 2018.

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Melissa thanked the Scholarship Committee for awarding her a Judge Scholarship that she used to attend the judge's forum at the US Finals in Kentucky.

ANNUAL MEETING: Kevin went over the events for the 2018 Annual Meeting.

The 2019 Annual Meeting will be held January 18-20, 2019 at the Sheraton Park Hotel at the Anaheim Resort. The format will be a health fair.

SPONSORSHIP & PR: Patti told the Board that \$70,000 was raised in 2017. Nan Meek has left Dark Horse Media. CDS has a new sponsor, CoverMaster, a Canadian Company.

Kevin spoke to the Board about having Yellow Horse Media, Jennifer Keeler help on a monthly basis. The Board agreed to have Kevin get a proposal from Jennifer then re-visit this at a later date.

TRAVEL GRANT: Paula reported that there is nothing new with Travel Grant. She told the Board that all of the Festival of Champions will be held in Chicago at Lamplight this year.

QUADRILLE: Marily reported that the Quadrille Clinic will be held at Whiterock Ranch in Watsonville on June 9-10. Joan Williams will be the clinician. The fee to ride is \$80 and auditors are free.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE: Nicole reported that the Committee is looking into a tour of UC Davis this Fall. Brent would like to look into having Stephen Clark do something for us, sometime in the Summer.

MERCHANDISE: Melissa told the Board that the remaining merchandise will go to Sandy Gardner at Eohippus. She also has a person who can do piece by piece orders.

USDF: Carol said that the 2018 USDF Sporthorse Seminar will be held at DG Bar Ranch. Cassidy Gallman is our coordinator and Alison Burt-Jacobs is the Chef d'equipe for Region 7 NAJYRC.

The US Finals were down about 72 horses.

NEW BUSINESS: Kevin spoke about the proposed new EDL Mandate, which could impact CDS members who haul their horses.

Paula discussed the CDS Horse Registration. This will need to be added to the budget to cover the cost of awards and upgrades to the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.

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MOTIONS – January 19, 2018

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MOTION #2: Brent moved that the Board accept the proposed 2018 budgets. Ellen seconded.

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CDS Executive Board Meeting - Conference Call February 7, 2018 7pm

Attendance: Tracy Underwood, Beth Coffey-Curle, Pat Hart, Nicole Bhathal, Kristin Young, Ellen Corob, Melissa Creswick, Joan Williams, Kevin Reinig. Absent: Brent Hicks, Michele Vaughn.

The Agenda was the discussion of the changes for Championships and the need to amend or rescind any of the previous changes made.

MOTION#1 - To amend the changes made to the Championship Show.

Tracy Underwood / Kristin Young All in favor. Passed unanimously

Detailed minutes of the conference call will be reviewed by the board and if the minutes are approved they will be emailed to all CDS members with the outline of the changes to the Championship Show.

All future Board Meeting minutes will be posted on the CDS website once the minutes have been approved by the board.

A 10 question survey was sent to all current CDS members. The Board focused the first discussion on the survey results concerning having one ride for HOY classes or eliminating the warmup and retaining the two ride format. The amateurs who responded to the survey clearly favored having two rides for the CDS HOY class. The Open riders were evenly divided about one or two rides for CDS HOY classes. Many respondents favored the top 12 only moving on to the second ride but unfortunately that could not be accommodated with the scheduling because of conflicts with other scheduled rides. The main goal of this suggested change to one HOY ride was to reduce the number of rides per day and keep the show to 5 arenas. The show grounds can accommodate more horses, just not more rides in a day. In 2017 we had 1108 rides. That is more rides than any other year. The target of the changes is to save time. The show needs 6-8 hours more to be able to produce award ceremonies and avoid ride conflicts.

The board acknowledged the value of the survey, which reflects the feedback of the membership. The survey let the membership give input on what is more or less important to have at championship, taking this into account as well as the necessity to cut some time in the schedule it is the responsibility of the board to create a special, successful championship.

If the warm ups were eliminated it would create some savings of time. However there will be the loss of class income. Riders are allowed to school in all the competition rings for two days at the start of the show so they would still have the opportunity to acquaint their horses with the arena they would be riding in. There is also the issue of the warm up trophies and they would have to be re-assigned and re-engraved.

Adding a third judge to the one-ride format was offered as an added benefit since the number of rides was reduced. Most riders did not particularly see this as an added benefit.

