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

February 27, 2025, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Members Present: Cathy Divodi, Michelle Cihak, Julie Wood, Liz Banga, Greg Harper, Becky Pennington, Cindy Bell, Joan Cinquini

Minutes of previous meeting: approved

Treasurer’s Report: Julie reported that we have only spent $200 for a Go Daddy renewal for our website, giving us approximately $5800 in the treasury.

Old Business

1. The junior clinic with Anna Buffini was a success for our rider Kiran Banga. Anna was very positive and suitable for younger riders.
2. Cayla Divodi has established our Instagram account.
3. Joan reported that a Square or other payment device is really intended for a higher volume retail use. It would not be practical for a one event use. We have Converge for use on the website or on phones. It must be turned on for clinic payments.
4. We will discuss the social gathering/barbeque when warmer weather is guaranteed.

 New Business

1. The AA clinic is coming up on March 7-9 at Starr Vaughn. We will be providing breakfast/snacks on 8-9. Joan and Julie will discuss what to buy later. Julie said we could get a Traveler coffee donated by Starbucks and she will look into this. Becky voluntered to help out on Sunday. Joan and Julie will do some setup on Friday.
2. Amelia Newcomb is donating one of her workshops to nonprofits as a fundraiser auction item. We must verify our nonprofit status, use her marketing materials and logo in our own ads, and provide a receipt of the donation. The workshop is an online lecture/demonstration allowing feedback from the participant. There are some free videos on Youtube if you wish to see her style of teaching. We could use this as a premier item in the mini silent auction at the October cavaletti clinic. Julie will contact Amelia in writing regarding this opportunity.
3. Michelle Cihak has donated some items for the October auction.
4. The October clinic flyer will be emailed to all members. You are encouraged to download it or print it for distribution to tack stores, feed stores, hunter-jumper barns, and Western Dressage or Working Equitation barns. We can have a maximum of 5 hours per day with 25 riders total in the 5 groups. We will make a small profit if we fill this clinic.
5. Next Meeting is Thursday, March 27, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joan E. Cinquini, Secretary