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THE WHEELBARROW LOAD

There is only one thing I have loved for longer than I have loved horses, and that is water.....

I have memories of being at Jones Beach in New York as a tiny tot (I would have maybe been four or five, so perhaps these are memories instilled by my parents) and being mesmerized by the waves, to the point of managing to wade out into them much further than my mom thought was prudent. Not too unusual, maybe-except that this was December, and no one was in the water except stuff that lived in the water. Cold water doesn't faze me.

As soon as I had the concept of making a living in order to have somewhere to live, I decided that I would have my own body of water. Lake, pool, pond, my own inland sea or ocean...I didn't much care but I vowed that I would someday have a swimming spot. I would choose it over a fancy house, or cars, or anything else. Until that far-off day arrived, I spent a lot of my time finagling my way into anything even vaguely swimmable. Fountains, kiddie pools, stock tanks, you name it. I'm not proud of this but my friend Bonnie Thrasher and I went swimming in the hog pond at her family's farm when we were in fifth grade. I don't remember being particularly grossed out by it but I never forgot the look on her mom's face when we straggled up the hill to the house afterwards.

After I started riding I wanted to swim with my mounts. My pony PeeWee was not a fan of the water and could not be coerced into it, but my first horse Choco and I loved to canter through the pond in the pasture, splashing up water and leaping up the bank on the exit side. He would go into the pond voluntarily as well, where he would nicker and call to PeeWee from the middle, clearly saying, "Come on in, the water's fine!" and then splashing the poor pony mercilessly when he tentatively approached the edge.

After my horses and I left the farm there were no options for swimming other than the occasional trail ride creek crossing and water jumps at events, and no way to tell if they enjoyed it much or not. But Billy, my New Zealand import, always seemed to revel in his baths and liked playing with the hose. After his bout with EPM I sent him to Crystal Kendrick (she was Woodard then) for some rehab and refresher jump training. He had been there a for a few days, turned out with her other horses in a pasture with a large pond, when I got a shaky call from Crystal telling me not to worry, all was well but that Billy had gotten into the pond and had to be retrieved.

Then she called the next day, and this time the shakiness was more a giggling as she told me that apparently Billy was greatly enjoying his giant pool and had ventured out into the middle of the pond a second day, but when she raced down to the pond again with halter in hand preparing for another rescue, he made his way to the bank nonchalantly to accept the grain she offered and then moseyed back into the pond. Apparently here was a horse after my own water-soaked heart.

He only stayed there a few weeks, and my current place does not offer any pond or pool options. I wonder sometimes if he thinks about it the way I did as a kid, wishing he had a watery place where he could become lighter in body and spirit. Horses accept their lot in life with more equanimity than humans do and maybe he doesn't miss it the way I would. I hope that's true.

Billy will turn 31 years of age on October 25 this year. He's old enough now that any routine event can be the last one...the last hoof trim, the last vet appointment, the last walk to the back pasture. On the last really hot day of the season I gave him a long, lingering hose bath, scrubbing all the itches and misting his ears and head. I try not to anthropomorphize the animals in my life, but he really did seem to be enjoying the cool water as much as I always have. He has had a good long life and what I hope has been a happy one, but I wish I could have given him a place to swim.

The next day I closed down my pool for the season.

Fall is a melancholy time and speaks to the end of things, but it is also beautiful in a way that can make your heart swell and hurt at the same time.

I hope you enjoy it as much as Billy and I enjoy our swimming.

Until next time-

Beth Hussey

MEETING MINUTES
8/16/23, TERI'S HOUSE-7:31-8:30

In Attendance

Audrey P, Sonya M, Lora B, Teri B, Kim K. Minutes approved without opposition.

Committee Reports

Treasurer: 6840.00 in checking and Paypal, 1088.00 in Liz fund.

Membership: 38 members per Kim.

