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THE WHEELBARROW LOAD

A hint of frost and melancholy in the air....

Fall has been tantalizingly out of reach for the last few weeks, with temperatures lingering in the eighties during the day and nights that have been well out of frost range. Most people regard this sort of Indian summer as a bonus, and enjoy the extra time wearing flip flops and tank tops.

I do not.

Fall has always been my favorite season, and not just because my birthday is in November. For me, the respite from the muggy days and only slightly-less-muggy nights cannot come soon enough. Walks in the wood are much more pleasant when you aren't battling deer flies and mosquitoes and rides are much better when the horses are fresh and looking forward to the work. I know many people think of the fall as a sad time, an ending of some kind, and a harbinger of the death of growing things. I prefer to think of it as a pause in the craziness of the year. I don't feel guilty that I am not riding or spending time outside when the wind starts howling and rain starts falling. That's when you curl up with a good book and a cup of something warm and comforting, and allow nature to dictate your activity for the next few months.

But it can be a hard time to be an old horse. The colder the weather, the more calories are required to keep them warm; and it is no less important for them to keep hydrated in the winter but it is certainly sometimes more difficult, between keeping buckets free of ice and ponds safe enough to access. Even good hay is not as nutritious as fresh grass, and certainly less interesting for horses, so it's a constant battle to keep weight on them. Worn down or absent teeth make chewing more of a chore and increase the possibility of choke.

Two of my three horses easily fit in the "senior" category, and Billy has to qualify as Super Senior, since he is currently twenty-nine years of age and will be thirty, if he makes it until April. I will miss him like crazy when he's gone, so a lot of my effort and worry is directed at making sure he sticks around as long as possible. I will even blanket him this winter, if it seems like it will be necessary, even though blanketing horses is my least favorite horse job. For his age he is in excellent shape, and recently he underwent his annual veterinary visit. For the last two years I have put him through an occasional IV "hydration cleanse" to sort of top up his tank, so to speak. He's not a very good drinker and this procedure, even sporadically, seems to perk him up for a considerable time. This year after his fluids, he galloped back to the barn later on that day like he was a three year old. He has always been the soundest horse I have ever had. In a perfect world he and I would qualify for the Dressage Foundation Century Club Award; but I'm afraid that would be a feat even beyond his iron self. He would need to live another six years.

Winter has its hardships, but I love it, and I hope that all of you can look forward to the holidays ahead and appreciate the beauty of the season...and that all of your aging critters make it safely till spring.

Until next time-Beth Hussey

IN 2022 WE WILL NEED ALL NEW OFFICERS!!

Yes, the last couple of years have been a little bit of a radar blip on our overall dressage club course...we didn't get as much done as we usually do, or have as many meetings or as many newsletters (my bad!) Nonetheless, the intrepid officers of the CDCTA have now served two years instead of the usual one, and beloved leader Lora Blair has now served four years. She is ready for a break.

So....we will be looking to elect new officers for the 2022 calendar year. All offices are open, so we need nominations for President (two year term), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member at Large (all one year positions).

If you are interested in taking a more active role in our organization we would love to have you throw your hat in the ring! Or, if you are a friend or relative of a highly motivated club member that you think would make an excellent candidate, go ahead and nominate them! Make sure they would be willing to do the job first though....

Elections will be held at our annual meeting/holiday party in January of 2022. Nominations will be taken up until and including the date of the meeting but it would be great if we had an entire slate to present to our membership at the meeting without having to twist any arms the night of the party.

Fill out your nominations for the following positions and either mail or email it to Beth Hussey, Nominating Committee Chair, at 655 North Route O Rocheport, MO 65279 or eshussey@gmail.com. You are welcome and encouraged to nominate yourself!!

PRESIDENT (2 YEAR TERM):

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

Amy Stapleton (has agreed to serve again)

MEMBER AT LARGE

Kim Kriekhaus (has agreed to serve again)

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT ANGELO'S PIZZA AND STEAKHOUSE IN SOUTH COLUMBIA

JOIN US AT 7 P.M. FOR AN AGENDA THAT WILL INCLUDE:

Calendar updates (will they be available for Christmas gifts?)-board candidates for 2022-GMO awards-Adult camp information-ideas for indoor activities for December and January.

We will likely not have a December business meeting, unless we come up with a fun program or something.

Lots more stuff we will talk about as well! Hope you can all join us!

MINUTES FROM THE CDCTA BUSINESS MEETING AUGUST 23, 2021 HELD AT GRAND CRU RESTAURANT

In attendance: Beth Hussey, Anne Borgmeyer, Kim Kriekhaus, Sarah Hansen, Alison La Carrubba, Anna Clark, Leah Strid, Stacey Collier, Lora Blair, and Rosy Erganian

Meeting called to order at 7:18 p.m. Minutes from previous meeting held July 19th, 2021 at Lora Blair's house were presented for approval; motion was made by Kim to approve, Leah seconded, and motion passed unanimously. Thanks to Audrey Plummer for taking minutes in Beth's absence!

Treasurer's report: Amy reported that our current balance is \$6811.15, not including donations to the Liz Hotchkiss Memorial fund, which currently totals \$260. Lora appointed an ad hoc committee tasked with deciding how the donations should best be used to honor Liz's memory; the members of this committee will be Alison LaCarrubba, Beth Hussey and Stacey Collier. Lora asked that this committee meet sometime in September or October to start hammering out details. Since the board was unsure if an ad hoc committee needed to be voted on by the membership to be established, Kim moved that such a committee be formed with the above members; Leah seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

Membership report: Kim reports that we have 34 paid members; Lora reminded people to make sure that Kim and Beth need members' emails in order to receive email updates and the newsletter. Officially dues are now past due for 2021 but we are accepting memberships for 2022. For clarification, USDF group membership (what you get when you join CDCTA) allows you to compete in certain USDF competitions and at certain levels in USDF/USEF competitions; enables you to compete for USDF rider awards; and gets you discounts from many USDF equine business partners.

Communications committee: Francis Stone, wife of longtime local horse trainer and farrier Jerry Stone, and mother of current farrier Kurt Stone known to many CDCTA members, has passed away. CDCTA will send a sympathy card to the family; Karen Atwill, current CDCTA member and previous board member/volunteer/show supporter has broken her leg in a non-riding horse accident and we will send a get well card to her with all our best wishes.

Leah Strid, CDCTA webmistress, would like to start a trainer/instructor directory and place it on the website and perhaps on our Facebook page. Rosy moved to do so but no second was immediately forthcoming and significant discussion ensued; the idea evolved into including a general equestrian directory suggested by Kim. Kim asked if Rosy would accept a friendly amendment to her initial motion and Rosy agreed; then Kim seconded the amended motion and passed unanimously. Beth will put something in the newsletter about the directory to give everyone who wants to be included the opportunity. Leah also brought up the idea of a dedicated CDCTA email address to help with general questions, etc. since Facebook does not meet the needs of all of our members.

GMO AWARDS: Lora reminded the club that it was time to nominate member of CDCTA for USDF awards for our region and overall; and also mentioned for newer members that Leah Strid won the 2019 Website Award in our division for CDCTA. No awards were applied for in 2020, but Beth will send in nominations in all the categories we are eligible for by the deadline of August 31st for 2021 awards. A separate handout was passed around with information about the awards and the nomination process; anyone with ideas for nominees should contact Beth.

Lora also about the various scholarships and awards that are available through The Dressage Foundation; these are very valuable monetary gifts and several CDCTA members have won them in the past. Most deadlines are in September for those funds.

Shows: Realistically, planning any further shows for 2021 will not be feasible...but it is not too early to start planning for 2022 shows. However, because of the lack of 2021 shows there has been very little chance for people to qualify for awards this year. Beth moved that we suspend the awards program for 2021; Kim seconded and the motion passed.

Education: Lora wants suggestions for programs and clinic ideas, and will use Survey Monkey to try and get a feel for what members want. She suggested an unmounted program, perhaps a barn tour or demo from one of our members at a future meeting somewhere. Other ideas she threw out were another movie night; a barn/farm tour; or a demonstration from the Pony Club that might help them practice for future competitions. Despite the pandemic, CDCTA was able to hold two clinics: the Meghan O'Donoghue eventing clinic July 25-25, 2020 and the recent Stacey Collier dressage clinic August 14, 2021.

Other clinic ideas suggested by Lora for the next year include freestyles, quadrille, Western dressage, and Pilates clinics. Interest has also been expressed about sponsoring an adult dressage camp.

New business: The idea of doing another CDCTA calendar as a fundraiser was brought up; Sarah Hansen agreed to look into possibly doing that again. There was discussion about upcoming holiday events; traditionally the club has held both a Christmas party social event in December and the annual meeting and awards banquet in January. Because of an abbreviated show season and ongoing concerns about COVID exposure, as well as the potential for bad weather it was suggested that an "end of year" party be held in January 2022 that would combine the two events; there was general support for the idea but more ideas need to be discussed.

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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. Photographs should be submitted in JPEG format.

For membership information, please contact Kim Kriekhaus at (573) 442-8493.

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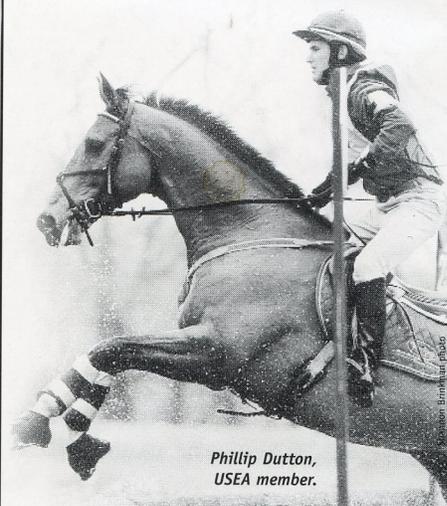
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**SHARP EYED SPOTTER IDENTIFIES MYSTERY RIDER FROM
LAST ISSUE!**

Stacey Bates correctly identified the laughing rider in the September/October newsletter as a very young Sarah Booker, during a Hinkson Valley Pony Club rally at the old Horse Fair. She was first with the right answer, although several other members and newsletter readers guessed Sarah as well; one even guessed the identity of the other girl in the photo, Sarah Vernon. That reader is not a current CDCTA member but recognized both girls from her time at the Horse Fair during the same era.

