

**Central Plains Dressage Society**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Fun, Friendly, and Forward**

April 5, 2020 Zoom meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chris Cashel at 5:05 pm. Chris Cashel, Nancy Eytcheson, Robin Hessel, Annie Houchin, Lee Ann Alf, Janelle Williams, Stacia Wert-Gray, Amy Mullins and Kathy Maxwell were present

The minutes from the March meeting were approved. Motion made by Amy Mullins, and seconded by Stacia Wert-Gray. Passed.

**Committee reports:**

**Treasurer**

\* Stacia Wert-Gray reported that the club has \$887.82. The Poulin show was canceled, and we will get a refund of \$200 from USEF. Poulin's airfare has been banked to use next year, but airfare for the TD will be lost. There are no other outstanding bills.

**Membership**

\*Christina Harmon reported through Annie Houchin that CPDS currently has 150 members already submitted for the 2020 year.

**Shows**

\*All shows are on hold for now.

\*Melissa Creswick changed her flight to have a show in May, but it is likely that will not happen. Discussion about rescheduling for a later date, and Stacia Wert-Gray will call her tomorrow to find out her availability.

\*Discussed having a Dawn and Dusk show during the summer. Classes would run 6-10 am, and 6-10 pm.

**Tack Sale**

\*The Tack Sale is on hold until the show season resumes.

**Western Dressage Symposium**

Annie Houchin reported that the clinic broke even, and was very well received, with the clinician experienced and flexible, working with advanced as well as beginning riders. There were 10 rides each day, and about 20 auditors.

**Newsletter**

\*Lee Ann Alf reported that the April newsletter is ready to go out in the next few days, and she is looking for an article about the trip to Florida Trainers Conference. Nancy Eytcheson, Kathy Maxwell and Chris Cashel will work on that.

\*Lee Ann is working on the directory with the membership spreadsheet from Christina Harmon. The next newsletter will offer to members a way to opt out of personal information being

included if they prefer. Members need to reply to her by May 1 to opt out. Discussion of printing costs, mailing directories, or possibly emailing it out for members to print at home. Robin Hessel added a request for wording in the directory that would encourage keeping all information private, and used only by our members.

### **Facebook**

\*Annie Houchin reported on her efforts to encourage members to support our local equine vendors and trainers. Discussion about gift cards, contacting more businesses, and how they could help. Annie and Kathy Maxwell will pursue further.

\*Discussion about having a Facebook or email blast every week at least to include a short story of what riders have been up to in the hiatus, to include a picture. Start with Board Members. Send to Annie Houchin.

### **Horsemanship Clinic**

Robin Hessel is working on an unmounted symposium with Jack Horsey speaking on horsemanship. This will probably be a video symposium, posted on the CPDS website free of charge for viewers.

### **New Business**

\*Virtual Horse Show – Discussion of a CPDS virtual show. It is suggested by the board that riders ride a test for their instructor so as to get immediate feedback instead.

\*Remainder of the year – Discussion of rescheduling recognized shows and schooling shows, and the status of year end awards. It was determined that a decision cannot be made at this time without knowing when we will be able to start back up.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Annie Houchin, seconded by Chris Cashel. Passed.

The next meeting is via Zoom on May 10, at 5 p.m.