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Thanksgiving has a new meaning this year.....

Seems like forever, and just yesterday, that we were all looking forward to the spring show and a season of competition, camaraderie and clinics.

Then the Rona hit, and we were all shut down, and our lives became a weird mixture of too much to do and taking too long to do it, and also, paradoxically, boredom and a sense of not knowing exactly what to do with ourselves.

As Missourians we are pretty lucky. We are much less likely to experience weather upheavals like hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, and earthquakes. We have the occasional tornado and I don't mean to disparage the floods of 2003 and 2005....but overall, the center of the country is a cool place to be. We also seem to have been somewhat protected from the ravages of the pandemic but those of us who saw the writing on the wall knew that it was only a matter of time.

And that time has come. Speaking only of myself and my immediate circle, there has been in the last three weeks a surge of people exposed to, positive for, and in some cases sick with the COVID-19 virus. Most recently, CDCTA members will be saddened to hear that our CDCTA Commander in Chief Lora Blair has been dealing with her husband Jerry's infection with the virus. As of this writing, he is at home and hoping to stay there, but the news is not good and we are all very worried. Best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery for Jerry, and hopes for patience and peace for Lora, Mackie, Taylor and the rest of their family as they do what they can, and wait. Here is the update in Lora's words:

“Jerry has the Rona. Not doing great. Just praying he gets through it; he remains here at home. I tested neg and no symptoms so far. Retest tomorrow. We are quarantined til 20th. Not good. *Don't get the COVID Fatigue people, we must each be responsible.**

Symptoms on day 1-4 were mild but now at day 7 he's having chills and fevers. Similar to bad flu symptoms, which we are trying to manage at home without me becoming exposed. As his symptoms worsen, this is becoming more and more challenging. It's a schizophrenic roller coaster of a virus that we all need to take seriously.

Some helpful things I'm happy we obtained in advance- a contactless thermometer gun, a finger O2 and pulse oximeter, a wrist blood pressure cuff, tons of hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes, and tons of vitamins- C, B, D, zinc etc., green tea and of course many masks! Go to Amazon now, my friends, and stock up.”

This virus is for real, and no mistake. We all know the statistics, and I am writing this while watching the news and listening to my 87 year old father disparage the concerns because the mortality rate is “only” about one percent. Cold comfort if you are in that one percent...and the scary thing about this virus is that no one knows who will get it and have a problem with it. Other low mortality diseases are more predictable, and we can kind of figure out who will be those one percenters. And we aren't talking about the rich and powerful one-percenters here. We are talking about our own people and the people dear to them.

Keep your chin up, and a mask above it. -Beth Hussey



Bummer.

Due to COVID restrictions and just good common sense, the Executive Board of the CDCTA has decided to play it super safe and cancel the following events that were due to come up in the last part of this crazy year.

NO CDCTA Holiday Party

NO CDCTA Trail Ride

NO Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Show and Bonfire.

NO CDCTA Annual Awards Banquet and Meeting.

Stupid virus.....

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**MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER CDCTA BUSINESS MEETING
HELD AT LORA BLAIR'S FARM ON OCTOBER 7TH, 2020.**

In attendance: Beth Hussey, Lora Blair, Amy Stapleton, Karen Atwill, Judy Owens, and Kim Kriekhaus. (Quorum present: three of five board members)

Called to order at 1:18 p.m.

Lora shared Lauren's input from the Megan O'Donohue clinic. Overall response was very positive, and the club cleared almost \$1600 on the event, which helps our bottom line immensely. We were disappointed with low compliance with our masking directions; even with positive encouragement from Lauren that included really cute equestrian-themed masks in every packet, most people did not wear them, although social distancing was deemed to be more or less adequate. All were very impressed with Crystal's facility and her preparations.

Discussion ensued about future clinics for 2021; ideas included:

-Lucy Corchaine, a former WW University student who went on to train under Betsy Steiner, would be interested in coming back to do a clinic at her alma mater; no rates were available for her but if anyone wants more information we direct them to her website sapphiresporthorses.com.

-Jana Wagner is always willing to come to Columbia, and Jeff Oberhaus of Vintage Hills Farm would agree to host her clinic at his place.

-Lindsey Culver will be at Just Cruising Equestrian Center on October 25th for a dressage clinic; not sure if there will be an auditing fee or not. JoJo would like to make these clinics a regular 1-2 day event. More information about Lindsey at catlinfarm.com

-Due to her obvious popularity we have some interest in getting Megan O'Donohue back again for next year

We also discussed potential venues for any/all of the above clinics; Stony Hill is still available until sold, which does not look like it is imminent. Shelley Wagner, long-time CDCTA member, has expressed interest in holding smaller events at her new farm, which is the old Tarbox place.

Treasurer's Report: Amy presented the numbers, which have not changed dramatically; the total in the checking account remains at \$6660 or thereabouts; she confirmed the profit from the Megan clinic and indicated that she is still waiting for one check from that event to be deposited once she receives it.

In new business: several members had expressed the opinion to Lora that there might be some "forgiveness" or "rebate" on CDCTA dues for 2020 since very little was actually done by the club due to the pandemic. Discussion ensued; Kim moved that for 2021 ANY previous member of CDCTA could re-join for 2021 for just the price of the USDF dues which we are required to pay; this would make individual membership dues \$27, and each additional family member \$18. This represents a considerable savings over what the normal membership fees would be, and would be easier to administer than a refund from the previous year. Amy seconded the motion, and the motion passed without further discussion. Lora reminded Beth to send out an email blast and play up the discount in the next newsletter (with a changed form). As a reminder the membership year for USDF and CDCTA runs from December 1st, 2020-November 30, 2021.

In other new business, it was decided unanimously that the year-end banquet, usually held in January, will NOT be held this year. We have no awards to give out and no real business to transact other than election of officers, and discussion ensued that we should just send the current slate of officers forward through the end of 2021, effectively extending the president's term to three years for this cycle only. Therefore, Lora would still be able to serve an additional two year term as president starting in 2022 if she were willing to do so and duly re-elected. Beth made this motion, Karen seconded it and the "COVID extension" passed without further discussion. [Editor's note: this would mean the 2021 officers will remain: President, Lora Blair; VP, Rosy Erganian; Secretary, Beth Hussey; Treasurer, Amy Stapleton; and Member at Large, Kim Kriekhaus. Members present also agreed that there will be no official in-person CDCTA Holiday party this year, or club-sponsored trail ride. We hope all of our members remember all of their friends during the upcoming season and get hold of friends old and new, horsey and not, even without the incentive of a really fun holiday party.

Beth brought up the idea of holding a "virtual show" that would involve members only; Ali has some experience with these and Beth will get in touch with her and see if the logistics can be worked out. Kim Kriekhaus volunteered to judge. Virtual clinics might also be a possibility.

With no further business to attend to, Beth moved to adjourn the meeting. Kim seconded, and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. and several of us went up to see Lora's new barn and stable, and to meet her new horse.

Thanks to all who attended and to Lora and Jerry Blair for hosting our small but very careful group.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Hussey, CDCTA Secretary.

It seems impossible, but....

It's time to renew your CDCTA membership for 2021.

It has been a crazy 2020 and no one really knows what will happen in 2021. We appreciate those loyal members who have stayed with us through a year that did not see much activity as far as shows and meetings went; although we did manage to have a very fine and well-attended eventing clinic.

We know that money might be tight now, and we know you expect a lot from your membership. We try to offer as much as we can of interest to our members, but it has been tough. Many of you are probably disappointed that 2020 did not have as much going on as usual.

But we still need members, because this club, and everything else, WILL keep going and WILL eventually get back to normal. Or new normal, whatever that will look like. To encourage you to stick with us during a time of transition, we have a great deal for you:

For the CDCTA membership year December 1st, 2020 through November 30, 2021, the individual membership dues will be just \$27. That is what we pay to the USDF for all of our individual members to receive the many benefits of the USDF. That means you will save almost \$20 over what the regular membership fees would be, and you still get all of the great benefits of CDCTA membership as well. If you have additional family members who want a membership, their dues will be only \$18 for this year.

This deal is for ANY current or former member of CDCTA, even if you haven't been a member for a few years. Just fill out the (revised) membership form on the back page of this newsletter, and send it with your check to our membership chair, Kim Kriekhaus.

Keep the light burning! Shows and clinics and new horses and new foals and all that other stuff is just around the corner-don't miss out, and you can get a great deal in the process!



PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE AND NEXT: MEMORIES OF FUN STUFF WE DID IN PREVIOUS YEARS THAT WE DON'T GET TO DO THIS YEAR....BUT MAYBE THEY WILL MAKE YOU SMILE, AND REMEMBER SOME GREAT CDCTA TIMES!! WE WILL HAVE THEM AGAIN, I KNOW WE WILL.

ABOVE: Katy Wilson awards Kim Scholl her trophy saddle pad at the last awards banquet held at the old Pasta Factory when it was downtown.

LEFT: Photo taken by me from the back of the late great Clammy, as we head towards the other riders getting ready for our first trail ride out at the Stapleton Farm in Fayette.



ABOVE: MEDAL WINNERS AT THE SHOW ME STATE GAMES/ USDF TEAM COMPETITION HELD AT THE FORMER FOX RUN FARM (NOW JUST CRUISING EQUESTRIAN CENTER)

RIGHT: JERRY BLAIR SHOWS OFF HIS HOLIDAY SPIRIT AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY HELD AT THE BLAIR HOUSE.

Get well soon Jerry! We're thinking of you!





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NEXT MEETING: Once again, none. Nothing going on for pretty much the remainder of 2020. Here's to a happier and healthier 2021!

**Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association
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NOTE REDUCED DUES FOR 2021!!

CDCTA is a United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Group Member Organization (GMO). By joining CDCTA you are becoming a Group member of the USDF. \$27 of your CDCTA dues are forwarded to the USDF as GMO membership dues. (\$18 for additional members in family)

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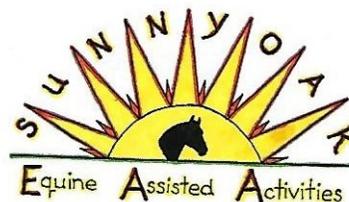
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