

Shasta Chapter of the California Dressage Society – General Meeting

Meeting Date: 3/25/2025

Location: Suzie Burgess's Studio, 915 Merchant Street #5, Redding, CA 96002

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order: 6:37 pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:48 pm

In Attendance: Allie Figura (Chair), Heather Greaves (Treasurer), Maria Chamberlin (Co-Chair), Suzie Burgess (Member at Large), Connie MacGregor (Secretary), Karen Scarpete (Events Coordinator) (via FaceTime), Anne Modzelewski and Clementine, and Barbara Fogarty.

Guests: Cindy Madden and Tom Richards

Notes Prepared By: Connie MacGregor

Updates from the Board

- **Lisa's Email/Microchip Rule:** Lisa recently forwarded an email link regarding the new USDF microchip requirement. Beginning December 1, 2025, all horses competing in USEF-licensed or -endorsed competitions must be microchipped with a 15-digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip, regardless of breed, discipline, or competition level. Please be aware of this rule if you will be competing in USEF competitions.
- **Memorial for Ulrike Fuchs:** A celebration of life for Uli, a long-time trainer in the Redding area, was held on Friday, March 28, 2025. Prior to the chapter meeting, Connie sent an email to members with a link to further information. She also posted details on the chapter's FB page.
- **Report on AA Clinic – Heather:** Heather reported on her recent participation in the annual Linda O'Carroll Memorial Adult Amateur Clinic held at Starr Vaughn in Wilton, California on March 7-9. Lilo Fore was the clinician. Heather reported that it went well. Met a lot of great riders. Shared that it was beneficial to get a different viewpoint from another trainer. Although Barbara was the alternate and was initially placed on the waitlist, an opening occurred, and she was able to participate too.
- **Facebook and Website:** Our Facebook and website are now up and running thanks to Maria and Heather! There are two Facebook pages – one specifically for members, where we can share information amongst ourselves; and a second, public page. Check out these great new resources at:
 - **Website:** <https://shastachapterdressage.org/>
 - **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/people/ShastaChaptercds/61574207287614/> (this is our public FB page)
 - **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1374307797324164/> (this is our Shasta CDS members private page)
 - We discussed setting up a payment/donation link on our website for member and benefactor use. The pros/cons of Zeffy vs Venmo were discussed. Heather found that Zeffy doesn't charge a service fee, but Venmo may be better for large-scale events like soliciting tips at the Redding Rodeo fundraiser. Use of Venmo is more widespread than Zeffy, thus the public may be more familiar with it and willing to scan a code to donate. Heather is doing further research.

- **Rodeo Beer Booth Fundraiser – Friday, May 16**
 - **Current volunteers:** Allie and Pete Figura, Heather Greaves, Joel Collier, Margo Gray, Brenda Moore, Tom Richards, Maria Chamberlain, Suzie and Jack Burgess, Anne Modzelewski, and Connie MacGregor
 - **What needs to be done:** We need YOU!! We will be pouring and serving beer at the Redding Rodeo, Friday May 15, 2025 from 5 to 10 pm. We would like shifts to be 2.5 hours each, but you are welcome to pitch in with whatever time you can contribute. Tips will be ours to keep for the Shasta Chapter CDS. Friends and family over 21 are welcome. All volunteers must complete a form required by the rodeo committee prior to participation. If this is something you would like to help with, please contact Allie at allisonfigura@gmail.com.
 - Maria is looking into getting t-shirts made with the club logo to show the public our participation.
- **New Logo – Review Ideas and Decide**
 - Several members in attendance shared logo ideas, many of which were created using AI. There was much discussion of all of the great options. It was decided that Maria will work on further refinements based on the comments and preferences that members in attendance discussed.
- **Brainstorm Club Purpose/Activities/Fundraisers**
 - Due to time, this item was tabled for discussion at our April meeting.
- **Bank Balance:** As of 3/25/2025 our balance was \$1,203.30 after paying \$371.76 for the platform
- **Update the Bylaws:** Tabled until next meeting.
- **Storing the Dressage Court:** The club dressage court needs a new home. Potential storage locations were discussed, but it was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Update on CDS Clinic scholarships

The CDS website provides information for CDS clinics and scholarships. Check it out at <https://www.california-dressage.org/forms-scholarships?rq=scholarships>.

Area Chair Report

Dressage Clinics

- Tanya Vik Clinic: Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, 2025. Big Sky Equestrian Center, Orangevale, CA..

Dressage Schooling Shows

- April 27, Dressage Schooling Show, Mechoopda Camelot Equestrian Park
- Woodland Stallion Station has not updated their calendar yet - no news
- Oregon Dressage Society merged Cascade Chapter and State of Jefferson Chapter of
- Pacific Equestrian Center has a 6-Show Dressage Schooling Show Series with Championship in Wilton. Sundays: March 9, April 20, May 18, June 29, August 3, October 5
- Woodbridge Farm has Schooling Shows in Petaluma, March 9, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug 30, Sept 27, Oct 25
- Oregon Dressage Society in Klamath Lake/Tule Lake areas might have shows and clinics - no news

Rated Dressage Shows

- June 4-6 PEC Horse Park Dressage Show, Pacific Equestrian Center

- June 13-15, CDS Regional Adult Amateur Competition/ JR/YR Championship hosted by Golden State Dressage, Murieta Equestrian Center
- September 13-14 PEC Horse Park Dressage Show, Pacific Equestrian Center
- September 18-21, CDS Region 7 State Championship Show, Murieta Equestrian Center
- I'm sure there are more

Other

- May 15-16 - Club event - Host beer booth at Redding Rodeo (Thursday and Friday)
- June 7-10 Western Dressage Competition and Clinic, Pacific Equestrian Center

If you have information on an upcoming event that may be of interest to others, please send the information to Karen Scarpete so that she can add it to the list of events.

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Club calendar - let's brainstorm and decide on some events and possible dates, maybe four (4).

Let us know your ideas for events – mounted or not.

Tom Richards, owner of Tri R Ranch in Palo Cedro (the location of many years of Shasta Chapter CDS shows and events) generously offered the use of his facilities for clinics and other events. THANK YOU, TOM!

Fundraising Ideas – Brainstorm

Tabled until next meeting.

Meetings Ideas – Brainstorm

Amelia Newcomb Grassroots Giving Back Fund. Amelia specializes in “dressage for everyone.” She may be willing to conduct a clinic if we can gather enough interest. Check her out at <https://amelianewcombdressage.com/> and let Karen or Allie know if what Amelia is offering is of interest to you.

Events Ideas – Brainstorm

We briefly brainstormed on events that may be of interest to our chapter members and beyond. Ideas included an obstacle course playday, but we want to hear from YOU! What would you like to see????

Briefly discussed getting a grant to allow for a clinician. Lots to talk about, but we need your participation.

Schedule Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Where: Suzie Burgess's Art Studio, 915 Merchant Street, #100, Redding, CA 96002 (**NOTE: this is a new location**). Click this link for a map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/i8JekvPvJY3dvFgFA>

The board meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm.:
<https://meet.google.com/igu-nvqu-fon>