

# COLLECTED NOTES



JUNE 2025

## FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

June 20th marks the start of summer. Let's hope the weather stops being rainy and cold, especially on the weekends!

June 8th is our CDCT Keepin' It Casual Show at Ithaca Equestrian Center. We have the wonderful Kim Blaszak judging, Sarah Hepler and Anna Redmond co-managing, and Karen Steffy in the trenches of show secretary land. Of course the show would not be possible without the hard work of a host of volunteers from setup to teardown, ring stewards, parking attendants, scribes, scorers, and more. I hope to see everyone out competing, volunteering, or just supporting our cool little schooling show.

After our casual show is over, the emphasis goes to Dressage in Wine Country. Fortunately, we have already checked a lot of to-do boxes. Sponsorships and Special Awards are huge though so make sure to share with all your favorite businesses, friends, colleagues, and family. Sometimes an email to a company whose product you love can result in a donation too (thanks LMNT!). And remember that Special Awards are due by the end of July so that we have time to order your fancy accompanying ribbon! There is an ongoing list of what's been claimed on a Facebook thread but you can contact Jane-Marie if you have an idea and want feedback. Kathy Thode is handling the old-fashioned sponsorships. The form is on our website on the DIWC page. *(continued)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 8:** Keepin' It Casual Show, Ithaca Equestrian Center. [Questions?](#)

**July 13:** Monthly meeting: at 2 PM at Healing Rein



*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.*

New this year, we will be hosting a Working Equitation Clinic with Stephanie Hayes on August 2-3 at Asbury Equestrian Center. I'll be adding the event to the website after finishing this newsletter and an entry form should be out late June/early July so keep checking back for more details. The clinic consists of small group lessons covering the different parts of Working Equitation minus the cattle driving. Stephanie brings a number of cool obstacles with her to try and it's really a fun, rewarding opportunity no matter your discipline or interests. Thank you Jane Marie for getting everything going!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,

Shannon

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## CALENDAR

- June 8: Keepin' It Casual Show, Ithaca Equestrian Center
- July 13: Monthly meeting: at 2 PM at Healing Rein
- August 2—3: Working Equitation Clinic, Asbury Equestrian Center, contact [Jane-Marie Law](#) if interested.
- August 23, 2025: Dressage in Wine Country 1
- August 24, 2025: Dressage in Wine Country II



## Minutes for CDCT Meeting for May 18, 2025

*Submitted by Dinah Guarino*

**Attendees:** Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Kathy Thode, Dinah Guarino, Anna Redmond, Tina Sochia, Norm Johnson, Karen Steffy, Sarah Hepler, Carol Morris, Sarah Pyne, Jane Marie Law, and Colleen Price.

**Minutes** of the March meeting: motion by Colleen to approve, seconded by Karen. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anna noted that this is the time of year many payments are due especially for DIWC, KICS, and the clinic, but then money for entry fees will be coming in as well as sponsorships. We now have Venmo! @dressageithaca.

### Old Business:

**Dressage Symposium with Susanne Hamilton:** well received but some trouble with the sound system that echoed. Everybody left happy and raved about how positive Susanne is. Sarah P. will give contact to the club so we can organize future clinics with her.

**DIWC:** August 23 and 24, 2025. Manager/Secretary - Darian Quinn, TD - Stephanie Mason, Judges - Lisa El-Ramey and Judy Downer. Camille Holmes/Homespun Photography and Grace Putnam for farrier confirmed. Still need a vet on call, Tina will check with Southport Vet. EMT maybe the couple from last year if they pass their certification update. Colleen proposed covering the \$100 annual HPSO insurance to whoever does it. Norm is working on food vendors - My Eva for Sunday, need Saturday vendor. We still need a plan for the sound system. TIP awards granted and Carol will sponsor National Dressage Pony Cup both days. Sponsorships and Special Awards are ready for submission. Tina says the judge building is a no go with the Fairgrounds. They did order a replacement rail holder for the missing one. Need to find a cleanup crew - Girl Scouts in Horseheads and/or Sarah H. will ask Limestone Pony Club. Norm will contact the tent supplier.

**KICS:** June 8th at IEC. Sarah Hepler and Anna Redmond co-managers, Kim Blaszak judging, and Karen Steffy is secretary. Tina/Norm/Anna coordinating the chain arena swap. Volunteers to set it up inside on Saturday afternoon. Norm has ordered the porta-potty. Food/drinks for volunteers/staff is being ordered from Wegmans because Mamma Said is not open on Sundays.

**Awards Gala:** Looking at 11/16/2025 but need to reserve a location.

### New Business:

**Membership Drive:** Ideas - postcards to old members to possibly renew memberships. Colleen received historic membership lists from USDF. Maybe increase next year's membership dues \$5 in order to cover mailing costs. Karen proposed getting a quote from Gnomes Copy for postcards before choosing a budget amount. Also want a general brochure for distribution at events and possibly CDCT branded stationery for thank you's, etc. Colleen proposed having a summer picnic at a local park to reminisce over old club memories. Carol proposed a donation/membership drive along the lines of, "\$45 for 45."

**Working Equitation Clinic with Stephanie Hayes:** August 2-3, 2025 at Asbury Equestrian Center. The club will pay the facility fee and insurance and will keep auditing fees. Jane Marie working on donations from WNYDA, CNYCTA and ENYDC-TA. Jane Marie will host dinner Saturday night. Clinician fee covers travel, meals, transport of obstacles, and lodging. The fee will be \$175/rider, 3-4 riders in a group lesson of 1-1.5 hours each.

Jeff Lindberg clinic on June 6-7th - split venue between Brookside and Asbury. Contact Jane Marie.

Michelle LaBarre is also splitting lessons between Brookside and Asbury regularly.

**Next meeting:** July 13, 2025 at 2 PM at Healing Rein.

**Adjourned at 4:40 PM**

# 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!

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☐ Combined Training

☐ Education/Clinic Committee

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Signature:

Date:

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

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