The board discussed implementing the top 12 option which the survey results indicated the membership would prefer over the one ride. The problem with that option is scheduling. It will be very difficult to schedule the top 12 riders moving on to the second ride in the championship and avoid conflicts. The board discussed having different championship structures for open riders and amateur riders. It is preferred to have a standard for all HOY classes but a compromise supported by survey results would be to have the Adult Amateur and Junior Riders have two rides for HOY Championship and the Open riders have only one ride for HOY Championship. The 2 judges vs 3 judges for the Open HOY classes was discussed and with the two different formats for the different divisions it would be difficult to have the Open HOY classes judged by 3 judges. It was decided that 2 judges would prevent logistic and scheduling

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difficulties. With the Open riders only getting one ride in front of two judges the entry fee was discussed. An evaluation of the number of open rides and the effect a reduction in the entry fee would have on the bottom line of the show was done as well as the time it would free up in the schedule and it was determined that a reduction in the entry fee is reasonable for the national level Open HOY classes.

The topic of the Futurity changes was also discussed. The board felt it was important to keep the Futurity about the young horse and have the overall standing be about the horse, not the division of the riders. With the Open and Amateur purses combined, there will be a larger purse for each of the age groups. In order to acknowledge the achievements of the amateur riders and allow them to compete against their peers in the Futurity, the board wanted to add an Adult Amateur Challenge award for the top three amateurs in each age group with a special ribbon and additional cash award and pin all Amateurs through 8th place.

The Board moved on to the amendments that Tracy Underwood proposed.

1. CDS will not apply to host the USDF Breeders Championships West Coast Final.

No change. No motion or vote needed.

2. The CDS 4, 5 and 6 year old Futurity Adult Amateur divisions will be combined back into the Open division.

This item shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The CDS 4, 5, and 6 year old Futurity will each be an open division. All Adult Amateurs entered in the futurity divisions will be entered into the Adult Amateur Futurity Challenge at no extra charge.

The Adult Amateur Futurity Challenge prize money will be awarded through third place in each division:

1st - \$150.00

2nd - \$100.00

3rd - \$75.00.

Ribbons **for the Adult Amateur Futurity Challenge** will be **awarded** to 8th place **for each age group**. The Adult Amateurs in the Adult Amateur Futurity Challenge will also place in the open futurity winning all the prizes associated with it.

Tracy moved, Melissa second. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

3. CDS Horse Of the Year classes will now consist of one ride in front of three judges.

This item shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The 2018 CDS Championship Show shall provide two judges and a warm up ride for all Horse of the Year classes. Training through Fourth Level Horse of the Year classes shall provide Adult Amateurs and Juniors with two Horse of the Year rides. Open riders shall be provided with one Horse of the Year ride. The class fees for the Open divisions in Training through Fourth Levels shall be reduced from \$175 to \$125.

Tracy moved, Beth second. All in favor. Passed unanimously

4. Increase the prize money for CDS Horse Of the Year classes from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

This item shall be deleted in its entirety.

Tracy moved, Melissa second. All in favor. Passed unanimously

5. The qualifying score for First Level through Fourth Level Freestyles will be increased from 62% to 64%.

This item shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

First through Fourth Level Freestyle competitors shall be required to qualify with two scores of 64% or better from two different judges.

Tracy moved, Melissa second. All in favor. Passed unanimously

6. For CDS Championships and CDS JR/YR Championships there will be a nominating fee of \$25 for horse/rider/level for all divisions of qualified riders.

This item shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

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There will be a \$25 nominating fee for horse/rider combinations participating in CDS Championship Shows. The \$25 nomination fee will be used for funding the championship shows. This nomination fee shall not apply to Futurity classes.

Tracy moved, Kristin second. All in favor. Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm

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CDS Educational Committee Conference Call February 12, 2018 7pm - 7:28pm

Attendance: Nicole, Melissa, Kristin, Kevin, Paula

Absent: Brent

The topic of discussion was the FH Chapter hosting an event with UC Davis and what involvement CDS was going to have. The CDS Educational Committee was already planning to have a free tour of UC Davis in the fall of 2018. The Foothills Chapter event is much more involved, elaborate and complex.

Michele Ng is the FH organizer. She has reported that there is a limit on the physical attendance but there is also a webinar offered for 3 sessions. UC Davis has gotten USDF University Credits and Continuing Educational Credits for the judging community.

CDS will offer to guide the FH chapter to applying for a CDS Scholarship for the speaker portion of the event. CDS will also offer advertising and email promotion for the event. Nicole will contact FH and guide them to the scholarship process and offer them the advertising and email promotions.

Nicole will ask about the information table for organizations in the rotunda at UC Davis during the event and if there is a cost associated with that.

CDS would like to be informed on the contract with UC Davis and what is included in that contract. Michele Ng is willing to take on the risk, and is confident of the turn out and participation. CDS still has concerns about liability if the event loses money. They would be charging \$90 to \$95 for attendance. Michele Ng is not a FH Board Member so the Chapter Chair would have to sign the contract.

Nicole will contact Michele Ng and discuss what CDS can offer to support their event and council them on financial liability.

