

# COLLECTED NOTES



DECEMBER 2023

## FROM CDCTC's CO-PRESIDENT:

Happy December! It's a brand new fiscal and calendar year for us at CDCT starting on the first. If you haven't already, please be sure to submit your membership dues soon! You can join/rejoin at any time but the fee isn't pro-rated so you get more bang for your buck the earlier you submit. Details are on our website on how to submit via email OR via snail mail. Please remember that you MUST submit a membership form along with your payment.

Thank you to everyone who attended our brief Zoom Annual Meeting last month. We were able to reach a quorum and approve three new at-large board members. Welcome (and welcome back) to Kim Blaszak, Meghan Crout, and Jane-Marie Law!

As a reminder, we split our Annual Meeting and Awards Gala into two separate events so I hope to see everyone in real life on December 10th at Healing Rein for our Awards Gala! The food and fun starts at 1PM and goes till 3:30PM. The club will be providing food but we encourage attendees to bring either wine or a dessert (and ask that you let Jane-Marie know of your choice). The Awards Gala is a fun time to hang out with friends and fellow club members, eat good food, drink good wine (or juice), and watch people win creative awards in fun categories. Bring yourself and a friend, you do not need to be a current member to attend but we hope you'll join before you leave!

Please remember to submit  
your dues!

### Dressage in Wine Country



*Cayuga Dressage & Combined Training Club welcomes horse enthusiasts from all walks of life, all religions, ethnicities and races, creeds, and sexual orientations. We are a club where differences are respected and appreciated, where we come together to affirm our common love of the horse and the arts of horsemanship.*

*We disavow discrimination and intolerance.*

## **Minutes from the CDCT Meeting on November 15, 2023**

*Submitted by Dinah Guarino*

**Attendees:** Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Norm Johnson, Jane-Marie Law, Anna Redmond, Sarah Hepler, Carol Morris, Kathy Thode, Prin Furst, Dinah Guarino, Sarah Pyne, Karen Steffy, Colleen Price, Meghan Crout, Linda Mancil, Kim Blaszak, Heidi Webb, Skye-Anna Nye-Smith, Deirdre Hay, and Tina Matejka.

**Congrats to Sarah Pyne for her accomplishments at USDF Nationals!**

**October Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Norm to approve and Sarah H. seconded. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The club made a profit of ~\$3500 this year. Memberships are starting to roll in for 2024.

**Region 8 Meeting:** Not much to report - please read and review USDF proposed rule changes.

### **Old Business:**

**2024 Dressage in Wine Country:** Contracts have been sent to Lisa El-Ramey and Scott Peterson for judging. No definite word about managers but Anita Jaffe and Darien Quinn have been asked. My Eva food truck for both days; Homespun Photography will do photos.

**2024 Keepin' It Casual Show:** Still working on date, place, and judge.

**USDF Convention:** No one from the club is going so a proxy delegate has been assigned.

**Awards Gala:** Will be 12/10/2023 from 1 PM to 3:30 PM at Healing Rein. It was discussed that the club would buy the entrees and members could bring wine and desserts. Jane-Marie requested that members let her know if bringing dessert or wine.

### **New Business:**

**Annual Meeting Elections:** We have a quorum! We had three nominees for the three open board positions. They are Jane-Marie Law, Meghan Crout, and Kim Blaszak. There were no further nominations from the floor. Karen Steffy moved that we accept the proposed slate of officers, Kathy Thode seconded, and the motion was approved.

**Request from FLPC:** They are hoping to host the WNY Regional Dressage Rally in June 2024 and would like to use our ring. Much discussion ensued, and it was recommended we let them use our chain arena as it is easier to transport, etc. Jane-Marie will ask Sonya Lawlis if they could borrow her letters and the PC could do the minor repairs to these and paint them. Jane-Marie made a motion that the club purchase exterior paint, white and black, to paint the letters, seconded by Norm. Motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM

**Next club meeting:** January 2024, date TBD.

**CDCT Keepin' It Casual Show:** Sarah will keep working out details with IEC for a potential host facility.

**2024 Grants/Events:** Colleen working on a few grants/events for 2024. TDF grants for WDAA and Centered Riding, an official Centered Riding grant, and a USDF grant. If you have ideas or things you want to see happen, please let us know!

