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From Your President

The Know the Movement seminar on February 11, taught by Donna Richardson went great! Kudos to Donna Richardson for such a fine presentation and Julie Hall and Teresa Shafer for all your organization skills. I heard wonderful things about it and wished I could have been there.

CDCTS is looking forward to offering more educational opportunities—what would YOU like to get more knowledge on? Please let us know so we can get it on the schedule!

The weather's getting better—I know I'm trying to overcome "winter lay-off" for both Stella and me. What are you doing to get you and your horse fit? We'd love to hear what you're doing and publish it in the newsletter.

The Spring Schooling Show is rapidly approaching. It will be April 29 at Stable by the Main, the former Winfield Oaks. We're looking forward to a great day. Start planning now to ride and volunteer. We will need help setting up on Friday, April 28; folks to help with parking, jumps, ring master, concessions and clean up the day of the show. Get your qualifying volunteer hours for year end awards done in April. Then you don't have to scramble to get them done by November 30!

The board is continuing to review the CDCTS bylaws for possible changes and/or additions. If you have any ideas for changes, please contact any of our officers.

Until next month, Happy Riding!

Carolyn Ordal,

CDCTS President

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CDCTS MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by CDCTS Vice President Julie Noe at 7:00 p.m. on February 7, 2023. The meeting was held at Calhoun's Restaurant, Knoxville, TN.

II. Roll Call

The following board members were present: Julie Noe, Melissa Morehead, Julie Hall, Rita Dunn, Kacy Schnake and Lynn Holtman. Board members Carolyn Ordal and Dene Masengill were not in attendance. Guest member in attendance was Jean Sullivan. A quorum was present.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from January 10, 2023 meeting was provided to all members in the February 2023 newsletter. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Melissa Morehead and seconded by Lynn Holtman. All in attendance voted Yea.

IV. Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was not available at the time of the meeting.

Show Committee

Susan Hill has been in contact with the new management of Stables at The Mains (formerly known as Winfield Oaks) and a potential schooling show date of April 29, 2023 has been agreed upon. A status of the contract, judge and prize list is needed as soon as possible.

Membership Committee

There are currently 45 new or renewed members for 2023. A list of members showing as not renewed was provided to the board members in attendance. A motion was made to make Carol Grau, the founding member of CDCTS, a Lifetime member beginning January 1, 2023. All in attendance voted Yea and the motion was passed unanimously.

Welcome Committee

There are currently no official members of this committee. Julie Hall will continue to coordinate communication with new members.

Education Committee

"Know the Movement" program is confirmed for Saturday, February 11, 2023. Donna Richardson, USEF "S" judge will be moderating the classroom format. There are 22 participants including 1 "L" Graduate. The club will provide light refreshments.

Media Committee

A new email account has been established for submitting photographs or other articles for the website or newsletter. It was requested that social media be used to advertise the benefits of CDCTS membership. Information to be posted on the CDCTS website or in the newsletters should be forwarded to Coy Jo Bays at cdctsnews@gmail.com

By-Laws Committee

Following a January 24, 2023 board member zoom meeting to discuss the By-Laws, Julie Hall, Dene Masengill and Melissa Morehead will mark-up the existing document and circulate to the board members for additional input and approval, before sending to the general membership for final vote.

V. Old Business

- The CDCTS Annual Year End Awards and General Membership Meeting was held January 14, 2023 at Buddy's Banquet Hall in Knoxville. A heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all those who worked so hard to make the banquet a success. Thank you to Jean Sullivan for spearheading this event for so many years. It was recommended a new Banquet/Awards Committee of at least two people be developed to coordinate this event for next year. This was tabled until the March meeting for further discussion.

CDCTS MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 7, 2023 - CONTINUED

V. Old Business - continued

- The Silent Auction was very successful. Thank you to Rita Dunn and Anne Titus for coordinating this. It was recommended that certificates be provided to individuals who won items in order to keep track of what items were won and by whom, rather than allowing the sign-up sheets to be disbursed. Rita Dunn has a list of the silent auction items and will provide to Melissa Morehead.

