

Shasta Chapter of the California Dressage Society – General Meeting

Meeting Date: 2/26/2025

Location: Holiday Market, Placer Street, Redding, California - Community Room

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order: 6:51 pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:56 pm

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

Notes Prepared By: Connie MacGregor

Updates from the Board

- **Administrative things:** If you have not already paid your annual CDS dues, please be sure to do so.
- **Peer Review of books, Chair and Treasurer on checking account:** Allie reported that during the recent annual Chapter Chair meeting, CDS strongly recommended that chapters practice a system of peer review (i.e., a second set of eyes) when reviewing or engaging in financial activities. Board members present were in agreement that this is a good idea, and that it could be coordinated effort between the treasurer and the chair or co-chair.
- **Welcome email to new members:** Allie reported that CDS (Paula) has kicked off a new monthly effort to alert respective chapters when a new or returning membership has been added. This came about as a result of requests made to CDS during the annual Chapter Chair meeting held on 2/1/2025. Allie was able to participate in this meeting remotely. As of 2/26/2025, we have 24 paid members.
- **Bank Balance:** As of 2/26/2025 our balance was \$1,557.56 after paying \$87 to enable development of our new website, which is being led by Heather.
- **Venmo:** Discussed setting up a Venmo account for club use. This may be a handy and efficient way for members, event participants, benefactors, etc. to make transfer funds directly to our club account. Use of the Square app was also discussed. Maria and others who are familiar with these various forms of payment options are going to look into costs and the availability of non-profit versions that may have lower maintenance fees.
- **Update the Bylaws:** Tabled until next meeting.
- **Facebook and Website:** We now have possession of our club logo! Suzie graciously agreed to use her (and her husband's) professional art and graphics skills to update the Shasta Dressage Chapter's logo and prepare it for use on our website, Facebook page, etc.
- Heather was also able to retrieve our website and Facebook passwords. Heather will develop our website, while Karen will be taking the lead on updating and administering our Facebook page. However, it was decided by all present that all board members will be included as Facebook page administrators to allow for wider input. More to come on our renewed social media presence at the next meeting.

- **Handling Information Requests:** Allie recently received a request for a trainer recommendation from a non-member. This generated a discussion of how we might include trainers or other equine service professionals on our forthcoming website and Facebook page. Ideas include payment of a minor listing fee. This issue will need further discussion.
- Maria has offered to monitor a Shasta Chapter CDS-specific email account. We discussed different email handles and will provide everyone with the address as soon as it is active.
- **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.

Report on Zoom CDS overview meeting and CDS North Chapters Roundtable on Feb. 1

Allie was able to participate remotely in the annual Chapter Chair meeting conducted by CDS. Dressage chapters all reported an overall decline in participation but are working hard to come up with creative ways to attract new members. Fewer venues and the financial costs for not only the chapters, but for participants are among the main challenges. Some chapters have focused on attracting young riders and fostering an interest in dressage. Others are experimenting with a variety of mounted and unmounted clinic ideas, including sport psychology, osteopathy, and rider body awareness. If you have some ideas, we'd love to hear them!

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>.

Rodeo Beer Booth Fundraiser

- **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. If this is something you would like to help with, please contact Allie at allisonfigura@gmail.com.

Area Chair Report

Dressage Clinics

- March 7-9, CDS Amateur Clinic at Starr Vaughn Equestrian Center with Lilo Fore
 - o Heather will be our rider, but if she is unable to make it, Barbara is the alternate followed by Cindy.

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.

Winecountrysportponies@yahoo.com

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.

Karen reported on Dominique's participation in the recent Junior/Young Rider Clinic. It was an amazing clinic geared towards kids. Anna Buffini, the clinician, was exceptional with the kids and very supportive. A lot of ponies and a range of rider ages, which made it fun for everyone.

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, March 25, 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, March 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm.