

COLLECTED NOTES



DECEMBER 2024

FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

CDCT was founded in 1980, which means that this year, which starts December 1st by the USDF calendar, is our 45th Anniversary! That means celebrations are in order as well as the goal to make this the best, coolest, most fun year yet. Anniversary-related agenda items include putting out stories about the club from original members, sharing some cool newsletter relics, anniversary swag, celebratory get togethers, and of course, bigger and better events and clinics. I hope you'll join in the fun!

We can't celebrate the club without celebrating our members! A big congratulations to Sarah Pyne for winning the 2024 High Score Holsteiner Verband-North American Breeding District National Levels AA Award with her lovely guy, Dirhon C! They earned a 3rd place for Third Level Freestyle and 7th place for Third Level at USDF Dressage Finals. This of course is after competing at Region 8 Regionals back in September with a number of other club members, a big congrats to you all, it is no small feat! Showing isn't the end all be all, sometimes just making it out to a clinic for the first time is huge and some of our club members did just that. Some members added new equine members to their herds this past year with endless new possibilities. And some just got to spend time with their existing herd (it's me, hi) and that is worth celebrating too. Give yourselves all a pat on the back for making it through 2024! *(continued)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Awards gala and planning meeting: TBD

2025 Committees Survey!

→ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBWGX2Y> ←



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.

So when do we get to celebrate in real life again? Well we had a Zoom Annual Meeting last month where we reelected our board for another term. We discussed old and new business and decided that our Awards Gala for 2024 should be in January 2025 and combined with our planning meeting for the year. I put out a survey on Facebook (realizing that's not necessarily the most reliable source for people) about January dates. I have now brought that back to the Awards Committee with hopes of nailing down exact details and plans. So unfortunately, I still do not have a verified date to share with you all, but it is coming ASAP!

While you wait for more details, make sure you have renewed your membership for 2025 and reminded all your friends and family! I am also including a link to our annual survey to join committees for the year. Committees make it all possible and we will need all the help and input we can get to celebrate this year so don't be shy!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,

Shannon

Minutes for CDCT Meeting for November 18, 2024

Submitted by Dinah Guarino

Attendees: Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Kathy Thode, Dinah Guarino, Anna Redmond, Tina Sochia, Prin Furst, Norm Johnson, Karen Steffy, Sarah Hepler, Carol Morris, Sarah Pyne, Heidi Webb, Colleen Price, Linda Mastellar, Kim Blaszak, and Mary Ellen Mulligan.

Meeting began at 7:08 PM.

Voting Results: The current board stated their willingness to continue for another term if no one else wanted to join. Deirdre Hay, Prin Furst, and Sarah Hepler, along with Tina Sochia, wanted to be incoming board members at large. No nominations were made from the floor. Colleen motioned to accept the slate as presented, Norm seconded, all were in favor.

September meeting minutes were deferred.

Treasurer's Report: The club has made a small profit overall for the year. Still unclear if the club owes WNYDA anything for the recent symposium in Houghton, Kathy will ask Lauren Adelizi what our club might owe towards this. Both the WDAA/English Dressage Clinic and Open CR clinic lost some money this year due to low attendance and a clinician airfare issue, respectively. Discussion ensued that the form for hosting/sponsoring a clinic needs to be utilized and approved before monies are granted. Timing during the year and better advertising were both proposed as areas that could use work to improve clinic turnout.

Old Business:

You can now sign up for 2025 committees!

DIWC: Will be August 23-24, 2025. Show Secretary will be Darian Quinn, TD will be Stephanie Mason. Judges will be Lisa El-Ramey and Judy Downer.

KICS: A tentative date was discussed 6/8/2025. IEC is on board to host the show at their facility. Sarah H. and Anna have agreed to co-manage again. Kim Blaszak agreed to judge again, and Karen will be the secretary again. The group would also like Camille to be the photographer again - Shannon will check with her.

Awards Gala: Recommendations were for January along with being a planning meeting for the year. Exact date TBD. Damiani Wine Cellar will hopefully be the venue for this. 2025 is our 45th Anniversary for the club. Congrats!

