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**Meeting of the CDS Board of Directors  
Wednesday September 6, 2017  
Atrium Hotel, Irvine, CA**

**ATTENDANCE:** Directors: Kevin Reinig, Ellen Corob, Elizabeth Coffey-Curle, Tracy Underwood, Melissa Creswick, Maureen Van Tuyl, Nicole Bhathal, Kristin Young, Pat Hart, Brent Hicks, Michele Vaughn. Others: Kathie Powers (Central Office), Paula Langan (Central Office), Diana Muravez (Treasurer), Patti Schofler (Dark Horse Media Biz), Carol Tice (Region 7 Director), Glenda McElroy (Championship Show).

President Kevin Reinig called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

**MINUTES:** Ellen moved to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2017 Board conference call, Kristin seconded. The minutes will be filed as written.

**AGENDA:** The Agenda was approved as written.

**REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT:**

Kevin spoke to the Board about his experience at the Young Horse Championship at Lamplight.

**BUDGET & REVIW COMMITTEE:**

Diana told the Board that she made some changes to the third quarter financial statement. Expenses for the Board to travel to Junior Championships will be moved from a Junior expense to Board traveling to events. The last entry, which is uncategorized, is \$2,900 cash. That is cash back connected to our operating account at Bank of America. The Financial Committee and Diana will determine how this money will be allocated. She said that the Southern Junior Championship does not show all the income as yet. Diana will provide an itemized list of expenses for Junior Championships.

**ACTION ITEM #1:** The Financial Committee will have a meeting after the CDS Championship Show but prior to the November 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:**

Pat spoke about Wells Fargo Bank. She and Diana have met with the Bank and our accounts are now up and running. Projections are for a 5% increase on most accounts. Our balance sheet shows the cash position of each brokerage account, and shows how much cash and securities we have.

**CENTRAL OFFICE:**

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Paula spoke to the Board about the Expos in Pomona and Sacramento. Kevin said that CDS should participate if there are people available to be at the booth. The dates for Pomona Expo are March 9-11, 2018 and Sacramento is June 8-10, 2018. The Board is able to take CDS membership at the booth.

Paula discussed with the Board the need to update the CDS website. She stated that this would be a future budget cost.

Melissa would like to see CDS only rated shows have more of a presence than USEF/USDF shows in Dressage Letters. She suggested having an award for the best CDS only show based on number of horses at the shows. Glenda stated that CDS Chapters need help from the Board to help highlight CDS only shows.

Kevin wants an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss these ideas further. The Committee will be Glenda, Melissa, Carol, Tracy, Beth and Kevin.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE:**

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Glenda reported that there are currently 330 riders signed up for Championship Show, with another 30 on the wait list. The show is coming together nicely, but there is still a need for volunteers. Hospitality will be in the VIP covered area. Saturday right after the end of competition there will be musical freestyles then a short talk about CDS history. There will be a slide show of pictures from the 50 years of CDS history. Kevin will introduce past Presidents and Vice Presidents attending.

#### **RAAC:**

Ellen told the Board that there were 69 riders at the South RAAC, 73 riders at the North show and only 25 at the Central show.

Ellen will write new guidelines for the RAAC shows to state that if a rider is entered but not qualified to compete in the RAAC show, they will be disqualified. It was suggested that future shows have a class number for the Roses Award.

Ellen told the Board that the Committee had received only one RAAC application from the south. That is SD/TEV Chapters August 10-12, 2018. Two Central applications were received, one from Gilroy Gaits for July 6-8, 2018 and SLO Chapter August 11-12, 2018. Two northern applications were received. SO Chapter August 18-19, 2018 and Starr Vaughn Equestrian August 24-16, 2018. The Committee voted to award the 2018 RAAC shows to SD/TEV Chapters in the South, SLO Chapter in the Central and SO Chapter in the north.

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**MOTION #1:** Kristin moved that the Board approve the RAAC Committee recommendations for 2018. Brent seconded, Ellen, Michele and Tracy recused themselves. The motion passed.

**AMATEUR CLINIC:** Nicole said that the 2018 clinician would be Melissa Creswick. The Committee is confirming dates and locations for the clinics.

**JUNIOR CLINICS:** The Committee is considering clinicians for the 2018 clinics.

**JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Kristin reported that the Southern Championship went well. The Committee would like to make some changes to the sponsorship and awards for 2018. More volunteer help is needed at the show.

