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**Meeting of the CDS Board of Directors
Thursday January 19, 2017
Hilton Hotel, Del Mar, CA**

ATTENDANCE: Directors: Kevin Reinig, Brent Hicks, Nicole Bhathal, Ellen Corob, Elizabeth Coffey-Curle, Pat Hart, Tracy Underwood, Kristin Young, Michele Vaughn, 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), Marily Reese (Quadrille Committee), Paul Marchand (LC Chapter), Glenda McElroy (Championship Show Committee).

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

MINUTES: Kristin moved to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2016 Board meeting, Ellen seconded. The minutes will be filed as written.

AGENDA: Melissa moved to approve the agenda, Brent seconded. The Agenda was approved as written.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Kevin welcomed the Board and the guests attending the meeting.

Election of President and Vice President: Kristin nominated Kevin as President. There were no other nominations so Kevin was elected President by acclamation. Beth nominated Ellen for Vice President. There were no other nominations, so Ellen was elected Vice President by acclamation. Kevin appointed Paula Langan as Executive Secretary, Diana Muravez Treasurer, Cisca Stelhorn Legal counsel and Terry Wilson Historical Advisor.

The Committees for 2017 were reviewed and accepted as written.

The calendar for CDS Board meetings for 2017 was set. The meetings are:

March 14th – San Jose
June 5th – Conference call
August 29th – Orange County
November 14th – Orange County

Donations: The Board approved granting donations to the eight CDI's. The 2 CDI 1* \$500 each, 3 CDI 3* \$750 each, 3 CDI W \$1,000 each as well as up to \$2,500 each in advertising.

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USET and Davis will be given \$1,000 each.

MOTION #1: Melissa moved that CDS sponsor the 2 CDI 1star shows \$500 each, the 3 CDI 3 star shows \$750 each and the 3 CDI-W shows \$1,000 each for a total of \$6,250 as well as up to \$2,500 in advertising per show. Maureen seconded, the motion passed.

BUDGET & REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Diana reported on the 2016 financial report. The numbers are up with IT costs down and the 2016 Championship show did well at LAEC.

There was discussion on the 2017 budget regarding the donation amounts.

INVESTMENTS: Melissa said the investments are profitable, but there are some ways to improve on our investments. Melissa is stepping down as the Chair of the Investment Committee, but will continue as part of the Committee. Pat Hart will become Chair. The Committee will develop an investment policy. Kevin added Diana to the Committee.

STANDING RULES & BYLAWS: Paula stated that the Standing Rules need to be updated, adding Sporthorse, making the Investment Committee an official Committee and redoing the Junior/Young Rider Championships format.

ACTION #1: Kevin will work with Paula on the Standing Rules regarding adding Diana to the Investment Committee, adding Sporthorse, and redoing the Juniors.

ACTION #2: Kevin will have a conference call with our financial advisor before the next CDS Board meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVE BUDGETS: Kevin spoke about the budgets that had been submitted. Everything is looking good for the 2017 budget.

MOTION #2: Ellen moved to approve the proposed 2017 budget with adjustments. Kristin seconded, the motion passed.

CENTRAL OFFICE: Paula gave the Board an update on membership. She told the Board that in 2016 159 shows had CDS recognition. 33 of those were 1-stars, 126 were 3-star shows. 48 shows were held by chapters.

The Omnibus is finished and has been posted on the website.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE:

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW: Glenda confirmed the 2017 Championship Show will be held on September 21-24 at Murieta Equestrian Center.

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Kevin and Glenda will have an on-site meeting and do a walk through of the facility. Kevin stated that there have been a number of upgrades to MEC and the market is open again. The hotel located near the facility may be open prior to the show.

RAAC: Ellen said all the shows are set. The Central Show is August 12-13 in Paso Robles, Northern show is August 25-27 at Starr Vaughn and the Southern show is August 25-27 at LAEC.

The deadline to apply to host the RAAC for 2018 is July 31, 2017. The Committee will have a conference call in August to select the show locations for 2018. The RAAC Committee and Junior Committee will coordinate regarding using the 50th Anniversary logo.

