

COLLECTED NOTES



SEPTEMBER 2026

FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

Happy spooky season! I apologize for how late the newsletter is this month. I have been buried at work for the last few weeks and not able to sit down and write!

At the end of this month, CDCT will be hosting our Working Equitation Symposium with Stephanie Hayes. I'm told that all of the riding spots have been filled but that there are lots of auditing spaces available. You must sign up and pay your auditing fee prior to October 30th as this covers food and helps us prep. The form is located on the Sponsored Events page of our website and gets sent to Jane-Marie. The symposium looks set to be a fun-filled weekend of learning that everyone can benefit from, whether you're a seasoned Working Equitation pro or just a classical dressage rider looking for new things to try. Come check it out!

Our next big thing is our Annual Meeting and Awards Gala! However, I don't currently have a date to give you because the Awards Committee is still hard at work nailing down details. They hope to have everything accomplished by our meeting at Healing Rein at 2PM on the 18th of this month. Come join us, bring a dish to pass, and help with the planning! If you are interested in joining the CDCT board, please let us know ASAP.

We are already looking ahead to 2027 and have some events on the docket. Of course we will again have our CDCT Keepin' It Casual Show

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18: Monthly meeting, 2 pm, Healing Rein Farm, 330 W Dryden Rd, Freeville, NY

October 30—November 1: Working Equitation Symposium with Stephanie Hayes, Brook Hollow Farm, Brooktondale, NY. Contact [Jane-Marie Law](#) for more information.

sometime in June and our CDCT Dressage in Wine Country Shows at the end of August. We also have three virtual dressage shows planned with Spotlight Horse Shows which can be used to earn points towards the Empire State Virtual Dressage Finals hosted by CNYDCTA, WNYDA, CDCT, and ENYDCTA in 2027! If you think of any other events you want to see next year, please let us know.

Now is the time to renew your membership for 2027! This year, I am keeping everyone on their committees from last year so we don't start from scratch and can more seamlessly continue with planning. If you want to be taken off something, let me know. And of course, I can add you to more too. We have added a 50th Anniversary Committee in order to get ahead in planning for a big 50th year bash in 2030. It seems a far way off but time flies by!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things

Shannon

Minutes for CDCT Meeting for September 2, 2026

Submitted by Dinah Guarino

Attendees: Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Dinah Guarino, Norm Johnson, Sarah Hepler, Carol Morris, Prin Furst, Kathy Thode, Anna Redmond, Colleen Price, Tina Sochia, and Karen Steffy.

August Minutes - Norm would like the trailer to be moved into someone else's name and this was omitted from the August minutes. Colleen first as amended, Norm seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report - Anna reported that we made a very good profit on DIWC!

Old Business:

Working Equitation Symposium - the riding spots are full. Auditing is still available. You must register and pay to audit ahead of time - the form is located on the Sponsored Events page of our website.

DIWC - Looking ahead to next year's show August 28-29, 2027. Some Suggestions for "S" judges: Kem Barbosa, Robin Brueckmann, Scott Peterson. Perhaps we can get some more ideas at the awards banquet. Hoping to get Dari-an again as secretary/manager. Everyone liked Ray as TD - will ask him again. Grace enjoys being the show farrier - will ask her again. Kathy is requesting help with the sponsorship thank you's, Colleen offered to help. There were problems with the sound system at the show. The board approved the club to purchase our own sound system with potential help from a TDF grant. To be continued.

Awards Banquet - Jane Marie, Prin, Colleen, and Dinah are checking out venues for the 2026 event. Budget was discussed for the event. After some discussion, \$2000 was approved for food and awards. We discussed that attendees may have to chip in maximum of \$20 for their food and drinks. Prin discussed current swag that we can use for some of the awards such as the cutting boards, iron on patches were approved as well. Four people are coming off the board: Tina, Deirdre, Prin and Sarah H.

New Business:

Banners - Colleen presented designs of a possible new banner for the club. Colleen will check with Jen who designed them for sizes and prices. Norm noted that Gnomon Copy is much less expensive than Staples.

Virtual Shows - CNYDCTA, WNYDA, ENYDCTA hosted a virtual series this year with the Empire State Virtual Dressage Finals to wrap it all up. The emails never reached us due to a typo so we have remedied that for 2027 to be included. Inclusion requires a \$300 sponsorship towards year end awards that was approved. Tina has spoken with Gail at Spotlight about setting up a series of three virtual shows in 2027 and will be our point person.

CNYDCTA asked for sponsorship towards their upcoming Championship Show in Syracuse. Colleen motioned to approve \$500 and Sarah seconded. All approved.

USDF Convention - Anita will be our proxy and Dinah will look into what New Hope Mills has to send for our GMO basket.

Other: A reminder that memberships are coming due soon! Shannon is keeping everyone on their current committees so you will need to opt out; rather than starting from scratch. Colleen proposed creating a 50th Anniversary Committee now in order to make sure we have planning time. She will chair and others are welcome to join! The bylaws are being reviewed and edited so expect a discussion/vote in the coming months.

KICS: Discussion about possibly moving the show to later in June now that there is no conflict with Carriage House events. To be continued.

October Meeting: 10/18/26, 2 PM at Healing Rein.

Adjourned at 8:22 PM

CDCT COMMITTEES FOR 2026

AWARDS: Prin Furst Dinah Guarino Jane Marie Law CASUAL SHOW: Jean Foley Dinah Guarino Sarah Hepler Mandy McGeachy Carol Morris Anna Redmond* Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Karen Steffy COMBINED TRAINING: Amy Bittner Meghan Crout Sarah Hepler Anna Redmond Shannon Ryan-Dinmore WESTERN DRESSAGE: Jane Marie Law Tina Sochia	RECOGNIZED SHOW Jean Foley Dinah Guarino Kathleen Hefferon Sarah Hepler Norm Johnson Mandy McGeachy Carol Morris Anna Redmond Shannon Ryan-Dinmore* Tina Sochia WORKING EQUITATION Deirdre Hay Kristin Jankowski Lana Lentschke Jane Marie Law* Jean Loew Mandy McGeachy Tina Sochia Sofia Vallette SWAG: Prin Furst	EDUCATION: Amy Bittner Jean Foley Jane Marie Law Lana Lentschke Jean Loew Carol Morris* Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Kathy Thode PUBLICITY: Jean Loew Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Karen Steffy YOUTH ENGAGEMENT Deirdre Hay Jean Loew SPONSORSHIP: Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Kathy Thode
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