

**Meeting of the CDS Board of Directors**  
**Friday, January 21, 2022**  
**Embassy Suites, Sacramento, CA**

**ATTENDANCE:** Directors: Pat Hart, Sara Mosqueda, Nancy Szakacs, Michele Vaughn, Joan Williams, Karen Nocket, Melissa Creswick, Ruth Shirkey, Lynda Palmer, Jaclyn Pepper, Maya Dalla Valle (on phone)

Others: Diana Muravez (Treas), , Paula Langan (Central Office), Kevin Reinig USDF Vice President

**MINUTES:** November 18, 2021 minutes approved. Pat / Karen

**AGENDA:** Approved Sara / Lynda

**PRESIDENT:** Joan reviewed the agenda and items to be discussed. She commended everyone on working hard to stay on budget and end up in the black.

**ELECTIONS:** Melissa nominated Joan Williams for President, Sara second. Melissa nominated Pat Hart for Vice President and Sara second. All in favor. Elected by acclamation.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Joan appointed Paula Langan as Executive Secretary, Diana Muravez as Treasurer, Cisca Stellhorn as Legal Advisor, and Terry Wilson as Technical Historian / Advisor.

**2022 COMMITTEES:** Joan took sign ups for committee work from the board.

CDS Executive Committees 2022

Championship Show -Chair – Joan –Glenda, Carol, Michele V, Patti, Ruth, Sarah, Kevin USDF

JR Program – Co-Chair –Sara, Beth advisor

JR Championships – Sara Diana, Jaclyn, Maya, Patti, Kevin & Beth advisors

JR Clinics – Sara, Jaclyn, Maya, Mari

RAAC – Chair – Melissa –Michele V, Nancy, Maya Lynda, Sarah, Pat

Scholarship – Board Liaison– Nancy–Pat advisor, Nan M, Louise K, Sarah B, Shiela H, Cindy M, Mylene C

Travel Grant – Chair –Melissa– Paula, Karen, Ruth

Adult Amateur Clinic – Chair – Karen–Nancy, Ruth, Melissa, Lynda

Annual Meeting – Co Chair – Karen & Sarah - Melissa, Pat, Kathie, Kevin advisor

Merchandise – Chair – Melissa–Sarah, Jaclyn

Dressage Editorial Board – Paula, Maureen, Brent, Joan Cinquini

Nominating Committee – Ruth– Joan, Nancy, Sarah, Pat, Carol

Budget & Finance —Pat & Ruth –Diana, Karen, Joan, Kevin

Quadrille – Chair – Joan, Christiane, Sarah, Jackie, Melissa

By-Laws & Standing Rules – Chair – Joan -Karen, Paula,

Sponsorship/PR – Chair — Paula, Patti, Joan

Educational Committee – Chair– Melissa, Karen, Jaclyn, Lynda, Maya

Investment Committee – Chair – Pat –Melissa, Diana, Joan,

Ad Hoc CDS chapter reporting/standing rules: Joan, Pat, Ruth, Michele V Diana, Kevin, John Rees

California State Drugging Advisory representative - Jaclyn

**MEETING CALENDAR:** March 8 zoom 6:00-9:00; May 24 Embassy Suites North 10:00am (with 3 hour scholarship meeting); August 30 zoom 6:00-9:00pm; November 1 zoom 6:00-9:00pm.

**DONATIONS:** \$1,000 to The Dressage Foundation. Motion / Second: Michele / Melissa.

**BUDGET & REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Diana sent out the current balance report. There was discussion about the Chapter reporting. Ruth suggested Chapters should have an audit. Joan created an ad hoc committee to review chapter financial reporting and requirements. Committee: Joan, Ruth, Pat, Michele, Diana, John Rees.

**INVESTMENTS:** The investments are all doing really well, some 12-18%. The Gwen Stockebrand Scholarship is finally invested. It took a long time for WF to finalize. It is invested but has not generated funds for any awards yet. Pat will contact the SO chapter to see if they wish to donate an award amount for 2022.

**TRAVEL GRANT:** Shows will no longer be asked to collect Travel Grant fees, per USEF ruling. CDS will reformat the show recognition process.

**CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE:** CDS received the 2021 USDF Regional Championships review. It was mostly positive. Comments were made that the survey has a rather negative format.

2022 Championship will be September 22-25, 2022 at LAEC. Officials have been hired. The show will use Fox Village Instant Scoring. The Futurity Material class will now count for 30% and the technical test will count for 70% of the overall score.

There will be an Escribe training tutorial in February for those wishing to learn about Escribing.  
With Covid always in mind, management will research any backup facilities available.

**RAAC COMMITTEE:** The SLO Chapter is unable to host the RAAC Central at this time. SBC offered to hold the RAAC Central but the board felt there was conflict in the locations. The board voted to suspend the Central RAAC just for 2022 and to be reconsidered for 2023. 1 No, 10 Yes. Motion passed.

**AMATEUR CLINIC:** Lynda will coordinate the south clinic at Hinnemann Farms, Karen will coordinate the north clinic at Starr Vaughn, Karen, John Rees and Katy Katz will coordinate the central clinic at Mountain View Sporthorses.

**JUNIOR / YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The JRYR Clinician is Willy Arts. The north date is Feb 18-20 at PEC in Wilton; the south clinic is June 3-5 at Hi Hopes Farm in Redlands. Mari Naten is the coordinator for the north, Sara is the coordinator for the south.

**CENTRAL OFFICE:** Paula handed out name tags to the new board members. All board members signed the code of conduct. The Ellie Langlois Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Karen Nocket. CDS received an insurance notice that the office insurance will be cancelled. Membership is up 300+ from this time last year.

The Calendar project sold 68 calendar and made a surplus.

CDS will create new guidelines for the Chapter treasurers. There will be an updated version of the Disciplinary Policy.

Paula has found a new manufacturer for the pylons with a lower cost so there will be a better surplus for scholarship. It is the same manufacturer as the letters.

**MARKETING AND PR:** no report.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** The committee will remain the same. Need to get the Gwen Stockebrand scholarship up on the website.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** Karen has planned out the Suppleness Masterclass. The board reviewed the schedule and their assignments. 2023 Annual Meeting will be in southern California. It will be a new test symposium. Karen will secure a presenter and location.

**STANDING RULES / BYLAWS:** Some updates from the ad hoc committee on financial security and a disciplinary policy update.

**SPONSORSHIP:** Patti is looking forward to a positive and profitable year with our returning and new sponsors. We've kicked off the year with an annual meeting sponsorship from a loyal sponsor GGT Footing and participation by Trafalgar Square Books. We have some added sponsorship opportunities which will be a new draw. For championship show Patti will be seeking a sponsor for the instant scoring and Best Tack Room.

**QUADRILLE:** No report.

**EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE:** No report.

**MERCHANDISE:** CDS will request to get the merchandise back from the vendor. Any new vendor will be required to sign a contract. Sara will provide the name of an online merchandise store and all CDS merchandise sales will just be available through that online merchant.

**CDFA DRUG ADVISORY:** The board appointed Jaclyn Pepper as the CDS representative.

**USDF:** Kevin explained the new rider medals and the new breeder award. He also described the US Finals with 500 horses and 7 arenas along with how cold it was. USDF will be clarifying the declare / nomination process. USDF has a new Diversity ad hoc committee.

**USEF:** Discussion of judge training

**NEW BUSINESS:** Board travel mileage was set at .56¢ / mile. Moved / Second; Melissa / Karen. All approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 pm Joan/Michele

Meeting of the CDS Board of Directors  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
Zoom meeting

**ATTENDANCE:** Directors: Pat Hart, Sara Mosqueda, Nancy Szakacs, Michele Vaughn, Joan Williams, Karen Nocket, Melissa Creswick, Ruth Shirkey, Maya Dalla Valle

Others: Diana Muravez (Treas), Carol Tice USDF Director, Paula Langan (Central Office), Kevin Reinig USDF Vice President, Patti Schofler Sponsorship, Glenda McElroy, Championship Show Manager

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

**MINUTES:** January 21, 2022 minutes approved. Ruth / Nancy

**AGENDA:** Approved

**PRESIDENT:** Joan reviewed the EHV protocols.

**BUDGET & REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Diana reported that the Year To Date was where CDS should be at this time. Diana also explained the difference in reporting the Budget vs Actual with the Scholarship Funds according to the Prior Use and Left Over Funds. The investments are set up differently and the funds go into the Scholarship checking account now. She gave the bank balance and the amount for the AA clinic.

**INVESTMENTS:** As a hedge against poor performance funds were converted to cash to cover two years of scholarship grants.

**TRAVEL GRANT:** Paula provided the new structure for shows to avoid listing Travel Grant as a line item. Beginning April 1, 2022 and for all future shows there will be a two-step recognition / licensing process. A Recognition Fee will be due 6 weeks prior to the show date. This will ensure the show gets listed in the CDS calendar, on the website, and in Dressage Letters. Recognition fee is \$55 per day and is transferable but non-refundable. A License Fee will then be due within 7 days after the show. This will cover data processing of scores. License Fee is \$3.00 per each horse competing in the show.

**CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE:** 2022 Prize List is almost ready to send to USDF. All new footing in all the arenas at LAEC. Officials are hired. There will be E-scribing at Flintridge in preparation for E-scribing at Championships. A video tutorial on E-scribing was made and the link is on the website. 2023 Championship is just starting hotel contracts. Some judges are hired. Nicho is the announcer for 2022 and 2023.

**RAAC COMMITTEE:** Melissa has connected with SLO and SFP to check the inventory and get the awards to the RAAC that needs them. Riding Warehouse is offering a gear bag and a helmet bag for winners and reserve. The board discussed the cancellation of the March shows and the impact on qualifying for the south RAAC at the end of May. The board will wait to see if the EHV suspension is extended before reducing the number of qualifying scores needed for RAAC. If the qualifying is reduced, it will be changed to two scores from one judge. Karen/Maya. All approved.