Nicole also brought up that during the CDS Annual Meeting, the South Region Chapters expressed a desire to have a regional get together. The Educational Committee thought that would also be a good opportunity to add an educational element to the meeting. The regional meeting would be open to all south chapter members. Ideas for educational speakers would be: Communications Speaker; Social Media, Veterinarian, Sports Psychologist.

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Conference Call Adjourned at 7:28pm

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**Meeting of the CDS Board of Directors
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Hilton Hotel, Irvine, CA**

ATTENDANCE: Directors: Kevin Reinig, Ellen Corob, Elizabeth Coffey-Curle, Tracy Underwood, Joan Williams, Nicole Bhathal, Kristin Young, Pat Hart, Brent Hicks, Michele Vaughn. Others: Kathie Powers (Central Office), Paula Langan (Central Office), Diana Muravez (Treasurer), Patti Schofler (Dark Horse Media Biz).

President Kevin Reinig called the meeting to order at 11:04am.

MINUTES: There was a correction to the January 19, 2018 minutes. Joan Williams' name was not included in the Directors present at the meeting. Ellen moved to approve the minutes with the correction, Nicole seconded. The minutes will be filed as written with the correction.

AGENDA: Tracy moved to approve the agenda, Pat seconded. The Agenda was approved as written.

PRESIDENT: Kevin spoke about the recent revised changes made to the Championship Show. He felt that the feedback had been very positive.

Kevin told the Board that Nicole would be stepping down as a Board member. Kevin will appoint a replacement Southern Director for the remainder of her term. He asked the Southern Directors to suggest possible candidates.

CENTRAL OFFICE:

Paula spoke to the Board regarding the CDS Facebook page. Kevin will speak to Jennifer Keeler regarding posting to the page on a regular basis.

Paula also approached the Board regarding printing fewer Rosters for 2018. She suggested sending a Roster to members who renewed or joined by December 1, 2017, the Board and Chapter Chairs. The Board agreed.

BUDGET & REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Diana told the Board that the report she sent out is the current financial year-to-date report. She stated that the first column is what has been spent as of February 28, 2018. She did not do a comparison to last year. She stated that Wells Fargo has not been

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updated with the February numbers. She said it was possible that she may be able to put some funds back into the Reserve Account.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

Pat said that the Market is very volatile right now, so the funds could fluctuate. She would like to invite Wells Fargo to come and speak at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE:

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW: Kevin reported that most of the officials have been hired for Championship. Kevin will speak to Jennifer Keeler regarding promoting the show. The Grand Champion should be promoted and featured at Championship more.

Patti told the Board that Triple Crown would like to present their own award for excellence in a specific class. The Board felt that this would be feasible at RAAC and Junior Championship, but not Annual Championship Show. Custom Saddle would also like to do a Most Valuable Rider award of a trophy and saddle pad. Ellen felt these awards would be good for RAAC and Juniors and possibly the Grand Champion Award. Patti stated that SmartPak is sponsoring the Grand Champion. Patti, Kevin and Glenda will discuss this further.

The Top Trainer award criteria, at Junior Championship, needs to include that the trainer must be a current CDS member.

RAAC: Ellen said that she has ordered the ribbons. She asked Tracy and Carol to send her any left-over 50th Anniversary ribbons so she could have the buttons replaced.

AMATEUR CLINIC: Nicole told the Board that everything is going along nicely. Ellen felt the March dates were early for the clinics. Paula spoke about a potential participant in the Amateur Clinic who is a western dressage rider. Nicole said that the Committee would review the Standing Rules and make changes to include that riders in the clinics must ride in standard dressage equipment.

JUNIOR CLINICS: Beth said the clinic dates and clinician are set. She will be unable to attend the DG Bar clinic. Beth and Kristin suggested having Sarah Mosqueda attend in Beth's place.

Beth and Kristin suggested developing a form for clinicians to submit to CDS to be considered as a clinician for the Amateur or Junior Clinics.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Kristin reported that the Committee will have a conference call soon. The Committee will put together a list of jobs for the Chapters to help with at the shows.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Joan reported that the Committee had a conference call where they discussed having ads in Dressage Letters about the Scholarships available to CDS members. They would also like to change the wording in the Scholarships guidelines to bring them more up to date. In regard to Club 100, the Committee would like to change the wording on the requirement to submit a copy of a test, to say the test be from a “rated or schooling show”.

There was discussion regarding out of state members being eligible for CDS Scholarships. The Board decided that if a member had a Chapter affiliation (i.e. San Diego Chapter member, resides in Arizona) and competed in California, they would be eligible to apply for a CDS Scholarship.

MOTION # 1: Tracy moved that the words “who are domiciled” be stricken from Item 6 of the Policies & Procedures of the California Dressage Society Scholarship Guidelines. Ellen seconded. The motion passed.

