

Direct Rein

THE WHEELBARROW LOAD

This is a very important newsletter.

It is also, unfortunately a bit of a slog to read, as the majority of its extra pages are dedicated to printing, in their entirety, the proposed CDCTA Bylaws for 2024 and beyond.

The last time we revised them was in 2012, and a lot has happened since then. While there aren't really any provisions that have changed dramatically, the document needed some cleaning up, and some updating to allow for things like paying online and conducting Zoom meetings.

I was involved in the 2012 rewrite, and the one that was done before that (I can't even remember the year but I think it was in the late nineties!); I have also been on the committee this year for the newest edition. I guess I am a glutton for punishment. But although it is time consuming and painstaking in detail, I feel it is one of the most important things we can do to keep our club going strong well into the thirties and beyond. I had two wonderful committee members who helped with the rewrite-Kim Kriekhaus and Lauren Fritz-and the Executive Board did their job in a timely manner by looking over our work and making the comments that have resulted in these proposed bylaws.

The original document is printed here, with strikeouts to indicate language we propose to remove, and changes italicized and printed in red to make sure you understand what we changed, and how. There is a little friction in transferring the original PDF file into Word, and then into Publisher for the newsletter, so some things don't translate well and there may be differences in spacing, or numbering, that I couldn't address without taking up even more time. We should be able to fix non-substantive things like those when the approved document is printed, posted, and distributed.

The way we do this (according to the bylaws currently in effect) is that we must print the entire document with changes and revisions noted in the newsletter, whether emailed or mailed, and then the proposed document will be voted on at the next regularly-scheduled meeting, which should be on Tuesday, April 9th at Angelo's. All current (paid) members are welcome to attend and vote, but there are a few things to keep in mind:

- 1) **There is no "line item" veto for the document. It is accepted as presented, or not accepted, by the majority vote of the members in attendance at the April meeting. If you feel strongly about a change, then vote against the new document, but it is not practical to go through every little potential issue at a meeting with a large number of people present. It would literally take all night. Once the new bylaws are accepted, they can be amended as detailed in Article VII: Amendments. It is a living document-we don't have to wait until another complete overhaul to change things that don't work.**
- 2) **The new document will be in effect as soon as it is voted on. If it fails to receive approval by a majority of those members present, then the bylaws committee will request that those people voting against the changes put their suggestions in writing so that we can go back to the drawing board and try to come up with something that will pass. We do want it to be in place as soon as possible in order to allow people to start campaigning for year-end awards.**
- 3) **Please be understanding about the occasional spacing/grammar/typo issues you may find; as mentioned above, we will make any changes of formatting or punctuation as needed before the final document is posted on our website, and emailed to current members.**

There won't be room for much else in this newsletter, but I promise the April newsletter will make up for it!

And remember: voting is the only way you can express your opinion!! Come to the meeting and make sure your voice is heard. Grumbling about it later is not very productive.

Thanks for your patience and understanding as we try to keep our club up-to-date, and the very best that it can be!

See you on April 9!

Beth Hussey

COLUMBIA DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION

ORGANIZATIONAL BYLAWS

(~~REVISED MARCH 2012~~) *REVISED MARCH 2024*

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name: The name of this organization shall be the COLUMBIA DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION (CDCTA).

Section 2: Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be as follows:

- A. To educate members and the general public in the usefulness of dressage and eventing including, but not limited to, their application to other areas of equestrian endeavors. Educational efforts may include, *but are not limited to*, mounted and unmounted clinics, presentation of media and lectures, and cross-country rides.
- B. To offer the benefits of membership to any person, regardless of physical abilities, race, creed, sex, origin, or *sexual orientation*.
- C. To uphold the standards and policies set forth by organizations with which CDCTA is affiliated: the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and the United States Eventing Association (USEA), as well as state and national horse show bodies, such as the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and the Missouri Horse Shows Association (MHSA).
- D. To collect and disseminate information of interest to members which includes reporting meeting dates, activities both local and regional, shows, and equestrian products and services available.
- E. To assist and support other horse-related charities and organizations.
- F. To support and uphold humane practices in the care and training of horses.

Article II: Board of Directors

Section 1: General Purpose. The property, business and funds of this organization shall be controlled and managed by the Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as the Board, subject to approval of the general membership.