Stacey has won a cool award which yours truly forgot to bring to the Quadrille; but I promise I will bring it to the November meeting!

The challenge for this month:

Photo above is of a club member many years ago, at William Woods. Any guesses? Send them to:

eshussey@gmail.com or 573-808-6897

MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 10TH CDCTA BUSINESS MEETING AND QUADRILLE LESSON

Meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. Meeting minutes from the September meeting were unanimously approved as written in the September newsletter. Present: Lora Blair, Alison LaCarrubba, Beth Hussey, Kim Kriekhaus, Stacey Collier, and Stacey Bates. (Other members riding in the clinic, or wanting to watch, came later after the meeting had been adjourned).

Amy was unable to provide the treasurer's report due to a family emergency, but had indicated that she will mail a check for \$80 to Stacey Collier for the ring fees for the quadrille riders.

Lora asked for volunteers for the nominating committee in order to prepare a slate for next year's officers; ideally the nominating committee should consist of people who are not currently officers or who do not plan on seeking office for next year. No volunteers were immediately forthcoming, but Beth volunteered to serve as the sole member of the committee as she does not plan on running for an office next year. Audrey Plummer has expressed interest in a board position; Beth will get in contact with her and also put out a nominating form in the next newsletter. A general email and/or Facebook post might also be useful.

Committee reports: Stacey Collier reported that the Liz Hotchkiss Memorial committee met a few days ago, and hashed out a few things although refinement will still be needed. The committee decided that a scholarship award would be most appropriate, given Liz's passion for teaching an lifelong learning. The first scholarship will be awarded in 2022 in the amount of \$100, which can be used for any educational endeavor (clinic, camp, intensive training with regular trainer, etc.) The application process will commence on January 1st and run through April 30, at which time the winner will be announced. The committee will continue to work on the application and other details between now and January 1st. One idea was to try and schedule a clinic with Wickety Hotchkiss (Liz's daughter) and make the announcement of the winner at that clinic; maybe make the clinic itself a fundraiser for the Liz Hotchkiss Educational Grant, which is the working name of the memorial. Perhaps a silent auction or some other activities could be included as well.

Clinic committee: still working on venues for upcoming clinics, including the proposed Adult Dressage Camp for 2022. One idea was to rent the Sedalia State Fairgrounds, which has ample stabling, excellent indoor and covered arenas, and plenty of local motels nearby; another idea would be to rent RV's for campers to stay in. A company in Sedalia will set them up, stock them so they are ready for occupancy, and take them down when the camp is over. Adult Dressage Glamp!

Fundraising: the 2022 CDCTA calendar is well underway, and Sarah Hansen needs only a few more photos. Send them to her if you have them!

A motion was made to adjourn the brief meeting, which was seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m. and two sessions of quadrille lessons followed: Group one included Stacey Collier, Stacey Bates, Abbey Clark and Anna Clark. Group Two consisted of Lora Blair, Sarah Hansen, Charlotte Hansen, and Rosy Erganian. Look for photos from the session elsewhere in this newsletter! Respectfully submitted by Beth Hussey, CDCTA Secretary/



Quadrille at SHF today was a huge hit We had two groups of four so perfect for learning the Thread The Needle and The Cloverleaf among other moves. Kim's expertise and patience were perfect for making a fun afternoon! Hope to have a redo so keep watch for an announcement in the near future. — with Stacey Collier, Stacey Bates, Anna Clark, and Abbey Clark making up the first group. Sarah Hansen, Charlotte Hansen, Lora Blair, Rosy Erganian in the second group. Many thanks to Kim for the excellent coaching and Stacey for all her warm hospitality!

Submitted by president Lora Blair





Division of Animal Sciences
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2021 MU Online Horse Auction & Fundraiser

This year, our annual auction features five AQHA horses that were raised at the MU Equine Teaching Facility. Students from various equine courses in the Division of Animal Sciences care for, train, and market these horses (weanling, yearlings, and two-year old). Videos, additional photographs, and full horse details are being finalized and will be posted online.

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CONGRATULATIONS CDCTA!!

Once again our club has won awards for our newsletter and for photography.

This year, the USDF has awarded Leah Strid the award for Best Amateur Photography in our GMO division. The photo was of Anna Clark and Fante at the Stacey Collier dressage clinic, and the photo was published in the August 2021 newsletter if you want to go back and check it out.

Direct Rein newsletter editor Beth Hussey has also won for Best First Person Experience Article for the Wheelbarrow Load published in the October 2020 newsletter.

Both members will receive a plaque commemorating their awards, which will be mailed to them since the USDF convention will be virtual for the second year in a row.



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NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 22 at Angelo's Steakhouse in south Columbia. Hope you can join us- details inside!

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2022 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)

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