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CDCTA Newsletter

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THE WHEELBARROW LOAD

The New Year is in full swing with CDCTA!!

Much has happened since our last Direct Rein issue. The most important news for me personally is that Rusty has recovered completely from his choke ordeal, and is back to making my life miserable when I try to ride Lola. So I'm happy, I guess? At any rate despite his various quirks I do love the dude and I would have been devastated to lose him. Thanks to all who sent get-well wishes, and even offered to take a solo horse if needed, should the worst have happened and I lost two of them in close succession. It's why I love this club so much—the people in it, and how much they care about horses, and the other people in the organization.

A new team is in place now to guide CDCTA through the year, and three of the five board members are first time officers!! I think this is great, and bodes well for our club in terms of the future. With new officers come new ideas, and new ways of doing things; those of us who have been in the club for 20 years or more (and there are a lot of us!!) may experience some disconnect as we change up some things that have been in place for awhile, but although growing pains are inevitable in the end they do lead to...well, growth. So for you oldsters, myself included, let's keep an open mind and see what can happen when we think outside of the box (stall)!!

Two immediate priorities, as set forth at the February 13 meeting, are getting the Liz Hotchkiss Scholarship Fund up and running, and revamping the woefully out of date CDCTA bylaws. We have committees of excited and committed individuals for both things; look for the scholarship application (slightly different from last issue—we moved the application date forward a little to allow more time) in this newsletter and send it in!

The bylaws revamp is less fun maybe, but vitally important. It is the guidebook for how we do everything in the club, and if you have ever wondered why we do something, or why we can't do something else, the answer is likely in the bylaws. Which means if you want something changed, you should let the bylaws committee know so that we can take it under consideration during the review. The members of that committee and their emails can be found in the minutes from both meetings included in this newsletter. The first bylaws meeting will be February 23 so get us any suggestions prior to that date.

Members also decided at the last meeting that additional information is needed regarding clinics: we would really love to do one jumping and one dressage clinic still this year, as well as a fall schooling show and combined test. The problem is narrowing down who people will actually want to ride with, how much they will pay to do so, and whether or not the clinician is available. Often they are booked up a year or more in advance, so when responding to the survey included in this issue (and we really hope all of you will!!) give us a couple of choices so that we can find one that we can actually book.

Whew! Lots of news for you to use.

Until next time-Beth Hussey

Minutes of February 13, 2024 meeting held at Angelo's

Meeting came to order at 07:22pm

Participants: Anne Borgmeyer, Lauren Fritz, Leah Strid, Beth Hussey, Lora Blair, Stacey Bates, Deb Carter, Josette Clark, Kim Kriekhaus, Stacey Collier, Sonja McDanel

The minutes were read and name errors corrected, then motion to approve made by Kim Kriekhaus, and seconded by Stacey Bates.

Anne read the treasurer's report. \$7308.87 in main fund, \$1881.14 in the Liz Hotchkiss fund. An expenditure of \$450 is being made from main fund for 2023 USDF delegate. Next year the convention will be held in Houston TX.

Committees:

Liz Hotchkiss: Karen Atwell, Beth H, Tesa Sterchi, Alison LaCurraba, and Rosy Erganian Communications methods for sharing the scholarship were discussed. An advertising blitz will occur on Facebook, Website, and in the Newsletter to promote applications to the sponsorship. Application deadline is being extended to March 15th for this year, then will return to March 1st in the future. The scholarship will be for \$250 for an educational event all entries encouraged.

By-Law Committee: Beth H, Lauren Fritz, Kim K. The first meeting of the committee is scheduled for Friday the 23rd. When the By-Law changes are completed, they will be published in the Newsletter for approval by the membership.