**AMATEUR CLINIC:** Due to the EHV outbreak, the Central AA Clinic was postponed to after the Championships. For the north AA Clinic, the stalls will be sanitized and horses spread out in stabling. There was discussion that not that many northern chapters seem to participate. There is need for more promotion in the north to encourage more chapter to member communication so that all chapters are represented at the clinic. For the southern clinic, Lynda is all set.

**JUNIOR / YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Sara and Karen to work on protocol for rider selection between chapter representatives and wait list riders. They will also work on emphasizing chapter communication. JRYR Championships – Patti is working on awards. Dover is giving the backpacks and Smartpak is giving enough certificates to cover the saddle pads. The prizelist needs to be clarified on the equitation and jog wording. Beth, Sara, Michele V, Jaclyn, Joan, Maya, Connie, Kevin and Regina will work on the prizelist.

**CENTRAL OFFICE:** Paula reported that the storage unit would need insurance coverage as the last policy was cancelled. CDS will proceed with facility's insurance policy.

The change over to License Fee from Travel Grant listing seems to be working with the show managers. Due to EHV there were a lot of cancellations of March shows.

The Roster is about to be printed. It will be sent only to Board members, chapter chairs, and show managers. It will be available for purchase to any members who request it. There are more than 200 more members listed than in the roster last year.

Pylons: There is an order for a full court arena and a full set of letters.

**MARKETING AND PR:** This is Women's History month so facebook and Dressage Letters will be featuring CDS women's history.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** The committee will remain the same. The Committee is waiting to hear from Sonoma Chapter if they wish to provide a grant for this year's Gwen Stockebrand, as the fund has not generated any money to award yet. Sierra Nevada Stacey Berry Scholarship has been changed to anyone riding Training Level or above. It was previously First Level. The committee awarded two Club 100 grants.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The final financial report for the 2022 Annual Meeting resulted in a \$4,018.37 surplus.  
2023 Annual Meeting: The main theme is the 2023 Test Changes with Mike Osinski at LAEC on January 14th. The format will be similar to the 2022 Masterclass with a few additions. I recommend contacting the main saddle vendors to bring their products and be prepared to share the new technologies and saddles. I also recommend doing a fashion show to highlight all the new colors and styles. Need to get suggestions for other vendors for shopping fun as well as great raffle items to bring in 200+ attendees. I also recommend doing a celebration Banquet for all the attendees at LAEC right after the symposium. Attached is a proposed schedule of activities for the January 13 – 15th weekend. Working on contracts with Mike Osinski (he has already agreed on the date and effort), LAEC indoor arena (Ben has put us on the calendar), and Calamigos Los Angeles at LAEC.

**STANDING RULES / BYLAWS:** Standing Rules have been updated with the changes to the Disciplinary Code and the Chapter Treasurers' duties and posted on the website 3/1/22.

**SPONSORSHIP:** Patti is looking forward to the new Instant Scoring sponsorship possibility. She has also created a guide to sponsorship for the event managers.

**QUADRILLE:** No report.

**EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE:** Melissa to do a zoom series about young horses. Joan to video 2 year old, 3 year olds, 4 year olds and 5 year olds. Program will have discussion with Melissa and Joan. An older horse topic will also be produced. Other educational ideas include a program for instructors on how to teach beginners to dressage or an instructor clinic on teaching introductory riders.

**MERCHANDISE:** Sara will create an online buying event through CustomInk to be held several times during the year. Michele V has all the left over merchandise from the merchandise booth stored at Starr Vaughn.

**USDF:** The 2022 convention will be in person in Lexington KY Nov 30 – Dec 3. Carol is on the DEI committee creating a pamphlet about including Para, including new people to dressage, and new clothing options.

**USEF:** March 10 is the USEF Para Training for judges on Zoom.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Joan will make some video tutorials for facebook on navigating the website. CDS will look to offer something for the retired members who no longer ride. A committee of Melissa, Carol, Michele V, Joan, Terry Wilson, Maureen Van Tuyl and Connie Davenport will be asked to help create an Honor Roll or Hall of Fame for CDS.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Meeting of the CDS Board of Directors  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
Embassy Suites, Sacramento

**ATTENDANCE:** Directors: Pat Hart, Nancy Szakacs, Michele Vaughn, Joan Williams, Melissa Creswick, Ruth Shirkey, Maya Dalla Valle, Jaclyn Pepper, Lynda Palmer,

Others: Diana Muravez (Treas), Carol Tice USDF Director, Paula Langan (Central Office)

Meeting called to order at 10:04am

**MINUTES:** March 8, 2022 minutes approved. Ruth / Maya

**AGENDA:** Approved Ruth, Lynda

**PRESIDENT:** Joan introduced the new board members and gave an overview of EHV impact.

**BUDGET & REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Ruth was working with Diana on different display versions for budget vs actual to represent a clearer picture of the budget month to month. Suggestions were pro-rated expenses and previous month / vs actual. Ruth suggested CDS focus on restricting expenses, though CDS is actually doing better than budgeted. One suggestion was to consider fewer in-person meetings and more zoom meetings.

**MOTION:** The November meeting will be a zoom meeting and the money saved will go to building the Reserve Account. Motion made by Michele, Second by Ruth.