Section 2: Number and Composition. The Board shall be composed of the current elected officers and one representative elected from the membership at large. Terms of office on the Board shall begin upon election or appointment at the annual ~~January~~ *winter* meeting and end at the next annual ~~January~~ *winter* meeting, *with the exception of the President, as defined in Article III.*

Section 3: Annual Meeting. The purpose of the annual ~~January~~ *winter* meeting shall be to elect officers, review and approve reports, give special recognition to members ~~that~~ *who* have served the club with outstanding service, honor members ~~that~~ *who* have won awards determined and tabulated by the awards committee, plan for coming year activities, and for other such business as may be transacted at a regular meeting.

Section 4: Board Meetings. A meeting of the Board shall be held at the discretion of the Board. Meetings may be called by the President or by any of the Board Members making written or verbal request to the President. *Meetings may be held in person or in any appropriate communications forum (Zoom, email, conference call, etc.)*

Section 5: Notice. Board members shall be notified at least five days in advance of any Board meeting. A majority of officers may waive this requirement for cause.

Section 6: Quorum. A majority of the total membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board. In the event that less than a majority of the membership is present at any meeting, a majority of those ~~Directors~~ *Board Members* present may adjourn the meeting.

Section 7: Duties. The Board shall:

A. Employ such persons as together they shall decide ~~is~~ *are* necessary to accomplish tasks that the organization needs.

~~B. Appoint and remove committee chairpersons as needed. Removal of those who have failed to perform the duties of their position, will be based on fair evaluation. Before a committee chair can be removed, the Board shall notify affected chairpersons of the specific reasons for removal. The chairperson will be selected annually from the list of CDCTA members serving on the committee.~~

- B. *Remove a committee chairperson duly chosen by committee members in the event that the chairperson has failed in performing the duties of the position.*
- D. *C. Remove any committee member or Board member who fails to perform the duties of that position. ~~given same provision as in Section 7 (B) above.~~*

Article III: Officers and Board Member at Large

Requirements: All Board members must be current active members of CDCTA in good standing and at least 18 years of age. Officers must demonstrate and ~~practiced~~ *practice* good sportsmanship in all their actions while in office.

Section 1: Officers. The officers of the Columbia Dressage and Combined Training Association shall be: President, Vice President, ~~Secretary and Treasurer.~~ *Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large.* The Officers of this organization *together with the Member at Large* ~~shall also be the Officers of the Board~~ *constitute the Board.*

Section 2: Election. The Officers and Board Member at Large shall be elected from a list of nominees prepared by the nominating chairperson and/or nominating committee. The nominees list can be supplemented by nominations from the floor at the annual ~~January~~ *winter* meeting. Nominations may be made in writing and sent to the nominating chairperson and/or nominating committee ~~at least one month~~ in advance of the annual ~~January~~ *winter* meeting. Upon verification, these nominations plus those supplemented from the floor at the annual ~~January~~ *winter* meeting shall constitute the ballot from which members will vote.

Section 3: Terms of Office.

(A) The term of office for President shall be two years.

(B) The term office for Vice President, Secretary, ~~and~~ Treasurer, *and Member at Large* shall be one year.

Section 4: Removal of Officers *Board Member:* Any Officer *Board Member* may be removed by a majority vote of the entire Board whenever, in its judgment, the interests of this organization would be served thereby.

Section 5: Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy, the Board may select a candidate for presentation to the membership at the next regular meeting of the organization. *Members will be made aware of the upcoming vote on the vacancy as early as possible.* The membership may then make additional nominations from the floor and vote to fill the vacancy.

Section 6: President. The President shall be the Chief Officer of this organization, shall preside at meetings of the Board and membership, shall engage and operate under Robert's Rules of Order and shall appoint committees not otherwise identified but needed by the CDCTA. The President is responsible for submitting necessary annual affiliate forms to USDF and USEA.

Section 7: Vice President. The Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of the duties of President, perform those duties in the absence of the President, and perform any additional duties requested by the Board or President.

