

Valley Oaks Chapter, California Dressage Society

Minutes of the Meeting held January 5, 2025, at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Members Present: Julie Wood, Cathy Divodi, Cayla Divodi, Joan Cinquini

Treasurer's Report: Not Submitted

Approval of Minutes: No formal minutes were taken at the Xmas party.

Old Business:

- 1 New Board consists of Julie Wood – chair, Cindy Divodi – co-chair, Joan Cinquini – secretary, Rachael Montalban – treasurer, Cayla Divodi – social media, Elizabeth Banga – director at large. Sheilah Dabb will be webmaster and may be on the board. Greg Harper will be contacted re his interest in being on the board.
- 2 Julie will send a letter to US Bank replacing Sheilah with Cathy as a signatory on the club account.
- 3 The website has been updated. Bios are needed from some new board members.
- 4 Julie has sent \$200 to CDS in payment for the upcoming AA clinic. She will send out a last email blast and Cayla will design a Facebook flyer about the clinic. The deadline for application is Jan. 29. The drawing will be held as part of the meeting on Jan. 30. Please apply if you are interested. If you are not selected, you may go on the waitlist and pay the fee yourself if there are open spots available. Contact Michele Vaughn regarding the waitlist.

New Business:

- 1 None of the board members present is able to attend the CDS annual meeting in Los Angeles. If anyone is able to attend this meeting as our representative, the chapter will pay transportation costs. Contact Julie if you are going.
- 2 The chapter will be providing breakfast at the AA clinic on March 8-9. We will discuss the menu at a later meeting.
- 3 The possibility of a one or two day cavaletti clinic with Erika Janssen was discussed. She was well received at the CDS annual meeting two years ago. The lessons would be in groups, and we could promote it to hunter/jumper and western or cowboy dressage

- riders. If we have a two day clinic, we could have a BBQ or other dinner on Saturday night. Several venues might be suitable. Cathy will contact Erika regarding open dates for 2025 and her costs.
- 4 Another possibility would be a biomechanics and/or cavaletti clinic with Heidi Chote and Kalli Bowles. Julie will contact them about this possibility.
 - 5 The board voted to not hold a bit fitting clinic this year.
 - 6 The possibility of having a late spring social BBQ at Cathy's home will be discussed later in the year.
 - 7 The board decided on a new day for meetings – the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm on Zoom. The agenda for the next meeting will include the drawing for the AA clinic and Cathy's report on Erika Janssen.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm.