

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

August 28, 2025, 7:00 pm via Zoom

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Sept. 1 balance will reflect income from the auction.

Old Business

1. We made \$1367 on 39 items in the silent auction, an excellent result given that the show was small. Next year we will concentrate on making up buckets of horse supplies as these were the top sellers. Michelle volunteered to go to the Expo on Sunday to gather up any donations at the end of that event.
2. We have only 3 entries for the cavaletti clinic so far and we need about 20. Cayla is making up a new, more colorful flyer. It will be downloadable, so members could put it up at any business location. We will also put some up at the annual show. We should get more entries after the annual show. Julie will contact Erica to ask if she can put an announcement of our clinic on her website. We can also send some flyers/info to the Foothills and Sacramento Valley chapters. Entries and payments can be made through the Converge on our website

New Business

1. Michelle is in charge of making up the chapter basket for the CDS Championships auction. She has wine, a picnic backpack, spices, cookies, embroidered towels, oil, and browbands. She hopes to make up a \$500 bucket. She will list the items and the value for CDS.
2. We are now up to 33 members.
3. Christmas party: There was some discussion about whether to hold this at a home or restaurant. A central location is necessary. Michelle will contact some possible hosts. Julie suggested The Brickyard in Rancho Murieta. Cayla will send out a survey for the best date – either Dec. 7 or Dec. 14, both Sundays.
4. Awards: Joan will start sending out email reminders for the year-end awards. She has enough ribbons for at least two more years. The requirements for the awards are on our website.
5. Election: Michelle Cihak as volunteered to be the chapter chair for next year. Julie will assist her as either co-chair or member at large. The election will be held after the annual show.
6. Next meeting Sept 25 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted, Joan E. Cinquini , Secretary