Section 8: Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for depositing funds as directed, paying bills authorized by the Board, keeping records of all transactions, ~~publishing a semi-annual report in the newsletter showing income and expenditures,~~ and reporting at the regular monthly meeting and any additional Board meetings. The Treasurer prepares and files any needed state and federal tax forms in a timely manner, and must be able to furnish tax documents to board members upon request. *The Treasurer will present the proposed budget for the next year at the annual winter meeting. The Treasurer shall serve as the chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee.*

Article IV: Committees

Section 1: Creation. All committees and committee chairs may be made on a voluntary basis at the annual ~~January~~ *winter* meeting. In the event that no volunteers come forth, appointments may be made by the Board.

Section 2: Types. All committees shall be either standing committees or special committees. Standing committees may include:

- A. Special Events. The Special Events Committee is responsible for finding a venue, developing a program, and marketing the annual meeting to CDCTA members. Additional Special Events may include outreach booths at equine events and the annual CDCTA trail ride, as directed by the membership.
- B. Awards. The Awards Committee ~~is responsible for tracking~~ *tracks* scores earned by CDCTA members in CDCTA sanctioned schooling or USEF licensed *sponsored* competitions *and receives riders' year-end awards packets verifying scores and volunteer hours*. The committee proposes a budget for awards and obtains and distributes the awards within the budget.
- C. Budget and Finance. The Budget and Finance Committee reviews the proposed budgets of CDCTA activities and works with organizers and committees to ensure proper fiscal stewardship is maintained. It ensures adequate insurance is purchased and used to protect CDCTA. Committee activities that involve a financial ~~(over \$50.00)~~ *(over \$150.00)* or contractual commitment must present to the Budget and Finance Committee for prior approval and presentation to the Board.
- D. Communications. The Communications Committee includes the newsletter editor, webmaster, and Facebook page owner and other interested members who assist the Board by communicating accurate and timely information to all members and to the broader community about CDCTA.
- E. Competitions (including licensed and schooling). The Competitions Committee ~~may receive requests for sanctioning of non-CDCTA sponsored competitions.~~ It is responsible for selecting the manager and secretary (may be the same person) for CDCTA sponsored competitions and *for* entering into contractual relationships with show officials and facilities with Board approval.
- F. Education (including clinics and unmounted programs). The Education Committee works with organizers to ensure quality dressage, eventing, and equestrian educational opportunities are created and disseminated to CDCTA members.

- G. Membership. The Membership Committee is responsible for submitting CDC-TA membership information in a timely fashion to the USDF, recruiting members, and distributing the membership list, as needed, for newsletter distribution and activity notification.
- H. Nominating and Board Development. The Nominating and Board Development Committee is responsible for leadership recruitment and development to sustain CDCTA as an organization.
- ~~I. Volunteer Tracking and Development Committee. The Volunteer Tracking and Development Committee will provide volunteer training and collect information on volunteer hours provided annually by CDCTA members. It is encouraged to nominate a Volunteer of the Year to the Board of Directors for recognition at the CDCTA annual meeting and to evaluate and submit, as appropriate, this volunteer for regional or national volunteer of the year awards.~~

Section 3: The Board shall have the power to add additional standing committees or combine or eliminate existing standing committees. The Board shall also have the power to create special committees for a specific function to be terminated when that function is complete.

Section 4: Duration. All standing committees and committee chairs shall serve a term from one annual ~~January~~ *winter* meeting to the next annual ~~January~~ *winter* meeting. All voting CDCTA members will be encouraged to volunteer for at least one standing committee.

Article V: Finances

All disbursements on behalf of the CDCTA shall ~~shall~~ *may* be by check ~~requiring the signature of the Treasurer or designated signatory(ies) and authorization of at least one of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have control/custody of the checkbook.~~ *or electronic payment by the Treasurer or any other Officer if the Treasurer is unavailable.* The Board of Directors may designate additional check signer(s) as required.

Article VI: Logo

The CDCTA shall have a logo approved by the general membership. This logo shall appear on all CDCTA correspondence and promotional literature.

Article VII: Amendments

Proposed amendments to these bylaws may be approved by a majority of the board members. Such proposed amendments will be included in the CDCTA newsletter and voted on ~~my~~ *by* members present at the next regularly scheduled meeting. A simple majority of club members present shall be sufficient to ratify these amendments.

Article VIII: Membership

Membership in the CDCTA confers Group Membership in the USDF.

