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President's Message Kathy Ridenour

Greetings to all of you. Now that I am back from Florida, I will be picking up the reins and riding into a new year with CDCTS. I can't thank Susan Price enough for keeping things going while I was away.

It's a new year and I hope you are all ready for a great year. We have several clinics planned, two schooling shows, and a fall Hunter Pace to come. I hope everyone will take advantage of the training, showing, and horseback fun CDCTS is bringing to its members.

This year being an Olympic year, Florida had lots of big name talent and the many shows. It was great to see. But it is also great to see the number of amateur riders competing. There were riders from young kids to centurions (well, not quite, the rider was 89 but the horse was only 8). The riding was not pretty but I can only hope I will still be riding at 89! The horse was perfect and after all isn't that what we all really want? The perfect partner who will take care of us in the arena or anytime we are on their back.

Now is a great time for any of you who have ideas for other things the members might enjoy as club activities to let me or any of the other Board Members to know. I look forward to hearing from you.

Wonderful riding,
Kathy



CDCTS MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to order

Vice President Susan Price called to order the regular meeting of the CDCTS Board at 7:05 pm on March 8, 2016 at Puleo's Grille, 260 N. Peters Road, Knoxville 37923.

II. Roll call

Vice President Price conducted the roll call on behalf of President Kathy Ridenour who was in Florida. The following Board members were present: Susan Price, Carol Mitchell, Jean Sullivan, Carolyn Ordal, and Janet Wolff. The following Board members were absent: Kathy Ridenour, Melissa McKenzie, Holly Ratcliff, and Teresa Shafer. There was a quorum. The following CDCTS members were in attendance: Christina Cardenas, Jeannie Baggett, Dave McAdoo, Mattalyn Hughes, Gwen Granin, Anne Titus, Valerie Cheatham, Mary and Chuck Sivley, Rita Dunn, Shaelyn Baggett, Diane Carlson, Susan Hill, and Julie Noe.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from February 16, 2016 meeting were sent out via email to members. Motion to approve the minutes: Rita Dunn; seconded by Gwen Granin. Minutes were approved as read.

IV. Old Business.

Treasurer's Report. Monthly expenditures and income were reported. Motion to approve by Carolyn Ordal. Seconded by Susan Hill. Approved.

Jeremy Steinberg Clinic. Updated information on the clinic, as reported by Melissa McKenzie via email to Susan Price. Event will take place May 7-8, 2016 at Yellow Wood Farm, 4562 Kingston Hwy, Lenoir City, TN. Melissa will start registering riders (members only) at 8 am Monday, March 21. Members who wish to ride must call Melissa at 865-603-4846 and must leave a message. If space is available, non-members may sign up beginning on April 1. Members who wish to audit will be charged \$20/weekend or \$15/day pre-paid or \$30/weekend, \$20/day at the door. JR/YR may audit at no charge. Non-members will be charged \$30/weekend or \$20/day prepaid or \$40/weekend \$20/day at the door. There will be a wine and cheese reception on Saturday. Stabling/day stalls availability and cost TBD.

Emily Brollier Curtis Clinic. Event Coordinator is Susan Price. No CDCTS subsidization is needed for this clinic beyond payment for mileage for clinician to come to Yellow Wood Farm. It will be held on 19-20 March at Yellow Wood Farm, 4562 Kingston Hwy, Lenoir City, TN. Cost is \$85 per lesson. Thus far, the Saturday clinic is full. Two members at the meeting volunteered to ride on Sunday; one 1 more rider opening available on Saturday. Please contact Susan Price at susanccsi@comcast.net, to enroll in the clinic.

J.J. Tate Clinic. Event Coordinator is Teresa Shafer. The clinic is filled with those riders who were on the cancelled November clinic. Those individuals must send new checks for the event, as the checks for the November show were shredded. Clinic dates are June 25-26 at Teresa's farm or Yellow Wood in the case of inclement weather.

Spring Schooling Show. Event Coordinator is Janet Wolff. To be held on June 4, 2016 at White Stables Equestrian, 170 Rarity Bay Parkway, Vonore TN 37885. Judge is Debbie Schwartz. **Requirement:** there are no jumps available at this facility; jumps must be acquired and brought in to the facility approximately one week in advance of the show. Consideration: it is possible for CDCTS to buy jumps and use them consistently in upcoming shows. Over the course of approximately four shows, the jumps would then belong to the stable if the facility fee were waived.

Eventing Clinics: Spring Hunter Pace. Coordinators are Holly Ratcliff and Carolyn Ordal. Given the challenges of competing with the new group, East Tennessee Hunter Pace, CDCTS opted to cancel the spring Hunter Pace.

VI. New Business

CDCTS Audit Dave McAdoo presented the update on the club's audit. The audit found no irregularities and the club passed. Motion to accept the update: Susan Price; seconded by Jean Sullivan. Approved.

Review of Awards Rules. Susan Hill pointed out the need to revise the club's CT requirements to clarify the confusing wording of the rules. She pointed out that it is unfair to CT riders to assess them as dressage scores. Three scores from the highest levels needs to be rewritten for clarity. Susan Price and Susan Hill will form a committee to resolve the wording confusion; in addition they will look into developing some fun type of awards and report back to the club.

Fall Schooling Show. Show Secretary has been confirmed to be Janet Wolff. Date, judge and venue require confirmation ASAP.

GMO Refund. Carol Mitchell briefed the members that for those who are members of multiple GMOs, there is a form from USDF that will allow them to request a refund of \$12 per GMO that they belong to, after the member retains one GMO as a primary GMO. Requests for refunds may be sent to USDF from April 1-August 1 in each current year.
<http://www.usdf.org/docs/GMOFlash/web/Forms/MultipleGMORefund.pdf>

L Judge Scholarships. At least three members expressed interest in pursuing the L Judge Scholarship available from CDCTS. The form and guidance are available on the CDCTS website.

STAR Tack Swap and Sale. Carolyn Ordal advised members that the event would take place on April 1 at STAR facility at 11800 Hwy 11E, Lenoir City TN, 37772. Anyone interested in setting up a table should contact STAR directly.

Fire at Kathy Ridenour's home. Carol Mitchell advised the members that she had just learned there had been a fire at Kathy's place while she was in Florida. Discussion as Kathy is a long time CDCTS member, members felt that CDCTS should provide her with a check to assist with incidental expenses. Dave McAdoo proposed \$750 donation. Seconded by Carol Mitchell. Approved.

VII. Adjournment.

Adjournment proposed by Diane Carlson and seconded by Rita Dunn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm on February 16, 2016. Following the adjournment, Rita Dunn requested a review of the donation amount to Kathy Ridenour; she was concerned about setting a precedent with the amount. She moved that the amount be revised to \$500. Seconded by Gwen Granin. Approved. Final Adjournment at 7:40 pm; Rita Dunn proposed and Jeannie Baggett seconded. Next meeting to be held on April 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm, in the same location. Minutes submitted by Carol Mitchell, CDCTS Secretary.

From the Editor's desk

Our club is ramping up for a very busy and productive spring through fall. These events are fun to participate in, to audit and are an excellent opportunity to get to know our members. Many of the event coordinators could use more volunteers to assist them prior to, during and after the event. If you have some time and would like to help your club, please contact the event coordinators. We really appreciate your volunteer spirit. Thank you so much.

I've kept the following poem near me for a very long time; it makes me smile and reminds me to enjoy every moment. I invite you all to consider picking more daisies.

I'd Pick More Daisies

If I had my life to live over again, I'd try to make more mistakes next time. I would relax. I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have ever been this trip. I know of very few things that I would take seriously. I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers and watch more sunsets. I would do more walking and looking. I would eat more ice cream and fewer beans. I would have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I am one of those people who lives prophylactically and sensibly and sanely hour after hour, day after day.

Oh, I've had my moments: and if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else. Just moments, one after another instead of living so many years ahead each day. I have been one of those people who never go anywhere without a thermometer, a hot-water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat, aspirin and a parachute. If I had it to do over again, I would go places, do things and travel lighter than I have

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefooted earlier in the Spring and stay that way later in the Fall. I would play hooky more; I wouldn't make such good grades except by accident. I would ride on more merry-go-rounds.

I'd pick more daisies.

Nadine Stair, age 85, from *The Three Boxes of Life*

CDCTS CLASSIFIED CORNER

NEW PRICE! For Sale: Black Ariat Field Boots. Size 9 tall, regular calf. Worn only a handful of times. \$80.00 Contact Rita Dunn at piaffe8@charter.net

For Sale: Wintec Isabell Werth dressage saddle. 17" seat, adjustable tree, in very good condition. Also included are stirrups and girth. This saddle is worth \$1300 new (SmartPak); it is for sale at \$600.00. Contact Peggy at 865-982-8040.

UPDATED INFORMATION! For Sale: TULLYMOR'S TIGGER. Tigger is a 5-year-old, 13.2+ hand high, purebred Connemara, handsome bay gelding. He is going nicely under saddle, has shown in dressage (w-t-c) and has schooled lightly over small fences. He is nicely balanced with a bigger stride than one would expect for his size. Tigger is suitable for a youth or smaller adult and would do very well as a dressage pony, pony clubber, or event pony. He is also great on rugged trails. He is sure-footed, steady, quiet, brave and willing. Goes well in a group or alone. He is easy to handle, happy in a stall or out on pasture with the herd. Loads and travels like a champ. Excellent behavior off the farm. Sound; no vices. Contact Vanessa Morgan at connemaras9@gmail.com or call 423-744-9071 or 423-506-6975 (please leave a message at both numbers if no one answers – thanks!) <http://connemaras.com/nails/tiggerphoto.htm>

Trailers for Sale: Tobruk Trailers – Merhow and Cherokee aluminum trailers. Custom living quarters for large horses. Hitches and repairs. Call 865-674-7041 or email tobrukfarm@charter.net

Dressage Saddle for Sale. County Connection 18inch W dressage saddle \$2250. Bought new in 2008. Excellent condition, new billets last August and flocked at that time as well. Serviced by Shirley Ferguson, a County Rep. Stored inside house. Saddle can be tried on your horse, within reason. It is a great saddle for helping the rider sit the trot and maintain position. Very comfortable, soft and supple leather. Contact Lauren Irwin 423-304-4143.

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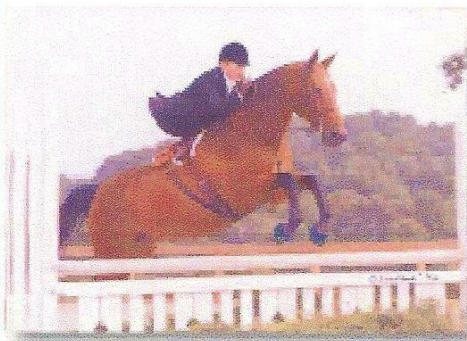
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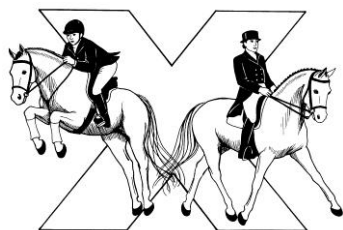
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*Crossroads Dressage and
Combined Training Society*
2016 Membership Form



First Name: _____ Middle Initial _____ Last name: _____ USDF # _____

Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: (____) _____ Secondary Phone: (____) _____

New member? Y /N

Email _____ Birthdate: _____
(Requested by USDF)

I would like to join Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society for the 2016 Membership Year (December 1, 2015 – November 30, 2016). Enclosed is a check for the following membership category:

- ☐ **\$23** Charter Membership (*Founding Members whose membership has not lapsed since the formation of the club*)
☐ **\$48** Adult Membership (Over 21 years old as of January 1, 2016)
☐ **\$28** Junior/Young Rider Membership (21 years old or younger as of January 1, 2016)
☐ *Family Membership – (\$48 Primary Membership + \$13 per each Additional Family Member)
 Total family dues submitted with application: \$ _____

List Additional Family Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>DOB</u>
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I would be willing to volunteer in the following areas (circle all that apply):

HORSE SHOWS: ☐ Scribe ☐ Scorer ☐ Runner ☐ Ring Steward ☐ Concessions ☐ Setup/Teardown
☐ Hospitality

OTHER: ☐ Phone Contacts ☐ Committees ☐ Board Member ☐ Write for Newsletter ☐ Publish Newsletter
☐ Web Site ☐ Sell Advertising

☐ Other: _____

Please make your check payable to CDCTS, and return by **December 1, 2015** to:

Carol Mitchell, CDCTS Secretary
1909 Hidden Meadow Dr
Knoxville TN 37922

Date Received: _____
 Check # _____
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Making Your Application The Best It Can Be:

Tips from
The Dressage Foundation's
Selection Committee
Members and Staff

Each year, The Dressage Foundation receives hundreds of grant applications. It is always difficult for our Selection Committees to choose the best candidates for each funding opportunity. How can you stand out from the rest?

We've put together some guidelines and tips for you to consider, in order to help you make your application be as competitive as possible. While we can't guarantee that any one individual will receive financial assistance, since the final decision is always in the hands of our independent Selection Committees, we can offer some suggestions.

1. Begin the process early. With work, school, riding, and family obligations, finding the time to devote to the application process can be difficult. If you feel rushed, you will skim over important details in the application. Incomplete or incorrect applications are not sent to the Selection Committee for review, so be sure to give yourself enough time to gather all required parts of the application and double (or triple!) check to make sure that everything is included before you submit your application.

Allow enough time for your application to reach our office. If the deadline is September 15th, that means that your application MUST reach our office on or before September 15th. There are no exceptions to this rule. The earlier you start the process, the more relaxed you will be, the more your application will follow the format required, provide all necessary information, and allow you time to call with any questions.

2. Read all information before beginning the application process. Remember to do this every year as requirements may change from year to year. If the instructions say to submit your application online, do so. If the instructions say to mail a certain number of copies to our office, then proceed in that way.

3. Consider the funding opportunities. What are your goals? How do your goals fit with the grant or scholarship that interests you? Sometimes it is easy to "stretch" the interpretation of a program or fund's stated purpose to match what you want to do. Be aware that other applicants will take a more literal approach and those that most closely match the stated purpose of the fund will score better with the Selection Committee.

Do you meet the criteria as stated by The Dressage Foundation? What is the amount of the financial assistance available from the Foundation? Is your application appropriate?

Also consider what other assistance is available to you. Does your GMO or dressage club offer scholarships?

4. Review your application. Proofread for grammar and typos, as these can make even the best application look as if it was thrown together at the last minute. If possible, have someone else read through your application. Consider how it will look to someone on the Selection Committee. If you were on the Committee, how would you score the application? Take a close look at the requirements. Do you meet or exceed all the requirements? Do you "somewhat" meet the requirements? Are there areas where you do not meet the requirements? If so, you may want to work on those areas and wait a year to apply for the grant or scholarship.

5. Closely review your budget. Do the numbers add up correctly? Have you included all expenses and income? Double-check your math and explain any areas that may be unclear to the Selection Committee.

6. Keep a copy for yourself. Before submitting your application, be sure to print or otherwise keep a copy for your records. You will not receive your application back after the selection process.

Now that you've made sure that your application will be a contender, how do you make it rise to the top?

Our Selection Committee members are busy people. They don't have time to read a book about each applicant, so keep your application simple and relevant. Answer the questions completely, but keep the information pertinent to the question (don't go off on a tangent, telling a long story that wanders away from the point of the question).

Make sure the information clearly and concisely illustrates WHY you are the best candidate for this grant or scholarship.

Feel free to call the TDF office at 402-434-8585 if you have questions, we are here to help!

Good luck!

2016 Events

Next CDCTS meeting will be held on **April 12** at Puleo's Grill, 260 N. Peters Road, Knoxville 37923. The Meeting will start at **7:00 pm**.

Cathy Fox Clinics. Held at Merry Hour Farm, 4728 N Wildwood Road, Maryville, TN 37804. Contact Carol Grau at 865-984-2532 for available ride times. Cost is \$60 per lesson. Cathy's schedule is **April 2-3, May 7-8, June 4-5, July 2-3, August 6-7, September 10-11, October 1-2, November 5-6, December 3-4**. To learn more about Cathy Fox, please visit her website www.pineknollfarm.com.

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Dressage by the River. Held on **July 23-24, 2016** at River Glen Equestrian Park, 1834 London Road, New Market, TN 37820. Judge will be Elizabeth Lewis.

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CDCTS is a USDF Group Member Organization that caters to dressage and combined training (eventing) riders and enthusiasts in the Knoxville area and throughout East Tennessee. CDCTS is also an affiliate member of USEA to better serve our eventing members.

By joining CDCTS, you will be on the fast track to learning about shows, clinics and other great educational opportunities in our area. You will get to meet other like-minded, horse-loving people, and you will become part of a group that is continually working to promote dressage and eventing in your area.

In addition, by joining CDCTS, you automatically become a Group Member of USDF, which provides you with many additional benefits in the dressage arena.

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