ANNUAL MEETING: The 2019 Annual Meeting was discussed. Kevin suggested having two and half hours for the panel discussion and Hilary Clayton to speak. If a sponsor was a \$1,000 sponsor or higher, then they would get to speak about their product for 15 minutes. Nicole suggested having a Best Dressed Show Attire as a theme for the Chapters.

SPONSORSHIP & PR: Patti told the Board that Andreas Stanos, DressageClinic.com would like to be a sponsor for the South Junior Clinic and the South Amateur Clinic as well as the 2019 Annual Meeting. The Board asked Patti to get a proposal from him before making a commitment.

Paula said that Andreas would also like to have a banner on E-blasts that CDS sends out. The Board declined to offer that option at this time.

QUADRILLE: Joan reported that there is a lot of interest in the upcoming clinic.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE: Nicole reported that Foothills Chapter is hosting their event with UC Davis. The Committee suggested that Foothills apply for a Scholarship and that CDS could offer ads in Dressage Letters and e-blasts for the event. CDS was asked to host a breakfast at the event. The Committee was not in favor. UC Davis will be running the event.

USDF: Diana reminded the Board that April 15th is the deadline to nominate PM delegates to USDF. The Convention will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah the first week of December. GM delegates from CDS are Kevin, Ellen, Brent, Paula, Michele and Joan.

The letter of intent for NAJYRC (now NAYC) is available on the USDF website. May 1st is the deadline to submit an application with a \$50 fee. Applications May 1-15 have a \$300 application fee. No applications will be accepted after May 15th

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NEW BUSINESS: Kevin said that the ELD (Electronic Logging Device) Mandate hasn't changed the CDL (Commercial Driver's License) requirement, but it has been given a one year extension.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.

MOTIONS – March 7, 2018

MOTION # 1: Tracy moved that the words “who are domiciled” be stricken from Item 6 of the Policies & Procedures of the California Dressage Society Scholarship Guidelines. Ellen seconded. The motion passed.

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ATTENDANCE on the call: Directors Beth Coffey-Curle, Tracy Underwood, Kristin Young, Ellen Corob, Melissa Creswick, Pat Hart, Brent Hicks, Kevin Reinig, Joan Williams, Michelle Vaughn. Others: Glenda McElroy (Championship), Diana Muravez (Treasurer), Patti Schofler (Sponsorship), Marily Reese (Quadrille), and Paula Langan (Central Office).

Conference Call was called to order at 7:04pm

MINUTES: Ellen moved to approve the March 7, 2018 minutes and Pat seconded. The minutes will be filed as written.

AGENDA: Pat moved to approve the agenda, Kristin seconded. The agenda was approved as written.

PRESIDENT: There was discussion on the USEF 100 mile rule for show locations. One of the CDS Chapters needs to change location and the USEF system is costly and complex. USEF is setting up a committee to review show mileage. CDS will try to give input and have someone contact the USEF committee. Ideas were for 75 or 50 miles and also for actual driving mileage not as the crow flies. No motion or action item was taken at this time.

BUDGET & REVIEW COMMITTEE: The bank balance is low but ok. Money was put back in the reserve account. Membership is ahead of last year.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Pat said the last report is being sent out. The investments were doing decently. There was enough money to give out all the scholarship amounts. Investments were doing a lot better than last year.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Paula received the renewal for the Liability Insurance and D&O insurance which was slightly less than last year. Paula discussed the need for candidates for the board positions available. The open positions are Northern, Southern, and one At Large as well as the replacement for Nicole. Several possible candidates were discussed and Ellen will call them to encourage them to run for the board. CDS received a large donation from the Geisse Foundation. Paula reported that the new website design is almost finished and the update should be completed by the beginning of July. Paula reported problems with the manufacturing of the arena letters and suggested having the manufacturer use

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his own mold and process to expedite the ordering and delivery process. The board agreed. The new Horse Performance awards have been ordered and the Central Office has received a few applications.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE: The preparations are going well. The trophies are almost all engraved. The qualifications for the CDS Equitation class were clarified.

RAAC COMMITTEE REPORT: There was discussion on the award ceremonies as defined in the Standing Rules. Ellen clarified that the ribbons needed to be placed on the bridles before the awards began, the morning classes need to be awarded at noon and the afternoon classes need to be awarded at the end of the day. Riders must be in proper attire for the awards. These requirements should be listed in the program and a flyer in the rider packets so the riders are prepared.

AMATEUR CLINICS REPORT: Tracy reported that the northern clinic was very good. USDF is sending the \$1,000 Educational Initiative grant for the northern clinic. Melissa said she really enjoyed them all. For the future clinicians CDS will have an application online for professionals who are interested and the board will have a small committee to review the applications. Ellen will contact the

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committee to discuss 2019 since we are behind in the selection process. Two facilities have offered to host the clinics.