Show Committee: Shelley and Lauren F. are Show Secretary and Audrey Plummer and Lauren F. are the Show Manager. Stacey got confirmation from Teri that we can use Ammulette for the schooling show but the facility is not available between June 15-July 15. Past prices and financial outcome were discussed and new ideas or options to increase revenue were mentioned. It was suggested that September might be a good time to have the horse show, and next year the club will try to do 2 competitions. There was some discussion of the assistance requirements from club members when we rent an arena, such as setting up the court, the jumps, need a jump coordinator.

Education Committee: Ali Aitken, Lauren Fritz, Karen Atwell, Alison LaCarrubba, Anne Borgmeyer
The desire is to have 2 clinics this year, 1 jumping and 1 dressage. Some arena options mentioned are Main Event at Russellville which has stalls and RV hook-ups, William Woods U, Ammulett. Last year's education survey had a strong preference for Julie Wolford to instruct the Jumping clinic. A new survey will be sent out to determine other preferences.

A Wick Hotchkiss clinic was again mentioned as a possibility. Unmounted educational options are being discussed.

It was stressed that to be an officer or committee member the person needs to be a member of the club.

Old business of Polo shirts is still being researched to find the very best options.

Next meeting is March 12th at 7pm at Angelo's.

Meeting was adjourned at 0823. Motioned by Beth H and seconded by Lora Blair.

It's that time again!!

2024 DUES ARE PAST DUE!!

Payment of CDCTA dues for 2024 should be done AS SOON AS POSSIBLE 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.

PLEASE NOTE: JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE A CURRENT MEMBER!! THE BOARD VOTED AWHILE AGO TO CONTINUE TO SEND NEWSLETTERS TO FORMER MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES FOR OUTREACH PURPOSES.....BUT IF YOU WILL BE GOING FOR YEAR-END AWARDS, OR IF YOU ARE COUNTING ON YOUR GMO MEMBERSHIP TO ALLOW YOU TO SHOW IN USDF RECOGNIZED SHOWS, YOU MUST BE SURE YOU HAVE PAID YOUR DUES FOR THE YEAR IN QUESTION!!

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).

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

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

Our website is www.cdcta.org for late-breaking news, or check our Facebook page. Photographs should be submitted in JPEG format.

Have you ever wanted to watch an international level dressage competition? Have you ever wanted to get education from international level dressage judges/trainers/instructors in an intimate group? Have you wanted to have education that is focused on the spectator?

If you answered yes, Equiventure is the solution you have been looking for. We offer educational dressage vacations to the top-rated competitions here in the U.S. and abroad. Here you can watch future and past-Olympians compete while asking our expert about the details that interest you, customizing the experience according to your interests. Our expert line-up includes the greats; instructors to Olympic riders, USDF L Program Committee members, and medal winners at the PanAm Games are just a few of their accomplishments. They have been chosen for their well-rounded backgrounds as well as the level that they and their students have reached and for their ability to communicate to a wide range of participants of all levels. There is no need to be an FEI rider to benefit from their knowledge and they have great knowledge to offer to even the highest level of rider.

Your vacation experience will include quality accommodation either at top-rated hotels or AirBNB type lodging. If staying at an AirBNB a private chef will prepare most meals that are not being served at the competition. Customarily while at the competition, meals will be catered, and all prepared meals will take into consideration the feedback provided during registration by our participants. Rooms will be single occupant unless otherwise requested by the participants. Transportation from the lodging to the show grounds will be taken care of, making for a stress-free travel experience.

On days when the competition is completed by the late afternoon, we will travel to a local stable to enjoy their beautiful facilities. We will also be able to meet their up-and-coming young horses and those who have already established their careers. This will be a wonderful opportunity to have a personal connection to those who you may have only met through magazine articles or beautiful YouTube videos.

Be watching for announcements of competitions where we will be hosting travel. We are working with several show committees to provide the best experience possible for your enjoyment, relaxation, and education. We will be announcing our inaugural event soon!! Please follow us at Equiventure Dressage on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/equiventure.dressage/> and we will provide more details as they become available. Please reach out to me at equiventuredressage@gmail.com or 316 304-1155 if you have any questions or if your competition is interested to be a host location.