VI. New Business

- It was recommended that a review of the Volunteer Hour/Voucher/Scholarship program be performed. This was tabled until the March meeting for further discussion;
- Volunteer hours for CDCTS award requirement was discussed. It is recommended this requirement be included in the review of volunteer hour/voucher/scholarship. It was also recommended a clearer procedure be identified to acknowledge CDCTS members who achieve a USDF milestone award.
- USDF Diamond Achievement Award. This is a new USDF Award instituted in the fall of 2021 to recognize USDF members who have attained all three medals (Bronze, Silver, Gold), and all three Freestyle Bars. This program will be tracked by USDF, and no application is required by the member. Those awarded this high achievement will have their name inscribed on a plaque housed at USDF headquarters in Lexington, KY, receive a certificate and a pin. The inaugural awards were given in early 2022 and included CDCTS club member Donna Richardson. Due to an oversight by the club, Donna was not recognized at the annual banquet for achievement of this prestigious award. A motion was made to recognize Donna Richardson and award her with a portrait blanket. All in attendance voted Yea and the motion passed unanimously.
- STAR annual tack swap will be held March 25, 2023 from 9a.m. – 2p.m. CDCTS has had a presence for the past several years. The club is seeking members who will volunteer their time to man the vendor table. A motion was made to approve the vendor fee of \$30.00. All in attendance voted Yea and the motion passed unanimously.
- Membership in USAWE was renewed.
- Executive Director Beth Nelson with Hoof and Harness Experiential Learning, Inc located in Strawberry Plains reached out to the club secretary about their desire to include a Working Equitation exhibition during their April 15, 2023 annual fundraiser. Hoof and Harness's mission is to promote and enhance the quality-of-life experiences for physically and mentally challenged individuals through safe and effective physical interaction with equines. They achieve their objective by providing horse grooming instruction and cart driving lessons using miniature horses. Their website is: www.hoofandharness.org. The club secretary will reach out to Beth Nelson to discuss specifics of this exhibition, including insurance requirements, and report back to the board. The board members in attendance agreed this would be a good community outreach effort. Rita Dunn, Lynn Holtman and Julie Hall have agreed to coordinate this effort.

VII. Upcoming Events

- Know The Movements: February 11, 2023 @ Teresa Shafer's farm. Time 10-3. See FB, newsletter and website for registration information.
- River Glen Equestrian Schooling Show: February 25, 2023;
- STAR Tack Swap: March 25, 2023. Time 9-2.
- River Glen Horse Trials: April 21-23, 2023
- CDCTS Spring Schooling Show, Stables at the Mains: April 29, 2023. Additional information to follow.
- River Glen Dressage by the River: May 13-14, 2023
- The Barn Fairy Open House/ Drop and Swap: May 20, 2023. Additional information to follow.
- CDCTS Summer Schooling Show: June 17, 2023. Additional information to follow.
- Fall Fun Day: October 28, 2023 @ River Glen
- Jim Koford Clinic 2023: 04/13-16; 05/11-05/14; 06/15-18; 08/17-20; 09/14-17; 10/12-15; 11/16-19; 12/14-17

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Julie Hall and seconded by Rita Dunn. Adjournment at 8:16 p.m. on February 7, 2023. Next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Calhoun's at 10020 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37922. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

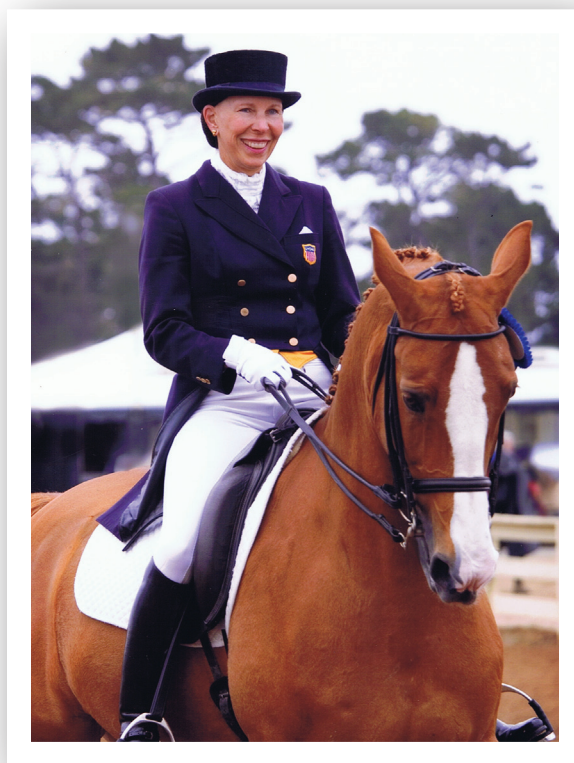
The Minutes submitted by Julie Hall CDCTS Secretary

USDF Diamond Achievement Award

**Diamonds form under extreme temperatures and intense pressure.
It is this which sets them apart from other gems.**

In the late fall of 2021, USDF presented the penultimate award recognizing those riders who have been awarded their USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Rider Medals and Freestyle Bars.