JR/YR PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT:

CHAMPIONSHIP: The ribbons have been ordered, the saddle pads are in and the backpacks are at the embroidery but they are changing the style as it was the wrong item. T-shirts are being ordered. This is the 30th anniversary for the JR YR Championships. There is a campaign on Facebook featuring juniors from the past championships who are trainers now. For the north championships there will be a pancake breakfast, Salsa party, “how-to jog”, and an ice cream party. Northern trophies should be shipped to Kevin.

CLINICS: Heidi Gaian got rave reviews for the 2018 clinics. One clinic had to be scheduled later in the year as it fell on school exams and attendance was too low. The Murieta Inn & Spa sponsored both the clinic and the JRYR championship in the north.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Joan reported on the scholarship recipients and the board accepted all the recommendations for the scholarships.

MOTION #1 Ellen moved to accept the Scholarship recommendations and Kristin seconded. Brent abstained.

The committee submitted updates to the Standing Rules. The Sierra Nevada Chapter has raised \$10,000 for the Stacey Berry Scholarship and would like CDS

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to administer the scholarship on their behalf. They will submit the criteria to the committee. It is an Adult Amateur Sierra Nevada Chapter award.

ANNUAL MEETING: For the January 18-20, 2019 Annual Meeting the hotel and rooms have been reserved. Hilary Clayton has been contacted as a guest speaker. Other professionals will be contacted. The committee will finalize the fee structure so the promotion and advertising can begin. One format will allow the sponsor to have time to speak about their product; bits, saddles, etc.

STANDING RULES/BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Some of the committees submitted their updates for the Standing Rules. There was discussion about how detailed the Standing Rules should be. Should there be more leeway for managers and committee chairs to develop their programs or have it a detailed manual for a newcomer to be able to follow. Discussion tabled.

SPONSORSHIP: There is more sponsorship for the Juniors and RAAC this year. Custom Saddlery wishes to give an award at the shows called MVR (Most Valuable Rider) and they would do the photo op, Facebook, and press releases for their award. Dressage Today Online (previously Dressage Training Online) which is a video clinic format would like to do a revenue share with CDS. The board tabled this discussion until further information is provided.

TRAVEL GRANT: No applications at this time.

QUADRILLE: Marily reported on the Quadrille clinic June 8-10 in Watsonville with Joan Williams. She said it was a great clinic, super enthusiastic participants. They had 9 riders and some upper level

riders from as far away as Wilton and Templeton. They mixed the teams which gave them a different experience.

USDF: The board was reminded to vote for the PM delegates. There were 7 PM delegates on the ballot.

USEF: USEF sent a proposal to offer a free Fan Membership to all CDS members. CDS is an Alliance Partner of USEF. They sent a unique promo code that can be distributed to all CDS members allowing them to redeem their US Equestrian Free Fan Membership. The board agreed to offer this to the CDS membership.

NEW BUSINESS: A question arose on conference call policy if non board / committee members could be included on the call. The board agreed that non board / committee members could be on the call. A report can be requested for who was on the call.

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MEETING ADJOURN: Brent moved to adjourn the meeting. Ellen seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

MOTIONS - June 20, 2018

MOTION #1: Ellen moved to accept the Scholarship recommendations and

Kristin seconded. Brent abstained.

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Meeting of the CDS Board of Directors Wednesday, September 5, 2018 Hilton Hotel, Irvine, CA

ATTENDANCE: Directors: Kevin Reinig, Melissa Creswick, Elizabeth Coffey-Curle, Joan Williams, Kristin Young, Pat Hart, Brent Hicks, Michele Vaughn. Others: Kathie Powers (Central Office), Paula Langan (Central Office), Diana Muravez (Treasurer), Patti Schofler (Dark Horse Media Biz), Glenda McElroy (Championship Show), Carol Tice (Region 7 Director), Wendy Sasser (LA Chapter), Sara Diefenbach-Mosqueda (IC Chapter), Valerie Goodman (PV Chapter), Karen Nocket (PV Chapter).

President Kevin Reinig called the meeting to order at 11:08am.

AGENDA: Kristin moved to approve the agenda, Brent seconded. Kevin moved Sponsorship up to follow Championship Show Committee. The Agenda was approved as revised.

MINUTES: Approval of the Minutes was delayed until all Board members were present. There was discussion on the minutes from the June CDS Board conference call once all Board members were present at the meeting. Michele stated she did not agree with the conference call discussion concerning going to USEF regarding the 100 mile rule possibly being changed to 50 miles. The Board amended the minutes to clarify that “no action item or motion was put through” during the conference call.

MOTION #3: Brent moved that the CDS Board amend the minutes from the June 10, 2018 CDS Board conference call under the President’s section discussion of the USEF 100 mile rule read that no motion or action item was brought forward. Melissa seconded, the motion passed.

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The minutes from the June 10, 2018 CDS Board conference call will be filed as amended.