Talked about calendar, need sponsors. Had Stony Hill and Shangri-La, Little Tree. Ann will track down shirt info and ask Stacey about basket, dinner. Lora will work on the calendar information, clinic registration. Teri, Ann, Beth, have committed to the Gwyneth clinic. Reminder: You must be a member and you must have volunteer hours to qualify for Year End Awards! Asking Beth to republish the qualification and the new addendum to the bylaws in the newsletter again. Stacy Bates nominated for Volunteer of the Year for all her work with USDF, motion to approve and was approved. Ann nominated for webmaster.

Education: 1. Upcoming Gwyneth McPherson clinic 10/14-15, to be held at Stacey Collier Dressage at Stony Hill Farm. Social media posts to come soon. 175.00 per ride is break even, need 8 riders at least. 195.00 for nonmembers. Auditing members 25/day, 35/2 days, non 30/day, 40/2 days. Lunch will be provided for riders and auditors; seeking donations. Decided not to do dinner Saturday evening. Anne will ask Stacey about a gift basket for Gwyneth, need to ask about transportation to and from airport. Motion to approve, was approved. 2. "Stop the bleed" training by MU Healthcare: think about for Winter, will contact for.

July Schooling Show: Ended 12.00 negative balance, not bad!! The show was a success!! Thank you to all our volunteers.

New business: USDF Convention 11/29-Dec 2nd. Will send Kim Kriekhaus. Will need a basket, allot 200. for basket. 400+100 for the basket. Horse Health theme, will ask Alison and Stacy Bates if they can contribute. Motion approved. There was talk about doing a fix a test. Also talk about trail ride at Lora's November 4th at 10 am, potluck lunch and meeting to follow.

Bylaws committee-Kim, Beth, Tesa- Kim will get with Beth; Liz Hotchkiss fund-Stacey/Allison to help with application? Audrey to send email to Stacey, Alison and Beth to ask about status.

Need to get Rosy's Fall Sunny Oak show date (either October 21 or 22nd).

Fundraising: Anne to check at Impix to see about getting calendar done. Lora will check with Sarah about donations/sponsors and possible template for calendar, donation letter, price point, will start to solicit pictures from members. Allison will anticipate getting dates for next year. Fundraiser idea: polo shirts; Anne will check on this.

If anybody has information or pictures to share, they are encouraged to post on the CDCTA FB page.

Convention: USDF this year in Omaha 11/29-Dec 2, USEA in St Louis-Dec 6-10th. -sending Kim Kriekhaus. Motion was approved, exact dollar amount TBA.

Holiday party at Beth's house, December 9th, motion approved. Awards banquet Judy Owens? Lora will check on D'Rowes? Or Addison's South, Grand Cru.

NEXT MEETING: 9/11/23 at 7:00 at Grand Cru Restaurant

PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND, WE NEED THE SUPPORT TO HAVE A GREAT CLUB!

Submitted 9/7/23 by Teri Bauer, Secretary, CDCTA

This newsletter is published monthly by the Columbia Dressage and Combined Training Association.

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Vice President: Lora Blair
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Submissions may be sent via email or mail to 655 North Route O, Rocheport, MO 65279.

Submissions are due by the last day of the month before publication.

**Our website is www.cdcta.org for late-breaking news.
Photographs should be submitted in JPEG format.**

For membership information, please contact Kim Kriekhaus at (573) 442-3039 or email kriekhausk@gmail.com



CDCTA BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

DATE - SEPT. 11, 2023. LOCATION - GRAND CRU RESTAURANT

Present - Audrey, Lora, Anne, Helen, Karen A., Tesa

1. Call to Order - 7:27 pm

2. Approval of Last Minutes - We amended the August 16th meeting minutes to read - Regarding the Calendar Fundraiser - Audrey agreed to compile dates (not Alison) Motion to approve as amended, seconded, approved.

3. Treasurer's Report - Anne reported that our account is currently at \$5287 plus \$1389.80 in PayPal which she will move over. August 16th minutes were amended to read - Liz Fund is standing at \$1881, not \$1088. Motion to approve, seconded, approved.

4. Membership Report - Kim was absent but reported that we are at 38 members. Yes, Kim will be Clinician Gwyneth's driver to and from airport. And Yes she will be our delegate for the USDF National Convention. Audrey needs to send in our delegate form.