**INVESTMENTS:** Since the stock market is so volatile, no investments will be changed. The investments are still ahead of previous.

**CENTRAL OFFICE:** Paula reported that the membership is just even with last year. She will start a membership drive with a postcard to remind members to renew. Regina will be asked to enhance the membership drive on social media.

The T-shirt fundraiser earned \$461.34 and over 50 T-shirts were sold.

The Dressage Foundation sent a thank you letters saying they had more Region & applicants this year.

Upcoming elections were discussed. The board members whose terms are up were asked if they would run again and a nominating committee was named to recruit board members.

Dressage Letters is mostly digital, but over 200 do request a hard copy mailed to them. Advertising more than pays for the production. Very few Rosters are printed. They are mailed to the CDS Board, Chapter Chairs, and Show Managers.

Pylons: New manufacturer is very good.

There was a reduced number of year end plates ordered this year, though people are still ordering. There was no online ordering available this year which impacted the sale.

Put a new button on the website directly to printing the member cards. Joan created a how to video for navigating the website.

Central Office will send out a Donation Letter to all members.

**CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE:** Judging from the huge turnout for the CDI in Temecula and at the upcoming Flintridge Dressage, Glenda suspects that the Championship show will be back to its normal 5 rings.

Glenda is still planning on using the Fox Village e-scribing program at Championship Show. She is using the system at the Flintridge show which has four full rings so that will be a good test of the program. Working hard on training e-scribes to use the Fox Village system. So far, Glenda is very pleased that so many scribes have stepped up and want to learn to e-scribe. We will be ready for Championship show. The Foxvillage tutorial is up on the CDS website.

The Los Angeles Equestrian Center has put down all new GGT footing in the Equidome and have added texture to all the rings CDS will be using. Also, they have refurbished the sound system in the Equidome and have added speakers to the outside rings so that our announcer, Nicho Meredith can announce in all three rings. They have repaired ALL the show stalls and updated the electrical both inside and outside the stall area.

Patti Schofler and Glenda have been working on sponsorship fulfillment and awards. Patti has been doing a great job and Glenda feels like we are ahead of this time last year.

The Prize list for the USDF/CDS Championship show is available on line with a fillable entry form on the CDS website or you can use Equestrian Entries.

There could be a management change at Los Angeles Equestrian Center. Our contract will be honored and whatever change may happen, we will be able to hold our show in September at the LAEC with no issues.

**RAAC COMMITTEE:** The scores were adjusted for 2022 due to EHV cancelling many shows and giving riders fewer opportunities to qualify. Even with reduced qualifying, the south RAAC is very small. The committee felt it was time to revamp the program and improve it.

**AMATEUR CLINIC:** The AA Clinic with Hilda Gurney is on track with the new dates and facilities. A fun addition is a \$15 gift certificate from Mary's Tack & Feed for each rider.

June 24-26 @ Global Sport Horse Stables. The dates remained the same but we did move the facility from Hinnemann Farms to Global Sport Horse. Lynda is the organizer.

October 7-9 @ Starr Vaughn Equestrian. This is a new date based on the virus issues. Thank you Michele for supporting the AA Clinic. Karen is the organizer.

October 14-16 @ Mountain View Sport Horse. This is a new date based on the virus and a new facility for the clinic. Thank you Jackie Ahl Eckhaus for supporting the AA Clinic. Karen is the organizer with the help of John and Katey from the SLO Chapter.

**JUNIOR / YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Paula sent the Northern Dust Buster trophy to be re-engraved as it ran out of room for future winners. She also took the new Ellie Langlois Fourth Level Trophy donated by Mari Naten to be engraved with all the past recipients. Northern prizelist is posted on the website.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** The Committee received very few scholarship applications this year even though much advertising and notification efforts had been made. A total of 6 were received by the April 30 cut-off. The Committee awarded the following:

- 1) Hans Moeller \$1500 to Tami Thompson
- 2) Adult Amateur \$200 to Shannon Lafaille (North Region)
- 3) SNC Stacey Berry \$250 to Theresa Westover
- 4) Judge Scholarship \$500 to Hilary Martin
- 5) Club 100 \$200 to Aiden Beaubien
- 6) Club 100 \$200 to Kaitlyn Bonis

The Committee discussed that there are more Club 100 funds (11 more \$200 awards) that can be awarded for 2022. Nan Meek suggested that an email blast could go out to all juniors inviting more applications and will put together wording for Paula to send.

Central representative, Sarah Borrey, is moving out of state so will need to be replaced on the scholarship committee

Next Meeting will be via ZOOM on August 23, 2022, 7PM

**ANNUAL MEETING:** January 13-15, 2023. Karen submitted her update for the 2023 Annual Meeting showcasing (1) Board and Chapter meetings, (2) the 2023 Test Changes with Mike Osinski, latest Saddle Technologies/Changes, and shopping, and (3) the Annual Banquet with a Fashion Show by GeeGee Equine, Awards, Dinner. This 3 day weekend will be in Southern California. The (1) meetings will be at the Embassy Suites and the (2) the tests and saddles and shopping will be at LAEC. The (3) activity is the Banquet of which we have two options. First option is the Embassy Suites – the attendees would leave the Symposium and travel to the Embassy Suites (limit 200). The Second option is Calamingos (limit 800) at LAEC – the attendees would finish their shopping and walk next door to the bar and dinner. The Board should review the first pass at the costs and fees. It is just an estimate right now. The fees charged for the Symposium and the Banquet will need discussion. I suggest we make the cost reasonable so more people attend. I also suggest we put all the events for Saturday together at LAEC to invite the attendees to spend the day and evening with CDS to learn and build a better dressage community

**TRAVEL GRANT:** Paula reported at this time there is only one Equitation application but will probably be more for the national championships and young horse and developing horse.

