

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

July 23, 2026, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Members Present: Michelle Cihak, Elizabeth Banga, Cathy Divodi, Cayla Divodi

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved

Treasurer's Report: \$5401.58.

1. Valley Oaks spot in CDS Jr/Yr Clinic is reserved, Clinician: Willy Arts @ PEC October 9-11, 2026. Michelle will send out email asking for submissions August 1, 2026.

2. Aug. 15 Cavaletti Clinic: Information and flyers are out on social media; Michelle and Liz have posted several flyers at local tack/feed shops and shows. Registration is live on our website including payment options. Michelle will coordinate snacks and drinks (Leftovers will be brought to FEI watch party on 8/16/26); she and Liz and Joan will be present as volunteers.

3. Aug 16 FEI watch party will be a potluck at Lucky B Ranch. Cayla will put together a flyer.

4. Donations for the CDS auction basket are due Sept. 1. Michelle has saved some donations for this basket already and given to Liz. Basket theme is "Disco Night at the Barn".

4. Media Presence: Member Spotlight and Valley Oaks Matchy Madness – Voting Complete
The winner: Sandy Savage/Eye Candy – 2 bottles of wine and Starbucks gift card delivered.

5. Horse Jeopardy Night in October – Let Joan pick best weekend date for her since she will be our Jeopardy Czar

6. Silent Auction: Live on Give Butter, concluded Sunday 7/12/26 at 5:00 PM

Silent Auction brought in \$1,523.00

New Business

1. Travel/Show Skills Clinic At Lucky B Ranch – October 17th

Potential modules: Bathing/Grooming, Braiding, Stall Set-up Safety, Trailer Safety/Changing Trailer Tire, Routine Vet Care, Basic Farrier Unit, Basic Horse Ground Handling Safety, How to Plan a Show Season/Fill out Show Entries.

Have Cayla post a poll to Valley Oaks Facebook and Instagram. Choose the top 4 modules for clinic. Have Cayla design a flyer for this clinic Tickets Prices: \$30 for Valley Oaks and Pony Club members, \$40 for non-members, \$0 for Lucky B Boarders Give Butter to sell tickets/collect funds and turn off Converge after Cavaletti Clinic

Lunch: Charcuterie boxes (\$15-20), Small Silent Auction, Lunchtime Games

Michelle will Schedule Email Blast for this clinic 9/1/26

2. Start thinking about next year's board positions/nominations to make transition smoother/less rushed.

3. Date for our annual Holiday/Awards Party? Saturday December 5, 2026 6pm

4. Next Meeting: August 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted: Elizabeth Banga