5. Communications - Beth is submitting nominations for the USDF newsletter and photography awards. She is also submitting a nomination for Stacey Bates as Region 4 Volunteer of the Year and Anne B. For Outstanding Webmaster.

6. Education - the October 14-15 Gwyneth Clinic was discussed. Audrey asked Stacey B to make her a little welcome basket, not sure yet. Because we received \$300 from MHSA we will use that for the lunches instead of asking for donations. Anne will take that "lunch donations" option off the entry and re-post to website. Lora will post on FB. It appears we have a few rides committed, but maybe just half.

7. Special Events -

A) Beth has generously agreed to host our Holiday Party on Dec. 9th, with no rain date. More details to come.

B) Regarding the Year End Awards Banquet - Lora is still exploring restaurants with meeting rooms available for Jan. Perhaps D. Rowes, Addisons South or Grand Cru. Yes Judy Owens said she will be awards coordinator again.

8. Liz Hotchkiss Memorial Fund - We discussed the need to get an Application with rules/specs/etc. put together by Jan. as it would be nice to give out applications at the Awards Banquet then hopefully get some interest returned and choose recipient by early Spring. Committee is Beth/Alison/Stacee. Some said Stacee may bow out due to student conflicts of interest. Tesa and Karen A. Volunteered to be on the committee also.

9. Old Business -

A) Calendar Update - Lora will seek sponsors and photos, Audrey will compile dates, all will be sent to Anne who will explore Printing options.

B) Polo Shirt fundraiser - Anne has no new information on this, still a possibility. Some think we could make more money with selling shirts rather than calendar.

10. New Business -

A) MHSA voted to contribute \$300 toward lunches for the upcoming Gwyneth McPherson Clinic. Audrey to send Thank You note.

B) Discussion on sound system for Gwyneth Clinic. Motion to purchase a Bluetooth lapel mic and 1 speaker for club use, at \$200 max. Seconded, approved. Lora forwarded one on Amazon to Anne, she will explore.

Next meeting - Monday, Oct. 23 7:00 at The Park Restaurant on Discovery Parkway

Dates to Remember - Audrey distributed list for Sept./Oct.

Rosy wants to add - Sat. Oct. 28 - Sunny Oak Horse Show

Lora wants to add - Sat. Nov. 4 - casual trail ride/meeting/lunch at Blairs

Adjorn - 8:01 pm

It's that time again!!

DUES ARE DUE

Payment of CDCTA dues for 2024 should be done by October 31 in order to get our membership roster sent to USDF by their deadline.

Remember, no matter when you joined the club the membership year starts in October. So get the most out of your membership by renewing in a timely manner!

You must be a current member at the time any scores are earned in order for them to count towards year-end awards.

Membership forms can be found on our website at www.cdcta.org or always on the back page of the newsletter.

Checks are welcome but dues can also be paid through Paypal (address on the membership form).

It is also time to start gathering your scores and submitting them!!

Scores must be submitted by November 30 to our awards chairperson Judy Owens at rockyandfizz@gmail.com.

Specifics from the most current bylaws regarding our awards criteria will be found reprinted elsewhere in this newsletter; they were also published in the January 2023 version of the Direct Rein.

The USDF Adult Programs Committee is spreading the word about an upcoming

Virtual Education Series Event:

The Purpose of the Movements

Presented by Sarah Geike and Bill McMullin

Tuesday October 24th

8:00 PM EST

These Virtual Education Sessions are a free USDF Member benefit.

Please share with your GMO members and join us October 24 at 8:00 PM ET as Sarah & Bill discuss the “why” of dressage movements, from the perspectives of both judge & trainer.

For more information and to register please visit: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0C-YI2zjRLKRdkjxuiBsZQ#/registration. Your confirmation email will contain your Zoom invitation.

