

# COLLECTED NOTES



FEBRUARY 2026

## FROM CDCTC's PRESIDENT:

Brrrr, it sure has been cold lately! But that didn't keep you all from showing up to our first meeting of the year to enjoy some restorative yoga, great food, and important discussions on the year ahead. Let's keep that energy flowing to make 2026 great!

It may only be the beginning of February but we've already got our first event of the year coming up. Join us February 8th at Cazabu Farms in Erieville for our very first Working Equitation play day exploring a couple of the required WE obstacles. This and the two following sessions (March 8th and May 3rd) are geared towards introduction and confidence building for both horse and rider to get a taste of what Working Equitation is and the obstacles you might see in competition. All three days are geared towards fun and learning in a group. Not interested in competing? This is still a great outing opportunity for you and your horse to see novel things and gain experience. All details can be found on the Sponsored Events page of our website.

But wait, there's more! We will be having our first clinic of the year with Dave Thind on April 25-26th at Brookside in Moravia. Dave is a rider, trainer, and Feldenkrais practitioner who is happy to work with any horse and rider combo at any level. This clinic offers two days of riding opportunities as well as an unmounted *(continued)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8: Exploring Obstacles in Working Equitation, Cazabu Farm, Erieville, NY. Contact [Jane-Marie Law](#) for more information.

February 23: 7 pm, monthly meeting via zoom.



[Check out the 2025 awards!](#)

Feldenkrais session. Come ride or audit, and move your body! Info can also be found on the Sponsored Events page of our website - space is limited and fills quickly for this one so don't miss out.

Show season is right around the corner and we are well on our way to dotting all of our i's and crossing our t's in regards to the Keepin' It Casual Show and Dressage in Wine Country prep work in June and August, respectively. Many licenses and contracts are signed and sealed but there is still much to do. Now is the perfect time to think about any contacts you may have interested in Sponsorship opportunities for either event. These can include prizes, ribbons, and monetary donations from individuals, businesses, and other organizations. Sponsorships help keep our show costs down while also rewarding competitors and volunteers with prizes and great memories. Interested in getting involved? Join our recognized show, casual show, and sponsorship committees!



There has been some discussion about having unmounted information sessions across our region to promote Dressage, Western Dressage, Working Equitation, etc. which means the educational committee has some great ideas brewing. If you have signed up for any committees, expect some group emails in the coming weeks as we get organized and start planning. If you still want to join, send me a message! Otherwise, I'll see you all on Zoom on February 23rd.

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,  
Shannon

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## INTERESTED IN WORKING EQUITATION?

Cayuga Dressage and Combined Training is now an official Affiliate Organization of the USA Working Equitation Organization (USAWE.org). This spring, with co-sponsorship from CNYDCTA and WNYDA we will be hosting a three-part series called "Exploring Obstacles in Working Equitation." In three sessions, we will introduce all 19 obstacles one can find in a working equitation phase two of competition. (We will cover 6 obstacles each session). The dates for these affordable and casual Play Days (\$35 per horse for members/ \$50 per horse for non-members) are February 8, March 8 and May 3. All three are at Cazabu Farms, 3675 Erieville Road, Erieville, NY. The February event is now full, but auditors can still come. It begins at 9 AM and goes until 5 PM. Auditing is free for members of CDCT, CNYDCTA and WNYDA, or \$10 for non-members. For more information, contact Jane-Marie Law, CDCT's Working Equitation Committee and AO chair at 607-229-3431 (text is fine) or by e-mail at [jml16@cornell.edu](mailto:jml16@cornell.edu).

## Minutes for CDCT Meeting January 18, 2026

*Submitted by Dinah Guarino*

**Attendees:** Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Dinah Guarino, Norm Johnson, Sarah Hepler, Carol Morris, Jane Marie Law, Tina Sochia, Karen Steffy, Deirdre Hay, Prin Furst, Jean Loew, Sofia Vallette, Kathryn Seeley, Lana Lentschke, Amy Bittner, Mandy McGeachy, Kathleen Hefferon, Skye-Anna Nye-Smith, Autumn Nye-Smith, Kathy Thode, Jean Foley, Ginny Grove, and Hilma the cat.