Section 1: Type. The types of membership available in CDCTA are as follows:

- A. Family
- B. Individual

Section 2: Voting Privileges. Family membership is for two (2) or more persons residing at the same address. Each person with this membership receives all the benefits of individual membership with CDCTA. Every member shall have one vote, but only one newsletter will be sent per address. Voting privileges for GMO purposes are as designated by USDF for Family membership.

Section 3: Membership Benefits. Family and Individual members will receive all benefits of the CDCTA which include, but are not limited to, ~~affiliate~~ *GMO* membership in the USDF, ~~reduced affiliate fee in the USEA,~~ receiving the monthly CDCTA newsletter, waiving any non-CDCTA member fees, voting privileges as stated in Article VII (Section 2), receiving discounts at CDCTA sponsored functions and eligibility for year-end awards.

Section 4: Dues. Dues are paid annually and should be received by November 1st in order to receive member benefits without interruption for the membership year of December 1-November 30. Dues will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Board and presented for approval to the membership at the annual meeting.

Section 5: Meetings. All regular meetings are open to all members, members' guests, and any individuals interested in learning more about dressage and eventing and the CDCTA. The purpose of club meetings is to offer programs and activities of interest to club members and to conduct club business.

Section 6: Conflict of Interest. This applies to all serving on the Board and to CDCTA members appearing before the CDCTA Board. A conflict of interest exists if a ~~Director or~~ *Board or general member* stands to benefit personally by a decision of the Board or General Membership. A personal benefit means that the ~~member or the Director~~ *Board or general member*, or someone in their immediate family or business, will profit or gain influence by the decision.

~~**Notice by Director:** If a matter comes before the Board or a committee of the Board, for which a director has a conflict, the interested Director shall notify the Board of the material facts and the Director's interest. The Director(s) with a conflict shall not vote on the matter and the conflict shall be recorded in the minutes. The matter shall pass only by a majority affirmative vote of all the disinterested Directors of the Board in office at that time. The majority must be more than one Director.~~

Notice by Member: If a matter comes before the Board of the membership for discussion any member recognized to speak during the discussion that has a conflict of interest shall, prior to speaking on the matter, disclose the member's conflict of interest in the matter.

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 *above*.

B. *At least one* sponsored show 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 USEF shall be considered *is* sanctioned by CDCTA.

B. Any CDCTA sponsored show is also sanctioned by CDCTA.

C. Any show within a (roughly) 50-mile radius of Columbia, MO is considered sanctioned if it has been advertised on the website of 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.

D. 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.~~ *Scores and Awards. Scores for year-end awards must be from competitions which are sanctioned by CDCTA. Riders must submit packet verifying scores and volunteer credits to the Awards Committee by November 30 of the competition year.*

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
6. *Contributing an article to the newsletter*

Verification of volunteer hours must be ~~submitted in writing~~ *included in awards packet and submitted 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.~~

DRESSAGE AWARDS:

- A) Scores will be accumulated during the USEF competition year at competitions ~~recognized~~ licensed by USEF *or sanctioned by* 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 Awards 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 1: 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 2: 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 3: FEI. At FEI Level, horse/rider combinations must complete a minimum of ~~four (4)~~ **three (3)** 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.~~

~~F)~~ Riders must submit packet verifying scores and volunteer credits to the Awards Committee by November 30 of the competition year.

- 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 30. Riders must submit packet verifying scores and volunteers credits to the Awards Committee by November 30 of the competition year. **CDCTA** 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 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.

I)

COMBINED TEST AWARDS:

- ~~A) Only members of the CDCTA are eligible for these awards. At all *each* 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 | Training |
| Introductory Eventer | Preliminary |
| Beginner Novice | Intermediate |
| Novice | Advanced |
- C) The following information *from each competition must be included in the packet and* needs to be submitted to the Awards Committee by the competitor by November 30 of the competition year.
- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Horse name | Division |
| Owner and rider name | USEA Area |
| Event name | Score |
| Date and Location of Event | |

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 30.
- 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)~~ *two (2)* 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 *each* 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 Eventer	Preliminary
Beginner Novice	Intermediate
Novice	Advanced
Training	
- C) The following information *from each competition must be included in the packet and* needs to be submitted to the Awards Committee by the competitor by November 30 of the competition year.