ARTICLE IX:

Sponsored and Sanctioned Competitions Section 1. Sponsored Shows. Sponsored shows are those for which CDCTA is fiscally responsible. A. The Competitions Committee organizes sponsored competitions as per Section IV.E B. Sponsored shows must be judged by a USDF 'L' graduate or a USEF licensed judge. Section 2. Sanctioned Shows. Sanctioned shows are those shows that are not sponsored by CDCTA but from which scores may be used towards year-end awards. A. Any show recognized by USDF or USEA shall be considered sanctioned by CDCTA. B. Any show within a (roughly) 50-mile radius of Columbia, MO is considered sanctioned if it has been advertised on the website or in the newsletter at least 30 days in advance of the closing date of the show. CDCTA reserves the right to refuse sanctioning of any show. C. The show secretary must electronically submit complete results to the CDCTA awards chairperson within 30 days of the end of the competitions or to the national federation for scores to count toward CDCTA year-end awards. Section 3. Scores for year-end awards must be from competitions sponsored or sanctioned by CDCTA.

ARTICLE X: Awards:

ELIGIBILITY for All Year-End Awards A) Awards will be based on Horse/Rider team combinations. The rider must be a member of the CDCTA at the time the scores are earned. There will not be any nomination fee for the horse or rider. B) To be eligible for year-end CDCTA awards a rider must be a CDCTA member, and must have contributed at least six (6) hours of volunteer time to the club. This requirement may be met in the following ways: 1. By holding CDCTA office or chairing a standing or special committee 2. Hosting a monthly meeting 3. Working at a CDCTA sponsored show or clinic 4. Active committee involvement 5. Other volunteer activities as approved by the board

Verification of volunteer hours must be submitted in writing by November 30 of competition year to the awards chairperson.

Volunteer hours must be submitted to the Volunteer Development and Tracking Committee within two weeks of the Volunteer activity and completed by November 30 of the competition year to count towards award eligibility that year. Activity organizers are encouraged to submit completed volunteer schedules for the activity.

DRESSAGE AWARDS:

- A) Scores will be accumulated during the USEF competition year at competitions recognized by USEF or the CDCTA. Information regarding CDCTA sanctioned shows will be made available to the membership through the newsletter and website. To be eligible for year-end awards, at least two tests for National Levels (Training - Fourth) or one test for walk trot, Introductory, or FEI must be from a USEF licensed dressage judge or USDF 'L' graduate. USDF score verification will be used to collect scores earned at licensed competitions.
- B) Championships and reserve championships will be offered for Junior/Young Riders (may be split if membership warrants) and Seniors at the following levels:

Walk/Trot Third Level Introductory Level Fourth Level Training Level FEI Level First Level Freestyle Second Level Quadrille/Pas de Deux

Age categories and requirements will follow USEF dressage rule definitions. The CDCTA newsletter will publish the age categories approved by the membership for the coming competition season prior to the first CDCTA sanctioned show of the year and show secretaries are encouraged to publish awards requirements in their prize lists. C) In order to be eligible for year-end awards at any level, horse/rider combination must compete in at least one CDCTA-sponsored show (e.g. shows in which CDCTA is the licensee or organizer).

D) Dressage Award Levels Defined:

Section 1. Walk-Trot. The walk-trot award is for beginners to dressage who do not yet canter in competition and riders cannot cross enter into cantering divisions. At walk-trot, a horse/rider combination must complete a minimum of four (4) tests with walk and trot only (rider cannot compete that includes canter for that competition year). At least one (1) test must be judged by a USDF 'L' graduate or USEF licensed judge.

Section 2. Introductory Level. Introductory Level horse/rider combinations must complete a minimum of four (4) tests; at least one (1) test must be from the highest test offered at Introductory Level. At least one (1) test must be judged by a USDF 'L' graduate or USEF licensed judge

Section 3. National Levels (Training, First, Second, Third and Fourth Level). At National Levels horse/rider combinations must complete a minimum of six (6) tests; at least one (1) test must be from the highest test offered for each respective level. At least two tests must be judged by a USDF 'L' graduate or USEF licensed judge.