AMATEUR CLINIC: Nicole reported that the Amateur Clinics are all set. The Central Clinic is April 28-30 at Golden Hills with organizer Ellen Corob, the Southern Clinic is May 5-7 at W Farms with Nicole Bhathal as organizer and the Northern clinic will be held June 9-11 at Pacific Equestrian Center with Mari Naten as the organizer.

The clinician for 2018 is Melissa Creswick.

JUNIOR CLINICS: Stephanie Schauer will be the clinician for 2017. The clinics will be held in the South at W Farms April 1-2, Central May 21-22 at DG Bar and North June 3-4 at Starr Vaughn.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Northern Junior Championship show will be held July 28-30 in conjunction with Golden State Warm-up/Cool Down show. Kevin and Beth will talk to Connie about making the show one three-day show instead of two separate shows as it is currently. The team prizes will be halters for 1st and backpacks for 2nd. Third place might be a stall plaque or blanket holder.

Patti suggested making sandwich board signs with Equine Insurance's logo on it for photos.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Pat told the Board that there are two new Scholarship Committee members. Nancy Szakacs and Ruth Shirkey. Linda Barone will be going off the Committee this year and Pat asked the Board for recommendations for someone to replace her.

Pat stated that the Committee only gave out one scholarship to a Chapter in 2016. There was only one RAAC scholarship given out as well. Pat would like to promote the RAAC scholarship and announce the award at the RAAC show.

ANNUAL MEETING: The 2018 meeting will be held in Sacramento January 19-21, 2018. The Board meeting will be held on Friday, January 19th, the Annual Meeting on Saturday January 20th and on Sunday there will be a Young Horse Symposium.

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Ideas for 2019 are to have a health fair for both horses and humans. The meeting will be held in the South and it was suggested to look into having the meeting in the San Luis Obispo area.

Kevin spoke to the Board about considering doing a large-scale symposium for Annual Meeting in the near future with either Carl Hester or Charlotte Dujardin.

ACTION #3: Kathie will contact hotels in the San Luis Obispo area and advise the Board of costs of having the 2019 Annual Meeting in that area.

SPONSORSHIP & PR: Nan gave an update on the sponsorship monies brought in for 2016 and 2017 to date. There was discussion regarding having Cisca Stellhorn review sponsorship contracts of \$10,000 or over. There was also discussion about what to do about having educational editorials or informative short articles written by sponsors to run in Dressage Letters. Kevin as the Chair of the Sponsorship Committee said that there would be a deadline of two weeks prior to an event to get a sponsorship fulfillment report from Nan and Patti.

TRAVEL GRANT: Brent told the Board that there have been no applications for Travel Grant as yet. Paula reported that Young Riders will be at Saugerties New York and the Festival will be in Gladstone in May. The future location of NAJYRC is still being discussed, but Kevin said it would be in New York for at least one year.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE: Kevin spoke to the Board about the clinics that Charlotte Bredahl would like to do. These clinics would be for PSG and above and the U25 riders. The current plan is to have one at Epona Farms; one in the Sacramento area and one at Devonwood. A fourth clinic might be considered for Washington State. The clinics would be a joint effort between CDS and ODS. The Board agreed that there would need to be a CDS Board member to be the coordinator for the clinics. The first step according to Kevin is to get dates from Charlotte. If Charlotte cannot find dates, or facilities to be donated, then CDS would not continue with planning the clinics.

Brent spoke about having Stephen Clark come and do a presentation. The Board said that Brent should contact Stephen to see if he is available. A tour and lecture at UC Davis was discussed as well.

QUADRILLE & EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE: Marily handed out a rough draft for the 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.

MERCHANDISE: Melissa told the Board that she has vests for the demo riders at this year's symposium and gifts for the presenters as well. Merchandise will have a "fire" sale during the event. The merchandise trailer was discussed again as was selling our CDS merchandise online.

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USDF: Kevin introduced Carol Tice as the new USDF Region 7 Director. Carol told the Board that there would be a dues increase for USDF PM members. The Adult Clinics will be discontinued, but each region will get \$3,000 for educational programs if they apply. USDF has stated that a competitor can ride two Q classes in one day. Cassidy Gallman is the Region 7 Jr/Yr Coordinator. Carol said that eTrak is working well and encouraged people to look at it as it has some great things.

USEF: Maureen and Connie attended the USEF Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

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