Horse name	Division
Owner/rider name	USEA Area
Event name	Score
Date and location of event	

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

- D) The *Horse* 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 30.
- 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) *horse* trials at the level of competition during the award year.

ADDITIONAL ANNUAL AWARDS TO BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

Mounted Education Participation

Unmounted Education Participation

Volunteer of the Year

The award recipient in each category will be chosen by the sitting President.

Article X1: Dissolution

In the event that the Columbia Dressage and Combined Training Association should be dissolved, all assets at the time of dissolution shall revert in equal part to the United States Dressage Federation and the United States Eventing Association.



LAST MONTH'S MYSTERY RIDER:

No one guessed it correctly, but this is yours truly, the Newsletter Editor, Beth Hussey on then 21 year old Limerick at Stephens College.

Yes, we are all kitted out for a cross-country ride....at the time (like 1993?) there was a very fun and very compact course circling the stable and arena complex, which required jumping over lots of fences within fencelines. No water but there was a scary ditch and a lot of great obstacles.

Kind of makes me want to get out there and do it again! Maybe later this year....

We always need new photos of old riders (or old photos of newer riders!!) Send them to me at eshussey@gmail.com.

I love me a red-headed mare!!

Upcoming Area Events:

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

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

President:	Stacee Collier	staceecollier@hotmail.com
Vice President:	Ali Aitken	aaherron4@gmail.com
Secretary:	Sonja McDanel	sonjalmcanel@gmail.com
Treasurer:	Anne Borgmeyer	anborgme@gmail.com
Member at Large:	Teri Bauer	terivitoe@gmail.com

Questions regarding submissions and content should be directed to Beth Hussey at (573) 808-6897 or eshussey@gmail.com.

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, or check our Facebook page. Photographs should be submitted in JPEG format.

On March 12th, 2024 the club met at Angelo's and was attended by Teri Bauer, Beth Hussey, Anne Borgmeyer, Karen Atwill, Marian Michaelson, Lauren Fritz, Ali Aitken, Kathleen Leonard, Stacey Collier, Lora Blair, Rosy Erganian, Tesa Sterchi, Bill Wise, Leah Strid, Shelley Wagner. The meeting began at 0715. Approval of last month's minutes was motioned by Anna B and seconded by Rosy E.

Treasurer's report \$5415.88 and Liz Hotchkiss fund has \$1881.14

Liz Hotchkiss Scholarship has no applications so far.

Show Committee: Stacey spoke with Terri at Ammulette Farm and an agreement has been reached for the price to use the facility. Shelley and Lauren on the show committee will communicate with MHSA about gaining accreditation.

Education Committee News: Allison is working with Wick Hotchkiss to have a clinic with anticipated date to be June 22&23. Last year there was a partnership with the Pony Club, a situation we hope to continue.

Lauren has been in contact with Julie Wolford about a jump clinic. The date Julie suggested is July 27& 28. The committee will contact Ammulette Farm about using their facility and if the date is acceptable. Stacey made a motion to proceed with the plans to host both the Wick Hotchkiss and Julie Wolford clinics. Ali seconded the motion.

The education committee is looking into doing a dressage clinic also in the fall. Several clinicians were suggested, and they are being contacted to determine price and availability. The committee will get back to the club with more information. Unmounted education is being considered and taking into consideration the suggestions received from the survey.

Membership Renewal Improvements: Anne B, Kim K and Stacey worked on the website and created a fillable form and electronic method for renewing memberships. Tessa motioned to approve the new method and activate. Teri B seconded the motion.

By Laws Committee News: The committee presented the updated by-laws to the board for review. If the board agrees with the proposed changes, then they will be printed in the Newsletter so that the entire club can read the recommended changes. At the following meeting the changes will be brought to a vote of accept all as written, or deny the entire document.

New business: No new business was announced.

Meeting was adjourned at 0800. Beth H made the motion to adjourn and Stacey seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Sonja McDanel (secretary, also in attendance)



DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION

Beth Hussey
655 North Route O
Rocheport, MO 65279



NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 9th at 7 p.m. at Angelo's in south Columbia. SUPER IMPORTANT!! We will be voting on the new CDCTA Bylaws. We can't represent all the people if the people don't show up!!

**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
2202 West Williams Road
Sturgeon, MO 65284**