**STANDING RULES / BYLAWS:** There were a few clarifications and updates to the qualifying time line for JRYR championships.

**SPONSORSHIP:** Sponsorships are moving along nicely. One very fun one is the 2023 World Cup Omaha sponsorship. In addition to the nice cash donation, they have donated super tickets valued at nearly \$6000. I've turned this into an online auction for 2 VIP tickets and 12 midsection tickets. The auction is open and in theory closes June 16. Send your friends to: <https://www.32auctions.com/CDSWORLDCUP2023> Joan will create a how-to for the auction.

Riding Warehouse has stepped up their sponsorship, adding RAAC items to their already generous awards for Championships.

Speaking of Championships, we have two new sponsorships that have already been snagged: World Cup is the Instant Scoring Sponsor and DaMoor's (a first time sponsor) is the Best Tack Room sponsor.

Most of the Junior Championship items have been donated.

Many of the old favorites have reupped, including Parker Insurance, Auburn Labs and Adequan.

**QUADRILLE:** No report.

**EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE:** The committee decided to push the Conformation Webinar to the fall.

**MERCHANDISE:** Melissa requested we order seat cushions for Annual Meeting.

**USDF:** It is time to vote for the PM Delegates: Annette Pressas, Debbie Doss, Jouelle Kimura, Rebecca Harris. GMO Delegates from the CDS Board are Joan, Pat and Paula. The Convention is in Kentucky. Carol Tice will be re-running for Regional Director.

**USEF:** Discussion on USEF response to suspension.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Board requested an article in Dressage Letters on mentoring for trainers and show secretaries.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 pm

**Meeting of the CDS Board of Directors  
Tuesday, August 30, 2022  
Zoom Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE:** Directors: Pat Hart, Nancy Szakacs, Michele Vaughn, Joan Williams, Melissa Creswick, Ruth Shirkey, Maya Dalla Valle, Jaclyn Pepper, Lynda Palmer, Sara Mosqueda, Karen Nocket.

Others: Diana Muravez (Treas), Carol Tice (USDF Director), Paula Langan (Central Office) Patti Schofler (Dark Horse Media), Kevin Reinig (USDF VP), Regina Antonioli (PR), John Rees (incoming director) Gary Getz (incoming director)

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm

**MINUTES:** May 24, 2022 minutes approved. Maya / Lynda

**AGENDA:** Approved Karen / Ruth

**PRESIDENT:** Joan introduced the new incoming board members for 2023; John Rees and Gary Getz.

**BUDGET & REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Diana reported that the budget was on track. Next month more money will be added to the reserve account. Melissa requested that \$100 be added to the budget for the new Honors Club program recognizing CDS members who have represented the US in international competitions.

**INVESTMENTS:** The market is still unsettled but our investments are still in the black.

**CENTRAL OFFICE:** Paula gave the board a brief overview of the duties of the central office so the new directors could understand the volume and responsibilities of the Central Office. Paula brought up wehorse.com partnership for discussion, she will ask Patti to follow up for possible Annual Meeting sponsorship. SBC chapter is still waiting for reimbursement from Parker Insurance for the late fine from USEF. CDS has sold more pylons and letters. Central Office sent out a Donation Letter to all members and received over 9,200 in donations. Paula will send out an eNews to the chapter chairs outlining the official election process for chapters plus forms for 2023 show recognition.

**CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE:** As of the closing date Glenda said we had 262 stalls and 191 horses for championships.

**FOOD & BEVERAGE** - Available each morning a sponsored hospitality 7:00 am & 9:30am **La Conversation Bakery** will provide petite French pastry. LAEC will sponsor coffee starting at 7:00am. Different food trucks will be available each day from 8am – end of the show. **Deanna Castle & Hippiie Ice**– will provide a drink service each day, coffee, tea, lemonade and smoothies and specialty drinks. I am working on something for Saturday Evening.

**AWARDS** - There are mandatory awards ceremonies for all CDS Championship Classes, Champion and Reserve Champion must come to awards unless they have a conflict with another class. CDS ribbons may be picked up at the Awards Booth and you then arrive at the awards ceremony with the ribbon on your horse. **The GAIC/USDF Classes awards are optional.** Angela Goodwin-Volpert our award chair person is developing a plan for the riders to tell us who is returning for USDF Awards.