**The inaugural USDF Diamond Achievement Award recipients in early 2022,
included CDCTS club member Donna Richardson.**



Congratulations Donna!

The Diamond Achievement Recognition will be automatically awarded once all requirements are met. There is no application to submit. Each recipient's name will be engraved on a plaque to be housed at USDF. They will also receive a certificate of recognition and a pin.

CDCTS would like to congratulate Donna on achieving this outstanding award! Donna will be receiving a portrait blanket with the above photograph.

Know The Dressage Movements Workshop On February 11, 2023 Was A Huge Success.



There was a great turnout for the Know the Dressage Movements Workshop. We want to thank Donna Richardson for an informative and educational program, to Teresa Shafer for hosting the workshop and to Julie Hall for her work in pulling this event together.



THE RIDE OF A LIFETIME

BY DR. ANNA WALLACE HOLLMANN

I'm pretty sure every elementary school has one: the horse girl. That girl that gallops around at recess, snorting and whinnying - generally acting in ways that will cause her face to turn red and ears to burn when it's brought up years later. It's me. Hi. I'm the problem... wait. Nope. But it was me, and even as a nearly 40 year old woman, I'm still horse-obsessed. I just don't gallop and whinny in public anymore. Like many members of CDCTS, I am an adult amateur woman just trying to live out my childhood dreams of riding a fancy, prancy pony in a 20x60 meter arena while holding down a job, a house, a marriage, and some semblance of sanity.

I grew up just down the road in Cookeville with Morgans and Arabians. They were stubborn, tough as nails, and relatively small, and I never made it past training level. Clearly, based on this background, the best choice for my first "grown up" horse was an OTTB. This came after an 11 year hiatus due to medical school, residency, and fellowships. When the first one didn't work out as I had hoped, I bought another one. What's the saying about surgeons? Not always right, but never in doubt? Yep, that's me, too. Don't get me wrong - I love my boys, and they have a permanent last name, but I finally came to accept the fact that they were never going to be able to physically or mentally do what I dreamed of doing, which is reach Grand Prix. Once I embraced this, I enlisted my coach, Emily Brollier Curtis, to help me find THE horse.

Emily called me one day in June 2021 and said, "I found your horse." I expected her to follow this with something like, "He's a 17h KWPN gelding schooled through PSG." Nope. Not even close. "She's a 6yo 16.1h Trakehner mare that hasn't shown in the US." WHAT?? I thought we were friends! Still, because I trusted Emily, I tried her. And I tried her again. Each ride got better, and Kalaska joined the Wallace family in July 2021.

As I said above, Kalaska had not competed in the US. She had done some 4yo classes in Germany, but she was truly a training level horse when I bought her. We took some lessons, and we went to our first show together at Dressage by the River. She was an absolute rock star and got regional qualifying scores at training and first levels. Emily said, go to MSED and try to qualify for regionals. So we did, and we did. We went to Region 8 championships at the Kentucky Horse Park and placed 8th in our training level championship out of over 40 horses, and we managed to get a wild card score, qualifying us for USDF finals. FINALS! I'm a country kid who never made it out of schooling shows and I was going to FINALS??!?!?! I called all of my coaches (Emily, Jim Koford, Erika Adams) and asked if I should even bother to go. Of course, they all said, "if you qualify for finals, YOU GO TO FINALS." Well, we went to finals, and the weather was awful. I felt completely out of my league - my imposter syndrome was working overtime. Kalaska bucked with me for the first time in our warm up - she was FRESH. I wasn't feeling good about the ride going in, and coming out, I thought we did okay but expected to be in the middle of the pack. Apparently fresh looks good on her, because we won. We won??!?!? Technically, we were co-champions, but I have the cooler, the neck sash, and the pictures, so yeah, we won. How could things get any better?