Section 4. FEI. At FEI Level, horse/rider combinations must complete a minimum of four (4) tests but they need not be the highest test offered at FEI Level. At least one (1) test must be judged by a USDF 'L' graduate or USEF licensed judge.

E. Scores from Open, Adult Amateur, Maiden, Junior and Senior classes will count for year-end awards. Scores from freestyle classes will only be counted for freestyle awards.

G. Year-end awards will be determined by taking the average of submitted qualifying scores. The highest resulting average will be awarded championship. Second highest resulting average will be awarded reserve championship. Competition year runs December 1st - November 30th . All scores must be submitted by November 30th) Dressage Competition secretaries will be responsible for submitting scores to the national federations (licensed competitions) or awards chairperson (schooling shows) within 30 days after competition. The rider may verify accuracy of his/her submitted scores by contacting awards chairperson and is encouraged to submit any test sheets for the awards committee.

H) Horse/rider combinations are not eligible to receive year end-awards for Introductory Level consecutively. At National Levels, horse/rider combinations are not eligible to receive year-end awards at the same level more than twice. FEI Championships are not restricted.

COMBINED TEST AWARDS:

A) Only members of the CDCTA are eligible for these awards. At all levels, the lowest average score of those submitted will be used to determine Champion. The second lowest average scores of those submitted will then be awarded Reserve Champion.

B) Championships and reserve championships will be offered for Juniors and Seniors at the following levels:

Green as Grass Introductory Beginner Novice Novice Training Preliminary Intermediate Advanced

C) The following information needs to be submitted to the Awards Committee by the competitor by November 30 of the competition year.

1. Horse name
2. Owner/rider name
3. Event name
4. Date and location of event
5. Division entered
6. USEA Area
7. Final score

Reminders for submittals will be placed in the October and November Newsletters of each year.

D) The Combined Test Awards Program will follow the calendar year December 1-November 30.

E) Packets that include the information in Section C, qualifying scores and volunteer verification must be submitted to the Awards Committee by November 30th .

F) To be eligible for year-end CDCTA Awards the horse/rider must volunteer a minimum of 6 hours for CDCTA and complete a minimum of three (3) combined tests at the level of competition during the award year.

HORSE TRIALS AWARDS:

A) Only members of CDCTA are eligible for these awards. At all levels, the lowest average score of those submitted will be used to determine Champion. The second lowest average scores of those submitted will then be awarded Reserve Champion.

B) Championships and reserve championships will be offered for Juniors and Seniors at the following levels:

Starter Preliminary Beginner Novice Intermediate Novice Advanced Training

C) The following information needs to be submitted to the Awards Committee by the competitor by November 30 of the competition year.

1.Horse name 2.Owner/rider name 3.Event name 4.Date and location of event 5.Division 6. USEA Area 7.Score

Reminders for submittals will be placed in the October and November Newsletters of each year.

D) The Trials Awards Program will follow the calendar year December 1-November 30.

E) Packets that include the information in Section C, qualifying scores and volunteer verification must be submitted to the Awards Committee by November 30th .

F) To be eligible for year-end CDCTA Awards the horse/rider must volunteer a minimum of 6 hours for CDCTA and complete a minimum of two (2) trials at the level of competition during the award year.

Let's take advantage of the beautiful weather and go ride at Lora Blair's house!!

The occasional/but hopefully becoming yearly event (last year's inaugural ride was beautiful!) will be held on Saturday, November 4th at eleven a.m. at her lovely farm located at the end of Vemer's Ford Road. Ride will be through the woods and countryside with a creek crossing for good measure! If you are planning to ride, please get there by eleven a.m. so we can ride and be ready to lunch and do the meeting by one p.m.

After the ride, horses can chill at their various trailers with hay bags while their riders, and all other non-trail-riding members that want to attend can join us for the November CDCTA Business Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch at 1 p.m. Bring something to share!

If you need directions or more information, contact Lora at 573-355-0678 or email her at lorablair@gmail.com. Photo at right is from last year's ride!!