PRESIDENT: Kevin spoke about the CDS Northern Junior Championship Show. He felt the show was really great. He also spoke about how the Chapters are doing a really good job of putting on shows.

CENTRAL OFFICE:

Paula reported that the elections are past due. A new deadline of September 15th for nominations was approved by the Board. Paula will be sending out ballots after the Championship Show. Kevin will appoint a replacement for the vacancy left by Nicole Bhathal leaving the Board.

A chapter inquired about having a costume class at a CDS only show, and if costumes could be allowed. The Board agreed that classes with costumes could be held as exhibition classes.

BUDGET & REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Diana told the Board that the report she sent out is the current financial report. She stated that we are well ahead of last year. The first column is the Year To Date spent, the second column is Year To Date last year as a budget comparison.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

Pat said that the Market is very volatile right now, so the funds could fluctuate. Our average rate of return is 4.9%. She will speak to our representative at Wells Fargo and ask to have someone come and speak at the 2019 Annual Meeting about our investments. Pat is going off the CDS Board this year, Melissa will take over as Chair of the Investment Committee for 2019.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE:

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW: Glenda told the Board that currently there are approximately 330 entries for the show. She felt more entries were for the CDS Championship only, with not as many USDF entries.

Carol will be the volunteer coordinator for the show. At this time, Glenda says they still need volunteers.

Diana said that Young Riders don't go to the Junior Championship show. She recommended advertising the "Junior Championship experience" more.

SPONSORSHIP & PR: Patti stated that the show needed more Chapter participation. She has three arena sponsors at this time. She will speak to Triple Crown and Hygain regarding being a sponsor at the Annual Meeting and speaking on the panel.

RAAC: Ellen reported that she shouldn't have to order much for 2019. She reported that there were 85 competitors at the Southern RAAC with 25 for the Roses Award. There were 37 in the Central RAAC with 22 for the Roses Award. The North RAAC had 50 competitors.

The Committee had a conference call regarding the applications to host the 2019 RAAC shows. The three applications approved were Central August 10-11, 2019 at Twin Rivers with SLO Chapter, South August 22-25, 2019 with Cornerstone and LA Chapter and North August 23-25, 2019 with Starr Vaughn Equestrian and VO Chapter.

MOTION #1: Kristin moved to accept the recommendations of the RAAC Committee. Joan seconded. The motion passed

Michele informed the Board that she can only hold the North RAAC on July 12-14, 2019.

MOTION #2: Kristin moved that we amend Motion #1 and approve the South and Central RAAC applications and send the North application back to Committee for review. Joan seconded, Michele abstained. The motion passed.

AMATEUR CLINIC: Lilo Fore will be the clinician for 2019. The Central clinic will be in Templeton. The North and South locations are pending. Kristin will take over for Nicole and work on dates and facilities.

JUNIOR CLINICS: Beth said she would recommend not having the same clinician for three years at all three clinics. She suggested maybe having them for two years.

Beth and Kristin suggested developing a form for clinicians to submit to CDS to be considered as a clinician for the Amateur or Junior Clinics.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Beth reported that the North Championship went well. The Sport Horse in-hand clinic with judge Melissa, and Kevin was really well received. Kristin told the Board that the South Championship as part of Cool August Nights went really well.

There was discussion regarding the storage of the Junior Championship trophies. The Board suggested the Committee have a conference call to discuss this further.

The dates for the Northern Junior Championship for 2019 have been set. There is a proposal from the TEV Chapter for the 2019 Southern Junior Championship show. The dates would be July 13-14, 2019 with Diana Muravez as show manager. The Board will discuss this further at the November CDS Board meeting.

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Joan reported that the Committee received 56 applications, with 13 being for Club 100. Scholarship has received funds from the Sierra Nevada Chapter to establish the Stacy Berry Scholarship.

ANNUAL MEETING: The 2019 Annual Meeting is coming together. The Board decided that the costs would be \$65 for the Gala Dinner, \$50 to attend the Health Fair on Sunday. Patti and Mylene Chow-Jugan are working on securing vendors. The cost for vendors will be \$50 for one day and \$75 for both days.

QUADRILLE: Joan reported that the Committee is looking for a different clinician for the next clinic.

TRAVEL GRANT: There was discussion regarding the Travel Grant and the applications received.

MOTION #4: Brent moved that the Board approve the Travel Grant Committee's recommendation to award Travel Grants totaling \$10,000. Each applicant approved would be given \$1,000.00. Kristin seconded, the motion passed.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE: Since Nicole is no longer on the Board, she will need to be replaced on the Educational Committee.

Carol suggested CDS do videos and/or classes on scribing. The Board also discussed doing videos on the proper memberships needed to compete and qualify.

USDF: Paula told the Board that effective October 1, 2018 shows must submit 45 cents per test for Intro through Fourth Level Freestyle. The new tests for USDF and USEF will be effective December 1, 2018.