Please complete the 2024 CDCTA Education Survey!

> <https://forms.gle/jfL5G2WnfY5QubN7A>

Or use the QR code to the left!

Please submit all surveys by March 8, 2024

We need to know what YOU want in order to figure out what clinicians and programs to offer this year!!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Dressage Foundation Marks 35 Years with an Invitation for Dressage Enthusiasts to Share Their Stories

February 19, 2024 – The Dressage Foundation (TDF) is proud to celebrate its 35th anniversary in 2024 and its impact on dressage in the U.S. Since TDF was established in 1989 by Nebraskan Lowell Boomer, it has consistently worked toward its mission of providing support for dressage education at all levels. In the past 35 years, countless dressage enthusiasts from every corner of the country have been positively affected by grants that helped fund their dressage education.

Since its beginning, TDF has awarded over \$4 million through its many grants and programs. TDF is home to three FEI-level Grant Funds that have impacted the sport at the highest levels, including supporting the training of Olympians and other Team USA members. Notable recipients of these \$25,000 grants include Adrienne Lyle, Laura Graves, Olivia LaGoy-Weltz, and Jennifer Williams amongst others.

In addition to these FEI-level grants, TDF is proud to offer grants for nearly every aspect of our sport, including for instructors, trainers, judges, adult amateurs, youth, breeders, and more. Each year TDF awards over \$50,000 to dressage professionals and over \$25,000 to adult amateurs to receive dressage training. TDF also annually awards over \$100,000 to support educational programs such as clinics and camps. Past grants have been awarded to events organized by the United States Dressage Federation and its Group Member Organizations, US Equestrian, and the United States Pony Club. With grants from TDF's group education Funds, thousands of riders and dressage enthusiasts can participate in clinics across the country, at reduced costs.

This support of the U.S. dressage community—from youth riders to adult amateurs to professionals and more—has only been possible because of the generosity of thousands of donors through the years.

“As we commemorate our 35th anniversary, we reflect on the remarkable journey of TDF, the countless people who have been touched by our grants and programs, and all the donors who make it possible year in and year out. We are immensely proud of the impact TDF has made over the years and remain committed to our mission of advancing the sport of dressage for generations to come,” said Jenny Johnson, TDF's Executive Director.

TDF invites members of the dressage community to be part of the 35th anniversary celebration by sharing their stories of how TDF has impacted their dressage journeys.

Visit <https://www.dressagefoundation.org/celebrating-35-years/> to learn more about TDF's 35-year history and share stories to inspire others to become part of the TDF community. Other events, fundraising initiatives, and special recognitions will be shared throughout the year.

For more information about TDF and its grants and programs, please visit www.dressagefoundation.org.

The meeting was held at D. Rowe's Restaurant called to order at 1235.

Approval of Last Minutes. A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 4th was made by Kim Kriekhaus and seconded by Rosy Erganien

Treasurer's Report was given stating club balance is \$7203.52 and Liz Hotchkiss fund has \$1881.14
Motion to approve was made by Kim Kriekhaus and seconded by Rosy Erganien

Membership Report- There were 22 paid memberships at the beginning of the day. A few more memberships were paid for during the meeting. 22 is a standard number for the club most years but in 2023 there were an exceptional number at 38 memberships.

USDF Awards 2024 Stacey Bates, Volunteer of the Year. Maggie Maginness, Photo award, Sonja McDanel and Anne Borgmeyer-Honorable Mention.

Competitions-Will CDCTA have 1 or 2 shows this year. It was shared that it might already be too late to have a spring competition. Arena ideas are needed, Terry Wright of Amulette Equestrian Center was suggested. Stacey Collier will speak with her about the possibility.

Education Committee-Ali, Lauren and Carrie Atwell are on the committee.

Mounted-The idea of bringing Gwyneth was not supported by feedback but perhaps Wick Hotchkiss could be an option. June was suggested as the likely month to hold the mounted education.

