COLLECTED NOTES

NOVEMBER 2026

FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

It's the last month in our calendar year here at CDCT. That means that our Annual Meeting and Awards Gala is upon us and that membership dues are, well, due!

Our Annual Meeting and Awards Gala will be November 15th at 1PM at Village Taqueria in Dryden. There will be a Mexican food buffet and dessert available (gluten and dairy free options too) in a private banquet room. If you are planning to attend, please let Dinah know (dinahguarino@yahoo.com) ASAP. While CDCT is covering some of the venue and meal costs (and the awards), everyone attending must pay $20 to help offset food. As a perk, attendance does come with one free drink ticket. The $20 can be paid to CDCT in advance or at the door - PayPal, Venmo, checks, and cash accepted. If paying digitally, please tag the transaction for the Annual Meeting and Awards Gala to help Anna keep her sanity!

The Annual Meeting is our yearly wrap up session and typically the most attended meeting of the year. Everyone comes together to celebrate achievements, milestones, and recap on everything great our club accomplished for the year. This is also where we will vote and install new board members for 2027. Soon, you will receive a poll by email urging you to submit nominations for new board members. Please make sure you fill it out promptly so that we get those in early. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to vote, please let Shannon (Shannon.Ryan18@gmail.com) know who you would like to serve as your voting proxy. The By-Laws for CDCT have been updated and we hope to have those approved to go into effect at the close of the meeting. There will be sign ups for committees as well as membership forms available too.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15: 1 pm, Annual meeting and awards Gala, Village Taqueria, Dryden, NY.

The Awards Gala will follow our Annual Meeting. This is, of course, the highlight of the day where members receive curated awards in a variety of categories. You will also be receiving a poll via email shortly that allows you to nominate club members for various awards. Again, please fill it out quickly, it helps our awards committee plan ahead! A huge shoutout to Prin for all of the amazing new branded items up for grabs as well as Colleen, Dinah, and Jane Marie for their hard work bringing the whole day to fruition. It's a ton of work and they've all done a great job!

So bring some new faces, new ideas, and an appetite and come celebrate and wrap up the year with us!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things

Shannon

CDCT Meeting Minutes 10/18/26
Submitted by Shannon Ryan-Dinmore

Attendance: Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Colleen Price, Norm Johnson, Carol Morris, Tina Sochia, Kathy Thode, Prin Furst, and Amy Bittner

Important note - there were not enough board members present to reach quorums on voting matters. An email to the board was sent to officially vote on the matters below.

Meeting began at 2:45PM

September Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Colleen motioned to forgo reading of the minutes and treasurer's report and approve. Tina seconded. All in favor.

Old Business -

DIWC: The dates are August 28-29, 2027. Shannon is working down the list of judges to find officials. Darian wants to serve as our show photographer. Anita said she'd help find a secretary or serve herself. Ray was pretty adamant about wanting to come back as TD, just waiting on an email back before sending a contract. Some discussion about the possibility of having a judge stay after the show to offer jumping instruction (Monday on) in order to serve more of our membership.

Working Equitation: The Symposium with Stephanie Hayes is filled for riding spots but auditing still remains - please get your form and payment to Jane-Marie ASAP. USAWE is centralizing Affiliate Organizations (AO) based on location/state. As of November 1st, CDCT will no longer be an AO of USAWE. New York State Working Equitation (NYSWE) will serve as the AO for NY. Jane-Marie will serve as the Central NY branch chair in addition to Eastern NY and Western NY branches within NYSWE.

Annual Meeting and Awards Gala: November 15th at 1PM at Village Taqueria in Dryden. We will have a private event space with a buffet style Mexican meal. Attendance costs $20 (Venmo, PayPal, cash, check to CDCT) to help offset food costs. Prin has been working her swag magic to create awesome new award items including CDCT patches, branded stall guards and hay bags, and lovely engraved items. Prin, Sarah, Tina, and Deirdre are all coming off of the board. Norm additionally would like to step down from VP. We only need to fill 3 at-large board positions and the VP. Colleen requested permission to purchase a month's subscription to a polling service in order to get award nomination and board member position nominations from the membership. Shannon motioned to approve and Tina seconded, all in favor. [This was sent to the board afterwards for an official vote.]

Banners: Colleen said that Jen is still working on printing costs and details associated with ordering a new banner for the club. She asked that the club approve an amount up front for a 6'x8' banner and Shannon proposed $250. Norm seconded and all approved. [This was sent to the board afterwards for an official vote.]

50th Anniversary Committee: Colleen asked for permission to start researching bigger venues for our 50th Anniversary in 2030. Also looking at a special logo and ideas for table prizes. USDF provided a historical list of past member contact info that can be used to reach out for support too. Trying to get ahead on planning a big celebration. Membership price in 2028 may need to go up ~$5 to help offset printing/mailing costs.

USDF Convention: Stan will serve as our voting proxy at the BOG. Dinah went to New Hope Mills to purchase a basket of NYS Goodies that will be shipping directly to the winner of our GMO Basket. Both our proxy form and our GMO Basket letter of intent have been sent to USDF.

By-Laws: The by-laws are being reviewed and edited. We hope to have the changes approved for the upcoming year.

New Business -

Virtual Shows: We are joining with CNYDCTA, WNYDA, and ENYDCTA to take part in the Empire State Virtual Horse Show Finals in 2027. For that, we are offering three virtual shows through Spotlight Horseshows with Tina serving as the contact person. We will have Vineyards in Bloom in April, Summer Wine Cooler in May, and the Grape Harvest Gallop in July. More info will be available soon!

CNYDTCA asked if we had anything to put in the competitor packets at their upcoming Syracuse show. Some people recommended we send the koozies or stickers (both residing in the trailer). Shannon is working on revamping our membership form for possible inclusion.

Engagement: A discussion was had about rewarding member engagement. Most GMO's have certified volunteer hours to be eligible for year-end prizes. It was proposed that we create a point system for special year-end awards. This could include attendance at meetings (in real life and online), social media engagement, actual volunteer hours at events, committee participation, etc. More discussion to ensue at a later date.

Combined Training: There is an overall feeling that we need to put more effort towards our eventing folks. Some discussion was had about hosting a jumping clinic in 2027. Amy offered her facility and another was proposed as a potential option as well. The Combined Training Committee will look into this further.

Other Event Ideas: A club sponsored trail ride was discussed. This could include Hammond Hill, Bear Swamp, Otter Creek, or potentially a winery ride. DK Stables in Brookfield has the option of overnights in cabins and even has horses available if you can't bring your own. Some more discussion to be had at a future date.

January Fitness Meeting: Corrinne Harris is now a certified Alexander Technique teacher and may be available to lead a bodywork session. Colleen will ask about availability and pricing.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45PM.

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

Additional Local Dressage and Combined Training Groups

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
Houghton College Equestrian Events
Western New York Dressage Association

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.

WHO TO CONTACT:

Officers:

President:	Shannon Ryan-Dinmore
Vice-President:	Norm Johnson
Past President:	Shannon Ryan-Dinmore
Treasurer:	Anna Redmond
Recording Secretary:	Dinah Guarino
Roster manager:	Colleen Price
Newsletter and Website:	Karen Steffy

Members at large:

Prin Furst ('26)
Deirdre Hay ('26)
Sarah Hepler ('26)
Tina Sochia ('26)
Meghan Crout ('27)
Jane-Marie Law ('27)
Mandy McGeachy ('27)

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