Carol stated that seventeen riders went to the Festival this year and did well. Carol said that she needs someone to replace Ellen on the Nomination Committee.

USDF is considering raising the GMO dues from \$20 to \$24.

Paula has applied for the USDF Website award. She has sent in the list of GMO delegates for the convention. The convention will be held in Salt Lake, UT November 28 to December 2, 2018.

USEF: Paula reported that every USEF member over 18 years of age must complete the Safe Sport Training. This will be effective January 1, 2019. You must complete the online training each year.

USEF has the option now of a join date to join date for membership.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

MOTIONS – September 5, 2018

MOTION #1: Kristin moved to accept the recommendations of the RAAC Committee. Joan seconded. The motion passed

MOTION #2: Kristin moved that we amend Motion #1 and approve the South and Central RAAC applications and send the North application back to Committee for review. Joan seconded, Michele abstained. The motion passed.

MOTION #3: Brent moved that the CDS Board amend the minutes from the June 10, 2018 CDS Board conference call under the President's section discussion of the USEF 100 mile rule read that no motion or action item was brought forward. Melissa seconded, the motion was adopted.

MOTION #4: Brent moved that the Board approve the Travel Grant Committee's recommendation to award Travel Grants totaling \$10,000. Each applicant approved would be given \$1,000.00. Kristin seconded, the motion passed.

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Meeting of the CDS Board of Directors Wednesday, November 14, 2018 Embassy Suites, Sacramento, CA

ATTENDANCE: Directors: Ellen Corob, Tracy Underwood, Melissa Creswick, Elizabeth Coffey-Curle, Joan Williams, Kristin Young, Brent Hicks, Michele Vaughn, Sara Mosqueda. Others: Kathie Powers (Central Office), Diana Muravez (Treasurer), Patti Schofler (Dark Horse Media Biz), Carol Tice (Region 7 Director), Marily Reese (Quadrille Committee), Karen Nocket (PV Chapter), Michele Ng (FH Chapter), Mari Naten (FH Chapter), Michelle Freels (SV Chapter).

Vice President Ellen Corob called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

AGENDA: Kristin moved to approve the agenda, Brent seconded. Ellen moved Budget & Review Committee to follow Championship Show Committee. The Agenda was approved as revised.

MINUTES: There was discussion on the minutes from the September CDS Board meeting. Beth asked that the minutes be amended under Junior Clinics to reflect that there was only discussion regarding having the same clinician, and developing a form prospective clinicians could submit to CDS. The minutes were approved as amended. Tracy and Ellen abstained.

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The minutes from the September 5, 2018 CDS Board Meeting will be filed as amended.

PRESIDENT: Kevin called into the meeting and welcomed the new incoming Board members. He spoke about the CDS Championship show, stating the show went very well. He felt that the lower than average attendance was due to the California wild fires and to WEG being held so close to the Championship Show. He also told the Board about his experience at the USDF Finals in Kentucky. That show went well and had approximately 380 horses with six rings, which is average for the show.

He asked the Directors to check in with their Chapters and see how they could offer help to the fire victims.

Kevin told the Board to send him the Committees they would like to be on and to start getting ideas on the 2020 Annual Meeting. His suggestion was to possibly have something at Rancho Murieta with horses.

He asked the Committees to be sure and submit their budgets to him.

Executive Session was called. Motion 1 & 2 were passed in Executive Session.

CENTRAL OFFICE:

Kathie reported for Paula in her absence. The Horse Expo in Sacramento has contacted CDS to let us know that the event will be held at Rancho Murieta May 9-12, 2019.

A representative for Barbara Richardson has contacted Paula regarding CDS being named as a beneficiary of a family trust that Barbara has. Pat will follow up with Barbara to discuss the criteria of how the money would be awarded.

A member had suggestions for additions to the CDS Championship Show such as a Team Challenge and a Pink Class to benefit Breast Cancer. The Championship Show Committee will discuss these ideas further.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the new Safe Sport training. The discussion focused on whether CDS would require Safe Sport at CDS only shows.

Ellen is the USDF Volunteer of the Year for Region 7. Paula submitted the CDS website to USDF and won the website award for GMO's over 500 members.

Yellow Horse Marketing did posts for CDS for the Annual Show and reached 40,000. Jennifer said that USDF shared our posts and reached 127,000. Tracy stated that she saw Jennifer's posts and thought they were great, and she was able to get a good feel for the show from them.

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BUDGET & REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Diana told the Board that the funds for the Stacey Berry Scholarship are in a CDS account until the details can be finalized and the money can move into a Scholarship account.

Beth and Kristin had questions regarding the reporting of the Junior nomination fees for the Southern Junior Championship. Diana will check into the numbers that were reported.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

Melissa reported that she would have a full report at the January meeting.