Unmounted: Stop the Bleed training suggested by Maggie Maginness the past summer received support. Would focus primarily on human on human intervention but the idea was shared of having a tandem training of interceding with horse injuries at the same time.

Another Ideas was shared about Cally Kuelher (SIC?) having a Rehabilitation Clinic along with her Open House for Education.

Also the idea of Em Pogh (SIC?) Do saddle fitting of the Devoucoux saddle which is foam flocked and hopefully get another person to do the same for wool flocked saddles.

Special Events-

Thanks to Lora Blair for organizing the award's banquet and thanks to Beth for hosting he holiday party.

A request was shared for a party planner for this year's events.

Liz Hotchkiss Memorial Fund

We need to update the committee so people know where to send their applications (provided at the club meeting). Money will be awarded for clinics, additional rules for monetary dispersal will be determined during the bylaws meeting.

Don't forget, anyone can contribute to the Memorial Fund.

(minutes of annual meeting/banquet continued from previous page)

Officer Nominations/Awarded.

President-Stacee Collier, Vice President-Ali Aitken, Secretary-Sonja McDanel, Treasurer-Anne Borgmeyer, Member-at-Large-Teri Bauer

Old Business-

Polo Shirt fundraiser-prices so far show a minimum price of \$45 for the shirts and then the embroidery is extra. New suggestions is Modern Thread? Lauren is following up on finding shirts and having them embroidered after the shirts have been purchased elsewhere.

New Business-

Sign up for Committees

By laws review- Beth recommended keeping committee to 3 people. Beth, Kim, and Lauren have volunteered to be on the committee. It is anticipated that the project can be completed with (2)-1 ½ hour meetings with Awards being the piece of the by-laws that will require the most work. They will publish proposed changes so that all members will have a comment period.

Annual Award-the \$100 award is awarded to a not-for profit horse entity. Recommended entities included

Gateway off the track Thoroughbreds
Sunny Oak Horse Rescue
Meet the Morgan Day
Hinkson Pony Club

The club voted by a show of hands and chose Hinkson Pony Club as this year's recipient.

President's Awards

High Five Award for the most participation by a non-officer-Sonja McDanel
It's a Treat-For assistance in putting on dressage venues-Stacee Collier
Present Presence-Helen
Extra Mile-For organizing many venues-Lora Blair

Insurance-\$595 of insurance will include 5 days of Events- Each day of a multiday event counts as 1. If we go over 5 days of Events, it will cost @\$50/extra day.

Kim attended USDF convention as the Delegate. The item that most affects the club is the increase of GMO's cost by \$1 per member.

Regional monetary opportunities were listed as USDF Grants and Grants through The Dressage Foundation.

End of Year Awards- Judy Owens arranged the awards and served as presenter

Ali earned 1st and 2nd level Dressage, Audrey for Novice Eventing, May (SIC?) Novice CT, and Sophia for Beginner Novice.

Next Meeting will be held at Angelo's in SW Columbia on Tues, Feb 13th at 7 pm.

Meeting Adjourned. @1337 Motioned by Beth and seconded by Rosy.

Attendees.

Lora and Jerry Blair
Judy and Gary Owens
Rosy Erganian
Helen Jameson
Sonja McDanel
Audrey Plummer
Alison La Carriba
Sophie Liebermann
Mae Liberrmann
Anne Borgemeyer
Amy Stapleton
Beth Hussey
Ali Aiken
Deb Carter
Lauren Fritz
Shelly Wagner
Karen Atwill
Kim Kriekhaus
Stacee Collier

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE LIZ HOTCHKISS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. THIS MUST ACCOMPANY THE VIDEO AND WRITTEN APPLICATION IN ORDER FOR US TO KNOW HOW TO CONTACT YOU.

FIRST AND LAST NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

BEST CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

ALTERNATE CONTACT PHONE NUMBER (SPECIFY WORK, ETC.)

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DEADLINE IS MARCH FIFTEENTH OF 2024 FOR THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP.

