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**Meeting of the CDS Board of Directors
Tuesday March 14, 2017
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, San Jose, CA**

ATTENDANCE: Directors: Kevin Reinig, Ellen Corob, Elizabeth Coffey-Curle, Tracy Underwood, Melissa Creswick, Maureen Van Tuyl. Others: Kathie Powers (Central Office), Paula Langan (Central Office), Diana Muravez (Treasurer), Patti Schofler (Dark Horse Media Biz), Nan Meek (Dark Horse Media Biz), Carol Tice (Region 7 Director), Kristina Tomalesky (SFP Chapter). By phone; Brent Hicks, Nicole Bhathal, Pat Hart, Kristin Young.

President Kevin Reinig called the meeting to order at 10:08am.

MINUTES: Ellen moved to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2017 Board meeting, Tracy seconded. The minutes will be filed as written.

AGENDA: Changes were made to the agenda. Melissa moved to approve the agenda with changes, Beth seconded. The Agenda was approved as revised.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Kevin called Executive Session at 10:20am. The session ended at 11:07am. Three motions were made during Executive Session.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Kevin welcomed Kristina Tomalesky, Chapter Chair of SFP Chapter who was attending the meeting.

AMATEUR CLINC: Ellen reported on the Amateur Clinics. Ellen informed the Board that Golden Hills will no longer host the Amateur Clinic at their facility after this year. Paula suggested contacting Templeton Farms.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Pat told the Board that the Committee had its second conference call meeting. Sierra Nevada Chapter resubmitted their application for \$1,100 for the Freestyle Clinic with Cynthia Collins. The Committee recommended to the Board that the application be approved. \$825 would be sent now with the remainder after the event once a final accounting has been submitted. The Committee also received one Club 100 application but no activity was listed so the Committee has asked the applicant to resubmit their request. The next Scholarship Committee meeting will be May 24.

MOTION #4: Brent moved to approve the Scholarship Committee's recommendation to fund Sierra Nevada Chapter's Freestyle Clinic request. Kristin seconded. Beth abstained. The motion passed.

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TRAVEL GRANT: Paula reported there has been one application received to attend the Festival. Carol commented that right now, there are only two Young Riders and two Juniors who might be going to NAJYRC.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE: There was an update on the clinic with Charlotte Bredahl. The Clinic will be held at Epona Farm April 15-16. Cassidy Gallman will be the on site organizer. Five applications have been received so far. Kevin stated that CDS would not be responsible for paying for hospitality. Patti Schofler will contact Andreas Spano regarding filming the clinic.

Brent would like to interview Andy Thomas, physical therapist from Great Briton for an article in Dressage Letters. Brent will arrange the interview during World Cup in Omaha.

RAAC: Ellen reported that everything is set for the RAAC shows. She has ordered ribbons with the 50th Anniversary logo. The exhibitor gifts will be grooming tote bags that will have the 50th Anniversary logo on them.

BUDGET & REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Diana discussed the current financial report. The Board felt that the new report format that Diana had sent out was beneficial and made reading the report easier. Pat had questions regarding the USDF payments. Diana explained that a large sum is sent in early for memberships and then CDS works off the credit as more members join. Pat also had questions concerning the Annual Meeting accounting. Diana said that some of the expenses were done in 2016 and the report only showed income and expenses since January 1, 2017. The numbers are still being put together, and she will have a more detailed report for the next Board meeting.

MERCHANDISE: Melissa reported that sales of merchandise during the CDS Annual Meeting Symposium went well. The merchandise trailer will be taken to the Championship Show. After the show, the remaining merchandise and sale of the trailer will be discussed.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Paula gave the Board an update on the Horse Registration. The website is being updated to accommodate the new registration. Paula asked the Board that creating new programs a budget should be submitted. Ellen is looking for awards for the horse performance.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE:

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW: Kevin said that preparations for the Championship Show are coming along. There will be Saturday night presentations and a big celebration of the 50th Anniversary of CDS. A social event is being planned with appetizers, no host bar and cupcakes. The Committee is looking into possibly having a trivia quiz as part of the entertainment where answers to questions would be found in the 50th Anniversary Year Book.

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The Board discussed uses for the old indoor ring at Murieta and it was suggested that it be used as a schooling ring. Kevin will look into this further.

Beth will be the volunteer coordinator.

Patti said that they would like to have another “lunch & learn” session, which would be similar to the presentation that Adequan did at the Annual Meeting Symposium. Kevin agreed this would be a good idea, and it could be held upstairs.

JUNIOR CLINICS: The clinics are going ahead well.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Beth reported that the shows are going forward with a format like the RAAC shows. The Committee will work to have agreements regarding running the shows, with the San Diego Chapter and Connie Davenport.

ANNUAL MEETING: The 2017 Annual Meeting went very well considering the weather. The 2018 Annual Meeting plans are moving forward. The planned presenters are Willy Arts and David Wightman. Kevin would like to have the presenters do a talk on Saturday afternoon at the hotel. Sunday will be the symposium. Kevin will discuss having the symposium at Starr Vaughn and Rancho Murieta with the respective management.

STANDING RULES & BYLAWS: Paula will be updating the Standing Rules with the new Junior format, Gem Rider Awards and Horse Performance. She will submit to the Board in November for approval.

SPONSORSHIP & PR: Patti told the Board that they would like to offer “Name Your Stabling” as part of sponsorship packages for Championship Show. There was much discussion regarding this and the amount of sponsorship needed to have this selection. Patti will discuss further with Glenda.

QUADRILLE: CDS has done promotion for the upcoming Quadrille Clinic. The clinic will be held July 29-30 in Watsonville. Joan Williams will be the clinician. The clinic will be a two-day format.

USDF: Kevin is now on the USDF Sport Horse Committee. USDF is having a Dressage Sport Horse Youth Breeding Seminar at DG Bar Ranch July 1-2. The seminar is open to 14-27 year olds. CDS has been asked to sponsor (\$250) the Saturday night dinner.

MOTION #5: Beth moved that CDS sponsor the dinner at the USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeders Forum July 1-2, 2017 held at DG Bar Ranch. Tracy seconded. The motion passed.

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Carol told the Board that USDF would hold its Spring meeting the end of April. Nominations are due for PM delegates. Ellen will contact potential delegates. The deadline for PM nominations is April 15, 2017. The convention this year will be in Kentucky.

There was discussion on the USDF Finals moving west. Kevin has been invited to attend the finals this year. The Board agreed to cover the cost of his airfare to the finals.

A website for Region 7 has been developed (USDFRegion7.org). Cassidy Gallman created the website and there is a link to CDS.

Carol said that USDF is putting together a Youth outreach clinic program. This will be for riders 10 years of age or older, Training to FEI, with George Williams at El Sueno October 21-22, 2017. This will be a two-day format. The first day will be with George, the second day the riders will have a private clinic with their coach. May 2nd is the deadline to sign up.

USEF: The 2018 convention will be in Lexington, the 2019 convention will be in Florida.

NEW BUSINESS: Kevin told the Board that the rider cost for the Charlotte clinic would be \$350 for the weekend. This will cover the cost for Charlotte and for a CDS representative to attend. He explained that Carol would be doing the booth at the Northern Horse Expo June 9-11, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

MOTIONS – March 14, 2017

Motions 1-3 done during Executive Session.

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