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE FOLLOWING CDCTA MEMBERS ON
THEIR RECENTLY ANNOUNCED
USDF GMO AWARDS!!**

**Stacy Bates, 2023 Region Four
Volunteer of the Year**

**Maggie Maginnis, First Place Newsletter Award
General Interest Article for
“The Hidden Legacy of Black Equestrians:
Let’s Make it Unhidden”
Direct Rein, June 2023**

**Sonja McDanel, Honorable Mention Newsletter Award,
First Person Experience Article for
“Old Horse Story”
Direct Rein, March 2023**

**Anne Borgmeyer, Honorable Mention
Photography Award for
“Lovely Working Trot”
Direct Rein, September 2022**

**Awards will be given out at the
Annual USDF Convention, to be held in
Omaha, Nebraska**

What a great haul for our little club!!

Upcoming Area Events:

Oct. 28-29 - WWU Completely Relaxed Fall Schooling Dressage Show

November 4-CDCTA Trail Ride and CDCTA Monthly Meeting at Lora Blair's farm (see information elsewhere in this newsletter)

Nov. 4 - Thistledown Mini Event, CT, & Dressage in Eolia, MO

Nov. 9-12 - US Dressage Finals @ Kentucky Horse Park

Nov. 11 - MU Equine Teaching Hospital Horse Owner Seminar

Nov. 11 - Maplewood Farm Tack Sale in Kingdom City, MO

November 29-December 2, 2023-USDF Annual Convention in Omaha, NE

Dec. 6-10 - USEA Annual Meeting & Convention in St. Louis, MO

December 9-CDCTA Annual Holiday Party hosted by Beth Hussey at Cosmic Oaks Farm. More info in this newsletter!!

A BIG THANK YOU....For everyone involved in bringing the Gwyneth McPherson clinic to life October 14-15! Hopefully we will have some photos and more information for the November newsletter.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Missouri Horse Shows Association for their generous offer of support for dressage clinics in general and our clinic in particular; their donation of \$300 will go a long way to making this clinic pay for itself and allow us to potentially have others more often!!



CDCTA ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!!

**It's been a long few years, but Cosmic Oaks Farm is
rockin' and rollin' and ready to party!!**

**Bring your spouse, or a friend (kids are welcome but there
will be alcohol served and the outdoors is smoker-
friendly) and your favorite Christmas treat....we will
provide chili and hearty appetizers,
with vegetarian options.**

**Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available, as well as
whatever we have on hand as far as stronger alcoholic
beverages but if you have a favorite you should bring it.**

**DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
6:30 P.M.**

655 North Route O Rocheport, MO

**Wear some Christmas finery, and if you feel like partici-
pating in our Muck Bucket gift exchange, then bring a
wrapped gift to throw in the bucket. If you bring one, you
can take one...bring two, pick two!! Horse themed
presents are always encouraged, but not required.**

**Call or email if you need directions or more information!
(573)808-6897 or eshussey@gmail.com**

**Hot tub will be open and you are welcome to bring a suit
and jump in.**



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NEXT MEETING: No October meeting but then TRAIL RIDE!! 11 am on Saturday November 4, followed by pot luck lunch and CDCTA business. More information inside....



Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association 2024 Membership Form

CDCTA is a United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Group Member Organization (GMO). By joining CDCTA you are becoming a Group member of the USDF. \$20 of your CDCTA dues are forwarded to the USDF as GMO membership dues. (\$11 for additional members in family)

Membership year runs December 1-November 30. Dues are payable in October. You may pay by check made out to CDCTA or through Paypal at ColumbiaDCTA@gmail.com.

Individual Membership: \$45/year

Family Membership: \$45/year plus \$30.00 for additional member residing at same address. Please list all members included (use additional sheets if needed).

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (s) _____

E-mail _____

NOTE: We send our monthly newsletters out by email. Please check here if you would prefer to receive a mailed copy. _____ Did someone refer you for membership? _____

I am/ We are occasionally asked to share our membership list with persons or corporations with items of possible interest to our members.

Please circle one: DO DO NOT include my name on this list.

Make check payable to CDCTA and mail to:

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