Liz Hotchkiss Memorial Fund

Award Selection

A. Only CDCTA participating members, may be selected. This scholarship is focused on educational experiences and clinics/lessons rather than show subsidy. This does not have to be a mounted activity. Examples would include USDF symposium or judge training.

B. Applicant must submit, an essay, as outlined below. A video may be sent in addition to the essay but not require. with an application to CDCTA. Please submit all materials to a member of the Liz Hotchkiss Memorial Fund Committee. lacarrubbaa@missouri.edu, eshusseey@gmail.com, toyfarm@me.com, tesme@juno.com

C. Essay should include any riding related training and education, show experience if applicable, goals for the future and how the scholarship will benefit the CDCTA member.

D. Volunteer History - applicant's volunteer history with CDCTA or any other non-profit equestrian organization should be listed on application and specific volunteer duties and number of volunteer hours. Volunteering is a prerequisite and can include such things as volunteering at profit organization. If you volunteer with other non-profits, applicant will need to list the organizations name, a contact person, what duties you performed, and the number of volunteer hours.

E. Attendance of at least two (2) CDCTA chapter meetings, during the preceding year is required for eligibility. (Verification based on the recorded attendance sign in sheet of the meeting minutes published.)

F. Applicant need not own the horse that will be used during the educational/clinic session.

G. Applicant must be an Adult Amateur, Junior, or Professional as defined by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) GR1306.

H. Horses do not need to be registered with USEF/USDF.

I. Applicants and horses do not need to have a competition history, either together or separately, in order to be considered for the scholarship.

J. The selection committee will give the rider's history precedence over the horse's history. The scholarship is dedicated to the furthering of the applicant's education and development, not the horse.

K. Recipient of scholarship must submit an article that will be published in the CDCTA newsletter outlining their experience and goals within 60 days following the event.

The Award

A. The scholarship committee will determine what financial commitment for each applicant will be and how many scholarships will be awarded in a fair and unbiased manner. The maximum award will be \$250.

B. Application must be submitted by March 15, 2024. Successful applicant will be announced on April 1, 2024. Scholarship funds will be mailed by April 15, 2024.

C. Any proposed change or waiver of scholarship guidelines must be submitted by the Scholarship Program Committee for approval by the officers.



MYSTERY RIDER

**Can you recognize her? The horse?
The venue?**

Send your guesses to the email below!!

**We could use some more
Mystery Photos!!**

**Email your brain teasers to:
eshussey@gmail.com**



HAPPY

VALENTINE'S

DAY!!

Upcoming Area Events:

Feb. 24th – Test of Choice Dressage Show @ Northridge Farm in Kansas City, MO

Feb. 24th – Spring Jumper Classic @ William Woods University

Feb. 24th - Hinkson Valley Pony Club Trivia Night Fundraiser @ Riechmann Pavilion in Columbia, MO

Feb. 24th - Test of Choice Dressage Show @ Northridge Farm in Kansas City, MO

March 15th-Applications due for 2024 Liz Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship (more info in this newsletter!)

Mar. 16th-17th - MCPC XC Schooling @ Longview Horse Park

Mar. 23rd-24th - MAEA XC Schooling @ Heritage Horse Park

Mar. 30th – The Property Shop Dressage & CT Schooling Show @ West End Farm in Kansas City, KS

Apr. 6th-7th – NEC April at the Arch I & II @ National Equestrian Center

Apr. 13th – KCDS Dressage Schooling Show @ Longview Horse Park

Apr. 13th-14th – MCPC XC Schooling @ Longview Horse Park

Apr. 14th – XC Schooling @ Queeny Park

Apr. 20th – NEC Dressage Schooling Show III @ National Equestrian Center



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NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2024 at 7 p.m. at Angelo's steakhouse in south Columbia. We should be presenting proposed bylaws changes at that meeting so come and give us your opinions!

**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:

**Kim Kriekhaus, Membership Chair
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