**Minutes** of November meeting: motion by Norm to accept, seconded by Sarah, motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Deferred to the next meeting.

### Old Business -

**DIWC:** USEF/USDF licensing is done. We have hired Lori Barnard "S", Scott Peterson "S", and Ray Dennis as TD, Paul Rehbock for photography, Darian Quinn is pending a contract. Still waiting on the Fair-grounds contract (gets later every year). Carol will sponsor the Pony Cup again. Norm will organize the USDF scribe course that we previously did in order to get scribes for all our shows. Shannon will order ribbons. Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) Awards granted again for all our 2026 shows. Need to start working on sponsorships ASAP.

**KICS:** Tentative date of June 7, 2026 at Asbury Equestrian Center - contract pending. Kim Blaszak tentatively judging. Robyn Hancock-Null offered to provide ribbons for a Thoroughbred Cup class with proceeds going to Beyond The Backstretch. Jane Marie asked about having a Working Equitation TOC dressage test included too.

### New Business -

**Introductions** were done around the room as we had many old and some new faces. After that we had a great yoga session led by Krista Hagman.

**Working Equitation:** Jane Marie announced that CDCT is now an affiliate of USAWE. An in depth description of WE was given by her. The club has agreed to sponsor a set of three play days at Cazabu Farm as an introduction to the obstacles involved in WE. Dates for the play days are 2/8/26, 3/8/26 and 5/3/26 in Erieville, NY. Please visit the CDCT website for more info and forms regarding participation or auditing.

**Dave Thind Clinic:** Carol discussed the clinic for April 25-26 at Brookside in Moravia, NY. The Dressage Foundation awarded us a \$750 Violet Hopkins Grant and the club has approved \$500 for food. After discussing prices for participants, a motion was made by Sarah for the club to give an additional \$1000 for the clinic, Jane Marie seconded, and the motion approved. All information and entry forms can be found on our website.

**Unmounted Educational Outreach:** In keeping with our educational mission, Carol proposed doing some unmounted educational sessions to explain Dressage to those with no background. Shannon proposed expanding this to include sessions on Western Dressage and Working Equitation, possibly touring our region around different barns (Asbury, Healing Rein, Gales, etc.). Sessions could include videos and handouts explaining the topics in a fun, engaging manner. The education committee will explore this further.

Jane Marie discussed possibly having the local group of visually impaired equestrians join CDCT to help further their work. They do not currently have an “official group” so to speak but have great traction and impact. More discussion for February’s meeting and perhaps forming a Para or Blind Equestrians committee. The short film “Dressage in the Dark” is available on LaBarre Dressage to view to get an idea.

**February Meeting:** Zoom on February 23rd at 7 PM.

**March Meeting:** March 15th in person at the Boiceville Meeting House, Brooktondale, NY.

Motion to adjourn - Norm 1st, Sarah 2nd, motioned approved at 1:05 PM.

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## CALENDAR

February 8: Exploring Obstacles in Working Equitation, Cazabu Farm, Erieville, NY. Contact [Jane-Marie Law](#) for more information.

February 23: 7 pm, monthly meeting via zoom.

March 8: Exploring Obstacles in Working Equitation, Cazabu Farm, Erieville, NY. Contact [Jane-Marie Law](#) for more information.

March 15: Monthly meeting, time TBD, Boiceville Cottages Meeting House, Brooktondale, NY.

April 25-26: Dave Thind Clinic, Brookside Farms, Moravia. Contact [Carol Morris](#) for more information.

May 3: Exploring Obstacles in Working Equitation, Cazabu Farm, Erieville, NY. Contact [Jane-Marie Law](#) for more information.

June 7 (tentative): Keepin’ It Casual Show, Asbury Equestrian Center, Ithaca

August 22: Dressage in Wine Country I, Chemung County Fairgrounds

August 23: Dressage in Wine Country II Chemung County Fairgrounds

# CAYUGA DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING CLUB, INC.

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[Western New York Dressage Association](#)

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