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

Sept. 24, 2026, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Members Present: Heidi Chote, Cathy Divodi, Cayla Divodi, Michelle Cihak, Joan Cinquini

Minutes of Previous Meeting: approved

Treasurer's Report: $5656.73

Old Business

1. Kiran Banga is our rider for the CDS Jr/YR clinic to be held Oct. 9-11 at PEC with Willy Arts. Sara Banga is our alternate.
2. The October meeting will be held on Sunday Oct. 25 not on Saturday Oct 24 at 6:00 pm at the Lucky B Ranch. We will have a short meeting to discuss the 2027 board before the November election. The board will also vote on Volunteer of the Year and we will plan the December potluck awards party re food and whether to have a gift exchange or not. Light refreshments and a group Jeopardy game will follow. Joan will provide some prizes for the winners. Cayla will put a flyer on Facebook as a reminder for this event.

New Business

1. Michelle will make up a spreadsheet showing our expenses for 2026 so that we can budget more effectively for 2027.
2. Our basket at the CDS Championships was purchased for $450 and we will receive a percentage of that for our treasury. Our thanks to Liz Banga for putting this basket together. Michelle was in charge of the silent auction this year and all baskets looked very attractive. CDS made $4010 in total on the auction. Our chapter had at least 10 volunteers working at the show.
3. Heidi Chote suggested a clinic for next spring on raising your test scores with an emphasis on riders who do not own dressage-bred horses. It could be a combination of riding and non-riding activities with either a group or individual demo riders.
4. Next meeting Sunday, Oct. 25 at 6:00 pm at Lucky B Ranch.

Respectfully Submitted, Joan E. Cinquini, secretary