

Minutes of the Meeting, Valley Oaks Chapter, California Dressage Society

August 20, 2026, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Members Present: Michelle Cihak, Julie Wood, Liz Banga, Joan Cinquini

Minutes of Previous Meeting: approved

Treasurer's Report: \$6934.60 less \$500 for cavaletti clinic and \$774.89 for purchase of 3 dozen championship ribbons

Old Business

1. The Junior/Young Rider clinic will be held on Oct 9-11 at PEC with Willy Arts. We have at least two interested candidates. Michelle will draw for the winning rider. Additional spots are often available if this clinic does not fill.
2. The cavaletti clinic has been cancelled due to lack of entries. We have paid the initial \$500 which is nonrefundable. The \$250 paid for the use of PEC as a venue will be applied to an event next year. We will probably drop Converge online payment at the end of the year; it is now turned off. We will use Give Butter for all payments and donations in future. Michelle said that the site is very easy to use.
3. The FEI watch party was successful and fun. Thanks to Kalli for the use of her facility and to Michelle for providing the goodies plus set up and clean up.
4. Michelle had some additional donations for the CDS silent auction basket. We will receive 25% of the sales price of the basket.
5. The Jeopardy contest and potluck will be on Oct 24. There will be prizes for winners, and we will combine this evening with a meeting to discuss next year's board and the volunteer of the year award.

New Business

1. The travel-show clinic is cancelled. Michelle did not receive much response from the members and is currently a bit overwhelmed with activities. We could hold a simple demonstration day of trailer tire changing at a later date as this topic had the most interest.
2. The Christmas party potluck and awards will be on Dec. 5 at 6:00 pm at the Lucky B Ranch. We may decide to hold a gift exchange, but the club cannot currently provide gifts to all who attend.
3. Next meeting Thursday September 24 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted: Joan E. Cinquini, Secretary