**Swag:** Prin will work on getting the store reopened for winter orders. Items proposed include socks, pens, winter hats, gloves, two pocket folders, clipboards, sweatpants, vests, chairs, etc.

**Annual Meeting and Awards Gala:** Two at-large board positions are available, please let Carol know if you are interested. A decision was made to split the Annual Meeting and Awards Gala into two separate events as November had no available weekends. There is a poll and questionnaire on Facebook regarding both events and an email was blasted to the membership. The Annual Meeting will take place via Zoom in November and include the board vote. The Awards Gala will take place in person on a weekend day in December.

**CDCT Membership:** Please be sure to renew your dues and get your friends to join soon! USDF rosters are due by December 1st to avoid any interruptions in benefits.

**January Meeting:** Proposed having part two of the Michelle LaBarre Wine and (Not) Ride Biomechanics Workshop.



# CALENDAR

## CDTC Events:

November 15, 7 pm: Annual Meeting

December 10 (tentative): Awards Gala

## *Additional Local Dressage and Combined Training Groups*

[Carriage House Arena](#)

[Central NY Dressage and CT Association](#)

[Eastern NY Dressage and Combined Training Club](#)

[Endless Mountains Dressage & Combined Training Club](#)

[Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club](#)

[Western New York Dressage Association](#)

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## REMEMBER!

**USEF Safesport training** is required for all recognized show officials, as well as competitors. Please complete or update your training at the USDF's [Safesport](#) training site.

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## CDCT COMMITTEES FOR 2023

<b>RECOGNIZED SHOW:</b> Shannon Ryan-Dinmore (Co-Chair) Jean Foley Dinah Guarino Sarah Hepler Elizabeth Love Carol Morris Anna Redmond	<b>COMBINED TRAINING:</b> Amy Bittner Sarah Pyne Anna Redmond Shannon Ryan-Dinmore	<b>EDUCATION:</b> Jane-Marie Law (Co-Chair) Anna Pirog (Co-Chair) Jean Foley Colleen Price Shannon Ryan-Dinmore
<b>SPONSORSHIP:</b> Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Kathy Thode	<b>CASUAL SHOW:</b> Norm Johnson (Co-Manager) Dinah Guarino (Co-Manager) Karen Steffy (Secretary) Jean Foley Sarah Hepler Anna Redmond Shannon Ryan-Dinmore	<b>PUBLICITY:</b> Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Karen Steffy
<b>WESTERN DRESSAGE:</b> Tina Matejka Colleen Price	<b>AWARDS:</b> Colleen Price	<b>YOUTH ENGAGEMENT:</b>  <b>SWAG:</b> Prin Furst Sarah Hepler Elizabeth Love Anna Redmond Shannon Ryan-Dinmore

# CAYUGA DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING CLUB, INC.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:

Address:

Phone (area code first

E-mail:

Birth date (requested by USDF)

Are you an instructor or trainer?  Yes  No

Do you give permission for your pictures and/or name to be used for publicity?  Yes  No

May we include your name and email address on the Membership List that's distributed to members?  Yes  No

**Current Members: Please submit your Membership form and dues by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.** This ensures that you will receive the USDF magazine and other GMO benefits without interruption. **New Members** are welcome to join year-round!

*Membership benefits:* Dues cover your USDF group membership, newsletters, and discounts at club-sponsored events, except as limited by USDF and United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).

Enclosed is my payment for:

Individual Membership (\$45)

Family Membership (\$50)

Junior Membership (\$25)

Business Membership (\$25)

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Dressage Shows: Planning, paperwork, grounds preparation, help on show day, etc.

Western Dressage

Combined Training

Education/Clinic Committee

Awards

Publicity

Other:

Signature:

Date:

(Member's signature or parent/guardian signature if under 18. Typed signature is fine.)

Electronic submissions: Please complete form and email to [dressageithaca@gmail.com](mailto:dressageithaca@gmail.com)

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Vice-President: [Norm Johnson](#)  
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Treasurer: [Anna Redmond](#)  
Recording Secretary: [Dinah Guarino](#)  
Roster manager: [Colleen Price](#)

Newsletter and Website: [Karen Steffy](#)

Members at large:  
Prin Furst ('24)  
Deirdre Hay ('24)  
Sarah Hepler ('24)  
Jane Marie Law ('23)  
Tina Matejka ('23)  
Anna Pirog ('24)

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