**Lower Level Freestyles Champion** - The Lower Level Freestyle HOY Champion and Reserve Champion will be determined as the highest scoring top 5 horses in the Lower Level Freestyle Classes 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Level. The individual freestyle level classes will not be HOY classes. But they will be named Champion at each level with Ribbon 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> and in 1<sup>st</sup> level – 4<sup>th</sup> level classes, they do come back for honor rounds.

**Vendors** - The trade fair area has a variety of vendors this year products for horse, rider and spectator. Some exciting new vendors including Olsen Tack Shop from Seattle, Halter Ego for the modern equestrian, Coin Jewelry, Equi-Mart from Sacramento and several others.

**Volunteers** – We have a new Volunteer Coordinator Dominique Estrada. We are working with the Chapter Chairs to encourage the members to volunteer. Also email blasts and face book posts.

**Horse & Country TV** - Laurel from Smith Videography and I have been speaking with representees from Horse & Country TV trying to work out the details for filming the main arena during the USDF Region 7/CDS Championships show. To this point we have not been able to get any firm answers from the TV people and no arrangements have been finalized an arrangement with Smith Video. H&C was going to schedule a walk through at the Equestrian Center to test to Wi-Fi and internet strength. This has not been done. While I like the idea, I think time is running out to make filming a success. I suggest waiting until next year in order to work out the details. Perhaps we can make a better arrangement all around.

**RAAC COMMITTEE:** Both of the RAAC for 2022 were successful. Regina will start promoting 2023. The board discussed having minimum score for the RAAC winners to automatically qualify for championship. It was decided to review the numbers for future consideration.

**AMATEUR CLINIC:** The AA Clinic with Hilda Gurney is on track with the new dates and facilities. A fun addition is a \$15 gift certificate from Mary's Tack and Feed for each rider.

**June 24-26 @ Global Sport Horse Stables – Complete!**

Number of Riders: 9 chapter representatives, 3 waitlist riders

Chapters sending riders: Inland Community, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Pomona, Palos Verdes, San Diego, San Juan Capistrano, Temecula Valley

Highlights: Hilda-she was an amazing clinician. Tough yet encouraging and a wealth of knowledge

Global Sport Horse Stables-beautiful facility with excellent footing, comfortable stabling and a cool covered arena.

Excellent group of riders. Everyone was receptive to instruction and encouraging to the other riders

Lodging on premises (limited)

Challenges:

Location was remote

Hotels were expensive and difficult to book due to wedding season

Food choices were minimal (Cougar Winery was very accommodating for lunch)

Recommendations for next year:

Use Global Sport Horse Stables as the facility

Offer to hire a videographer if riders are willing to pay for one

Hold clinic earlier in the year to beat the heat and wedding season (Feb/March)

Organizer: Lynda Palmer, Southern California Regional Director

**October 7-9 @ Starr Vaughn Equestrian**

This is a new date. Thank you Michele Vaughn for supporting the AA Clinic. Karen is the organizer.

**October 14-16 @ Mountain View Sport Horse**

This is the new date and a new facility for the clinic. Thank you Jackie Ahl Eckhaus for supporting the AA Clinic. Karen is the organizer with the help of John and Katey from the SLO Chapter.

**JUNIOR / YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Beth Coffey Curle reported on the Northern JRYR championship. Thank you Connie Davenport, Jan Oakes, and the entire Golden State Dressage team for their continued support of the CDS Jr/Yr North Championship show. Our show TD Rebecca Lewis and in-training "R" TD Mike Taylor were always willing to pitch in. Thank you to Patti Schofler for coordinating all of the sponsors that contributed to a true championship experience for the Jr competitors, and Tamara Torti, Tamara with the Camera who was always where we needed her to be for every photo, every time!

At the northern championship, we saw assistance from CDS Board members Michele Vaughn, Melissa Creswick, Joan Williams, Jaclyn Pepper, and Maya Della Valle.

There is a box of CDS Jr awards stored with Paula in central CA with the majority of the 2022 leftover ribbons and awards split between MEC and another site. Maya has those details.

Ribbons: Championship and Reserve Champ ribbons neck rope ribbons will need to be ordered for both the northern and southern shows. There are a few Championship and Reserve left over from 2022 and a full ribbon audit would determine the exact number in storage. Or simply purchase 24 championship and 24 reserve championship north for 2023. Janda Ribbons located in Pahrump, NV has been making the Jr Champ ribbons for 8 years at a cost below Hodges.

Ginny Faulkner <[jandaginny@gmail.com](mailto:jandaginny@gmail.com)>

There is the potential for 44 classes needing to be pinned in addition to the Championship classes. I believe we pinned 25 regular ribboned classes including the test A class in the Champ series in the north this year. 25 is fairly average for the



north bearing flood, change of date, fathom, fire, or infectious disease. Order 50 regular first place ribbons and it should be enough for both the show in the north and south.

There should be sufficient 3rd - 10th plus participant championship ribbons in inventory for 2023 to cover both shows.

There should be sufficient regular ribbons 2nd - 10th in inventory for 2023 to cover both shows.

The nice thing about using Janda is if there were to be a shortage of ribbons between the 2 shows, there's enough time to get a rush order made.