The Ride Of A Lifetime - CONTINUED



While I consider myself primarily a dressage rider, I like to jump things sometimes. Being at Penrose Farm, many of my friends are eventers, so I dabble in that, as well. I knew it would take some time to work out 2nd and 3rd levels, so I decided to try eventing with her in the spring of 2022. Kalaska had absolutely no jumping experience, so we started from the beginning. As it turns out, she really likes it! We tried our hand at beginner novice and were quite successful. We won three of four of our events and finished the season ranked in the top 10 nationally. She's the boldest horse I've ever ridden cross country – stopping never crosses her mind. Her ears are always up and I swear she looks for the flags. As the summer progressed, we started focusing more on dressage. We qualified for regionals at 2nd and 3rd levels, and I managed to earn my bronze medal this year. We went to USDF finals again, but without the same outcome. What's the saying, "sometimes you win, and sometimes you learn?" We learned a lot, most importantly that

we aren't allowed in public in one bit ever again (thanks, Koford). Since November, I've ridden my first EVER line of 4 tempis, jumped the biggest jump of my life, and added another magnificent Trakehner mare (Kalaska's maternal half sister) to my herd. My work partners think I'm nuts, and my husband has the patience of a saint. Bless them all. Seriously. I couldn't do this without them.

So here I am – a 40 year old horse-obsessed amateur, and I wouldn't change a single step of my journey. My tack is usually dirty, and my horses may go a week without being ridden because I get tied up at work. Will I ever go to the Olympics? Nope. Will I make it to Grand Prix? Absolutely, and I hope it's with Kalaska. If you know me personally, you know that I don't have the words to describe exactly what that horse means to me. I hate the term "heart horse." I think it's cliché and overused. Kalaska is my battle mare: the one I want to be on when things go sideways. If she never goes to another show, she will still be the one to whom all others are compared. What's in store for 2023? I have no idea. I have a few modest goals (and some loftier ones), but mostly, I'm going to try to embrace my inner horse girl and enjoy every minute of this ride of a lifetime.



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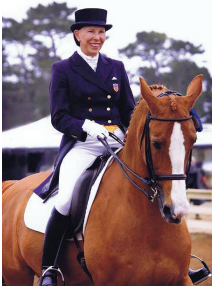


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2023 EVENTS

River Glen Equestrian Schooling Show: February 25, 2023

STAR Tack Swap: March 25, 2023, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 11800 Highway 11E. Lenoir City, TN 37772

River Glen Horse Trials: April 21-23, 2023 at River Glen Equestrian Park, New Market, TN

CDCTS Spring Schooling Show: April 29, 2023 at Stable at the Mains (formerly Winfield Oaks), Greenback, TN

River Glen Dressage by the River: May 13-14, 2023

The Barn Fairy Open House/Drop and Swap: May 20, 2023.

Scot MacGregor Dressage Clinic & Show: May 27-28 (Memorial Day weekend) at Walnut Grove Stables, Talbot, TN

CDCTS Summer Schooling Show: June 17, 2023 at Walnut Grove Stables, Talbot, TN

Fall Fun Day: October 28, 2023 at River Glen Equestrian Park, New Market, TN

Jim Koford Clinic's 2023: 04/13-16; 05/11-05/14; 06/15-18; 08/17-20; 09/14-17; 10/12-15; 11/16-19; 12/14-17

Next Meeting

March 14, 2023

Calhoun's Restaurant

(Pellissippi/Kingston Pike Intersection)

10020 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN

6 p.m. for dinner, 7 p.m. for meeting



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YOUR CONNECTION TO THE LOCAL
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Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society

2023 Membership Application



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- c. Junior/Young Rider Member (21 years old or younger as of January 1, 2023) _____ X \$28.00 _____
- d. Family Membership (\$52 Primary Member + \$13.00 per each additional member) _____ X \$52.00 _____
 _____ X \$13.00 _____
- e. Early Bird Discount (Payment before November 10, 2022) **deduct \$5.00** _____ -\$5.00 _____

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Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society 2023 Professional/Business Membership Application



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Professional/Business membership dues are determined annually by the board. For 2023, there is no fee to become a Professional/Business Member of CDCTS.

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