Beth reported that the Northern show would change to a RAAC type format like the South. The Third Level trophy needs to be replaced. The Sportsmanship trophy needs to be replaced. The Committee suggested having one person in charge of the trophies. The Committee also wants to explore using Instagram and Snapchat as a way to get information out to the Juniors. The Quadrille trophy will be given to Kristin for the Junior Championships.

The Junior Championship shows for 2018 will be July 27-29, 2018 at Rancho Murieta in the North and August 25-26, 2018 at LAEC with Cool August Nights.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** Pat told the Board that the Committee had received three scholarship applications. One was for Club 100, one from Lake County Chapter and one from Sierra Nevada Chapter whose event was cancelled and rescheduled. That application had already been approved.

Pat said that she is stepping down from being the Chair of the Scholarship Committee, but would be staying on the Committee. She would like to devote her time to looking for endowment funds especially those that could be used for judges. She suggested asking Joan Williams to be on the Committee.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The 2018 Annual Meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Riverfront in Sacramento and Starr Vaughn Equestrian Center on January 19-21, 2018. The Board agreed that the cost of dinner will be \$65/per person and the symposium will be \$75 for CDS members and \$90 for non-members.

The 2019 Annual Meeting will be held in the south and will be a health fair format.

**SPONSORSHIP & PR:** Patti told the Board that \$67,000 has been raised so far. \$33,000 for CDS Championship Show. This is comparable to the amount raised in 2015 and 2016.

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**TRAVEL GRANT:** Paula reported there have been the following applications received for Travel Grant. Four for Young Horse, one for Developing Horse, four for Para, one for the Festival. Also, there were four juniors who went to NAJYRC and two Young Riders to NAJYRC. The Board agreed to send those who went to their events and competed, \$1,175.00.

**MOTION #2:** Tracy made a motion that the Board will award Travel Grant money of \$1,175.00 to any of the 14 riders that applied and meet the requirements. Any money not awarded shall be rolled over into the 2018 Travel Grant fund. Ellen seconded, the motion passed.

**QUADRILLE:** Marily reported that the recent clinic went very well. There were eight riders and two auditors.

**EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE:** The Board discussed having a tour of UC Davis as an educational event. Nicole will contact UC Davis for more information and look at possible dates in October or November 2018.

**MERCHANDISE:** Melissa told the Board that there would be a close out sale of merchandise at the CDS Championship Show. She said that she has a number of people interested in buying the merchandise trailer. Carol knows of someone who may be available to sell any remaining merchandise. She will forward the information to Melissa.

**USDF:** Carol told the Board that a block of rooms could be made for the USDF National Finals. There is a discount through USDF and if a GMO wants to do a block then there will be an additional discount. Carol said she would coordinate making the reservations if people want to contact her.

The 2018 Trainer's conference will be in February 6-7 with Jo Hinneman at Del Mar. The exact date has not been set yet.

The cost for the USDF qualifying classes will increase to \$15 in 2018.

The National Educational Grant Initiative did not have any applications for the first deadline. The second deadline September 1st, two applications were received for events in the early spring 2018. Paula asked about applying for the CDS Amateur Clinics and Carol said that CDS could. For the education section of the CDS Annual Meeting the application would have to be submitted by the first deadline.

The USDF Convention will have the following educational topics. Kissing Spine, Equine Vaccinations, Large Animal Rescue, Equine Safety and Joint disease. The GMO's have three separate education packages available also.

Ventura Chapter will be hosting part two of the L program in 2018.

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The Jr/Yr Clinic only had five applications by the September 8<sup>th</sup> deadline. George Williams is the Clinician. The same weekend is also the Youth Outreach Clinic. Michele asked about having the clinic in the Northern part of the state and Carol replied that the applicants were from the South and since the two clinics are on the same weekend, it was not possible to split them.

Lilo Fore will be inducted into the USDF Hall of Fame.

Paula spoke about the Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program starting in 2018. It will be held during the USDF Regional Finals. Only riders who are already qualified for CDS or USDF may compete.

Paula asked the Board if they would like to consider making a donation to the Dressage Foundation. The foundation does benefit our members. The Board will consider this at the January meeting.

The GMO delegates going to the convention are; Melissa, Brent, Ellen, Kevin, Maureen and Paula. The Board will determine at the November CDS Board meeting the amount to be given each delegate.

**USEF:** The 2018 convention will be in Lexington, and Maureen and Connie will attend.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Kevin asked the Board about a Para rider who was having difficulty finding Para classes to enter at shows. The Board informed him that show management may offer a FEI Test of Choice class that could be a Para test.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.

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