There is a complete set of Dover donated backpacks enough for one championship show in storage that need embroidery and then they will be ready for 2023. We used left overs from 2021 and 2022 this year in the north. All of the leftover halters were shipped to the south.

There are leftover team awards - sets of white polos, HKM grooming bags, and blanket bags in storage that are a good start for the 2023 team, equitation, and extend the championship awards.

This year, the highlight for me was the team scavenger hunt that replaced the team quiz event. The kids were given a list of photos they had to take and return back to the awards table. Photos included team selfies in front of a sponsor banner, with a paddock steward, the view from C, etc. Their enthusiasm for the scavenger hunt was contagious. I suggest continuing and expanding on its popularity.

Due to the USEF continued concerns for the EHV-1 virus and exposure, we did not host a educational clinic this year. That said, Canadian judge Cara Whitman "S" hosted a "How to jog for an FEI panel" during the "Expand the Championship" jog portion and according to everyone in attendance, it was fantastic. Definitely something I would suggest as something to schedule for everyone to try to attend next year.

I forget how many ice cream servings MEC said they distributed during the ice cream social but it was a lot!

The south show was small but good. Sara will come to northern 2023 show to help if needed. Ask Beth for a timeline for Maya and Jaclyn to organize.

For 2023 the format for hosting the JR YR championship will be revised to mirror the RAAC host protocol. The show will no longer need to pay for each JRYR championship ride. The north and south JRYR championship host will now receive \$250 to host the show and the photographer will received \$250 for submitting the photos.

**MOTION #1:** Drop the required \$25 per ride fee for JRYR championship hosts. Maya / Jaclyn All in favor.

**MOTION #2:** Pay \$250 to the JRYR championship show host, pay \$250 to JRYR Championship photographer. Melissa/Lynda All in favor..

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Two applications have been submitted and approved by the Committee.

1) Club 100 - Rachel Westover \$200

2) Shasta Chapter Educational Event with Erika Jansson. \$900 requested of which 75% will be sent prior to the event and the remainder after completion.

## **ANNUAL MEETING: Symposium Summary of Ideas**

**Master of Ceremonies – Mike Osinski**

### **2023 Test Changes:**

- Test change overview with Mike – a 30-minute overview with handout (Karen to help create) to start day
- Describe why are the tests changing and linking the change with the purpose
- Professional riders executing the test changes at each level with Mike's facilitation
- Ensure each test change is ridden correctly (with an excellent rider position and preparation) as well as what does it look like done incorrectly (common mistakes)
- Use the Training thru Fourth level tests to show a buildup of skills to showcase the FEI PSG demo ride
- Focus on the Amateurs as they will be > + 90% of the audience
- Ensure there is also focus on the riders who do not show but want to improve their training/riding

### **From the Judge's Point of View – Panel:**

- Mike facilitates the Judge's Panel during the test riding with preparation done beforehand via Zoom
- Discuss how to be successful with the new tests with key insider knowledge from Mike & the Judges
- Judges Panel prepares 3 key points (spread across the judges) for each level – preparation is important, it will not be an ad hoc panel, it will focus on helping the riders do a better test
- Judges Panel discusses what they are looking for and positive improvements the riders can do to make it even better and more accurate, help the riders to be more successful
- Judges say they are seeing scores trending lower due to poor riding quality – lets keep that is the back of our mind to ensure comments/feedback is focused on improving

### **From the Professional Rider Point of View – Panel:**

- After the riding, Mike facilitates the Rider's Panel starting with giving a little background of each rider
- The Riders discuss their preparations for the tests including how they ensure their riding position is proper and effective as well as how they help their horse be relaxed, confident and supple

- The Riders/Trainers describe their role in preparing their students to ride the tests
- The Riders/Trainers describe the goals of training students up the levels – example: preparing to move from 1st to 2nd to 3rd level overviews common areas of difficulty and mastering the next level
- Five (5) audience questions are selected to ask the Riders/Trainers (1 question to each rider)

**Saddles Technologies (4 vendors):**

- Talk about what affects the rider's position and horse's comfort from the saddle POV – no sales pitch
- Show new technologies that help the horse and rider, and the importance of properly fitting both

**Fashion Show (Gee Gee Equine):**

- New Colors and Trends for all shapes and sizes and budgets with a TD on hand to answer any questions
- Show clothes, daily riding clothes, and after ride casual wear – looking snazzy!

**Additional Ideas to Consider:**

- Add an audience participation activity (or activities) to generate a little fun and connection with MO/Judges
- Add a raffle item after each rider is completed or at two or three times during the day
- Add time for a Sales Horse section for the Professionals (maybe even at lunch time)
- Add for purchase – CDS seat cushion and "Let's Ride Dressage" t shirt with Olympic signatures

**TRAVEL GRANT:** There was a full NAYC Junior Team, a full NAYC Young Rider Team, and 5 other applicants including Developing Gran Prix, Intermediaire 1, Young Horse, Para, and Children for travel grants. The board decided to increase the budget amount to be able to award \$1,000 to each applicant for a total of \$13,000.