SPONSORSHIP & PR: Patti recommended for 2019 that CDS do a demographic study of CDS members by zip code. The sponsors would like to have information on income, how many horses and the zip code they live in. Patti said also that the sponsors want more information to be put out about them. Patti stated she could do this rather than Jennifer Keeler. There was discussion regarding the attendance at the hospitality parties. Some on the Board felt that not many competitors came.

Patti said that the large sponsors would like to sponsor classes and have pictures taken with the winners at Championship show. She also spoke to the Board about having sponsor possibly sponsoring arena letters, or put something between the letters, like they do in Europe. Ellen suggested that Patti research this more and check with Glenda on USDF/USEF rules. The Junior Championship Show Committee will let Patti know regarding getting sponsors for the jog and Equitation classes at the Junior Championship shows.

RAAC: Ellen reported that she has plenty of ribbons and sashes for 2019. She will need to order coolers, halters and rider awards. The shows will be Central August 10-11, 2019 at Twin Rivers with SLO Chapter, South August 22-25, 2019 with Cornerstone and LA Chapter and North July 12-14, 2019 with Starr Vaughn Equestrian and VO Chapter.

AMATEUR CLINIC: Lilo Fore will be the clinician. The Central clinic will be in Templeton. The South location will be Shadow Ridge. Kristin is working on dates and a location for the North clinic.

JUNIOR CLINICS: Beth is working on a clinician for 2019. She will reach out to them and have an update at the January meeting.

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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Beth reported that the North Championship will be with Golden State's Warm-up show July 26-28, 2019.

The Committee recommended working with TEV Chapter for the 2019 Southern Junior Championship show. The dates would be July 13-14, 2019 with Diana Muravez as show manager.

MOTION #3: Kristin moved that CDS discuss further the CDS 2019 Southern Junior Championship with TEV Chapter. They will also discuss the fee structure.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Joan reported that the Committee approved eight Club 100 applications. The Committee will see if they will be able to give more to the 2018 Annual Meeting. Nan Meek is replacing Kathleen Goldstein, who terms out on the Scholarship Committee.

The Stacey Berry Scholarship will be re-written to be more in line with the CDS Scholarship guidelines.

ANNUAL MEETING: The 2019 Annual Meeting is coming together. Patti has secured some sponsors and vendors for the meeting.

QUADRILLE: Marily told the Board that the clinician for 2019 will be Laurel Bruun and the clinic will be held at Osierlea. The fee will be \$80. Marily said that if there was enough interest, she would consider going to Southern California.

MOTION #4: Joan moved that Laurel Bruun will be the 2019 clinician for the Quadrille Clinic and be held at Osierlea. Melissa seconded. The motion passed.

TRAVEL GRANT: Brent reported that there are no more events for Travel Grant this year.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE: Brent stated that the Committee needs more people. Brent asked the Board to let Kevin know if they would like to be on the Committee.

USDF: Carol told the Board that Safe Sport is required. She explained that it is not USDF or USEF, but an actual law that has brought this about. Everyone has an obligation to report abuse which is the basis of Safe Sport. Carol said that no other GMO's were talking about having a policy regarding Safe Sport. Tracy suggested that Carol bring this issue to the Board at the January meeting regarding wording.

A proposed dues increase for GMO's will be voted on at the convention. According to USDF, the dues have not increased in 12 years. The proposed increase would be from \$20 to \$24 per GMO member.

USDF would like to see more people nominated for GMO Volunteer of the Year from Region 7. Carol said that it can be people who were nominated or have won in the past.

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The GMO handbook is being redone. Carol thought it would be very helpful to Chapters helping them to market themselves and their events.

Michele Ng has questions about judge licensing. Carol suggested that she speak to Kathy Robertson.

USEF: Ellen spoke about the SBC Chapter's show that was not given a modification to hold their show after the original facility was sold. Carol suggested that this needed to be brought to the Competition Committee.

Connie Davenport will attend the USEF convention in Florida.

Melissa asked the Board if CDS would require proof of vaccinations at CDS only shows.

NEW BUSINESS: A member from Foothills Chapter had asked Mari to ask the Board if there was a policy regarding holding horse shows when the air quality was bad. Members of the Board said that CDS has a Horse Welfare statement and always has the welfare of horse in mind. CDS has left it up to show management to determine if a show should be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

Carol told the Board that she would like to see CDS have a Gem Award for horses. She thought the award could be similar to the freestyle bar or some type of Gem that could be attached to the horse's bridle or halter.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

MOTIONS – November 14, 2018

MOTION #3: Kristin moved that CDS discuss further the CDS 2019 Southern Junior Championship with TEV Chapter. They will also discuss the fee structure.

MOTION #4: Joan moved that Laurel Bruun will be the 2019 clinician for the Quadrille Clinic and be held at Osierlea. Melissa seconded. The motion passed.