**STANDING RULES / BYLAWS:** The Standing Rules will be updated to reflect the new JRYR championship host policy.

**SPONSORSHIP:** Patti reported we're reaching the end of the sponsorship season with good news. We have raised nearly \$65,000 this year. For the Championship Show, we've brought in some new companies including FEI World Cup Omaha (providing cash and tickets), Equine Discounts and DaMoor's who has for the first time dipped their toe into the dressage pond. And we've seen the return of others, some with new twists. Custom Saddlery has chosen to promote its new saddle named Aviar. Sponsor STC Dressage will set up valet stations at the warm-ups that they playfully call "Oh Shoot Stations", providing the items people may have forgotten when they reached the warmup, like sugar and boot rags. PR: Regina gave an update on the social media. The members really liked the national news and like the people recognition. All the national postings keep members coming back to the page. The overall demographics is older people. We need to attract younger people.

**QUADRILLE:** No report.

**EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE:** Pat will look into an educational event with Blue Hors.

**MERCHANDISE:** No report

**USDF:** GMO Delegates from the CDS Board are Joan, Pat, Nancy, Sara and Paula. The Convention is in Kentucky.

**USEF:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No report

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 pm Karen / Melissa. All in favor.

**Meeting of the CDS Board of Directors  
Tuesday, November 1, 2022  
Zoom Meeting**

**ATTENDANCE:** Directors: Pat Hart, Nancy Szakacs, Michele Vaughn, Joan Williams, Melissa Creswick, Ruth Shirkey, Maya Dalla Valle, Jaclyn Pepper, Lynda Palmer, Sara Mosqueda, Karen Nocket.

Others: Diana Muravez (Treas), Glenda McElroy, Carol Tice (USDF Director), Paula Langan (Central Office) Patti Schofler (Dark Horse Media), Regina Antonioli (PR), John Rees (incoming director) Gary Getz (incoming director)

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm

**MINUTES:** August 30, 2022 minutes approved.

**AGENDA:** Approved

**PRESIDENT:** Joan will send out a committee chart so board members can let her know which committee each board member wants to serve on. Joan asked that the committees meet more often. Each active committee should meet at least once before the Annual Meeting and again a couple of times during the year. Committee chairs must be board members but they can have non board members on the committees. Zoom Committee meetings: Annual Meeting Nov 7 - 6pm; Honors Club Nov 8 - 6pm; Championship Show Nov 15 - 6pm;

**BUDGET & REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Diana sent out the financial report up to September 30. There was a request to go over the profit margins on the pylon account to see if there is a need for a price increase.

**INVESTMENTS:** The investments are down a little. There is still some discussion about access to accounts.

**CENTRAL OFFICE:** Some of the 2023 show recognitions are coming into the office. Still waiting for the RAAC show prize lists for 2023. 2023 Omnibus is being prepared. Paula to send disciplinary letter to all show managers.

**CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE:** For 2023 the focus is on better attendance. CDS needs to encourage the trainers to bring students. Perhaps create a trainer award. Introduce more fun, more food options. Add Pat and John to the Show committee. Have some merchandise to sell at the show.  
2023 Championship will be September 21-24 at Murieta. Judges are Sarah Geikie, Sandra Hotz, Mike Osinski, Agnes Billington, Brenda Minor (Canada), Teresa Steward and Kathy Pavlich.

**RAAC COMMITTEE:** RAAC dates for 2023: North: Starr Vaughn Equestrian August 25-27; Central: Santa Barbara August 19-20; South: TEV July Jubilee July 15-16,

**AMATEUR CLINIC:** All clinics were a great success. Karen is finalizing the report for Dressage Letters, USDF Educational Initiative and the write up for a USDF article in MyDressage. Clinician for 2023 is Ameila Newcomb.

**JUNIOR / YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Dates for 2023. North June 16-18, 2023 Golden State Dressage – Murieta; South July 15-16, 2023 July Jubilee in Temecula – Galway Downs. No clinic information yet

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Several Club 100 applications granted. Discussion on the in person meeting in January and new committee people.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** Karen gave additional reports on the agenda for the symposium. There was discussion about raffles, decorations, merchandise. A zoom meeting was set up to further outline the weekend.

**TRAVEL GRANT:** No report

**STANDING RULES / BYLAWS:** No report.

**SPONSORSHIP:** Patti gave her report on the year end totals of sponsorship gained. The board indicated they would like Patti to find some more substance for the riders' gift bags for championships.  
Regina gave her report on PR for the year. She reported it was a great year for coverage. Emails were at 70% open rates and social media was up 10%. She wants to keep the focus on the up coming and elite celebrities.

**QUADRILLE:** No report.

**EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE:** No report

**MERCHANDISE:** No report

**USDF:** GMO Delegates are Joan and Paula. The PM Delegates attending are Rebecca Harris and Annette Pressas. The Convention is in Kentucky.

Next year the convention is in Austin TX.

CDS has eight riders competing at the US Dressage Finals.

**USEF:** New Show Pass Rule was explained.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Honors Club. Two will be honored at the Saturday Symposium January 14, Hilda Gurney and Kyr Downton. For future there will be more included. There will be a tab on the website for Patrons and Honor Club.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Contract discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm Joan/ Pat. All in favor.