USDF Convention: Anita Jaffe will serve as our proxy as Corrinne cannot represent two GMO's per USDF. Sending a case of wine like last year for a GMO Basket was recommended. Shannon will discuss it with Jane-Marie. Colleen made a motion not to exceed \$250 for this, Anna seconded. Motion approved.

Trailer: The 2025 trailer registration is done, however the DMV keeps mailing things to Jana despite multiple efforts to change the address. Colleen will get an itemized report from Butch during the upcoming inspection regarding repairs/concerns/trailer longevity.

New Business:

USDF Membership: USDF fees are going up. GMOs will go up \$1.00, PMs \$10, show fees are up. We will not be increasing our membership fees for 2025. We ended 2024 with 57 individual members and one business member. The membership form will be edited so that money goes to Anna or PayPal while the form goes to Colleen to better streamline our process.

Grants: Colleen mentioned that the TDF Dancing Horse Fund has grants available up to \$750 to be used for education or a sound system. More discussion and specs to come. Sarah P. is asking with her Maine people about sound systems and Heidi and her partner are checking on their end.

Advertising: Sarah P. wondered where the advertising of our clinics, etc. were done. Perhaps flyers can be made if someone would like to distribute them. FB and Instagram are unused by some/subject to the algorithm and emails and the website can get overlooked. A good discussion about advertising methods was had and it's clear that this is an area we need to work on.

Kathy asked about a possible Susanne Hamilton clinic next year, possibly in April. Sarah P., Kathy, and Shannon will look into this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

CDCT COMMITTEES FOR 2025

Please copy and paste the following link into your favorite browser to submit your choices

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBWGX2Y> ←

RECOGNIZED SHOW:	COMBINED TRAINING:	EDUCATION:
SPONSORSHIP:	CASUAL SHOW: Karen Steffy	PUBLICITY:
WESTERN DRESSAGE:	AWARDS:	SWAG:
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT:		FUN:

Join us in celebrating Cayuga Dressage and Combined Training's 45th Anniversary!



Sapphire
Anniversary

Sign up for
2025
committees
now!



Additional Local Dressage and Combined Training Groups

[Carriage House Arena](#)

[Central NY Dressage and CT Association](#)

[Eastern NY Dressage and Combined Training Club](#)

[Endless Mountains Dressage & Combined Training Club](#)

[Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club](#)

[Western New York Dressage Association](#)

WHO TO CONTACT:

Officers:

President: [Shannon Ryan-Dinmore](#)
Vice-President: [Norm Johnson](#)
Past President: [Shannon Ryan-Dinmore](#)
Treasurer: [Anna Redmond](#)
Recording Secretary: [Dinah Guarino](#)
Roster manager: [Colleen Price](#)

Newsletter and Website: [Karen Steffy](#)

Members at large:
Kim Blaszak ('25)
Meghan Crout ('25)
Prin Furst ('26)
Deirdre Hay ('26)
Sarah Hepler ('26)
Jane-Marie Law ('25)
Tina Sochia ('26)

Our Sponsors

Please join us in thanking all of our supporters!!

Piaffe Sponsors

Lynnleigh & Co.
[Triple Crown Feeds](#)

Passage Sponsors

[Brookside Lumber & Brookside Farm](#)
Jason Turk, Farrier Service

Pirouette Sponsors

Janice Lobdell
Kirk Smith, Farrier
[Ithaca Equestrian Center](#)
[Sonya Lawlis, Tompkins Veterinary Services](#)
[Voltra Farm](#)
[Val McCloskey, VLM Equestrian](#)

Prize Sponsors

[Horse Tech](#)
[Lilley's Tack and Feed, Inc.](#)
[Marie's Macarons](#)
[Blue Seal Feeds](#)
[Damiani Wine Cellars](#)
[Karma Sauce](#)
[Lakewood Vineyards](#)
[Purina Feeds](#)

CDCT, INC. IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION PROMOTING
DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING.

CDCT, INC. IS A GROUP MEMBER ORGANIZATION OF THE USDF;
THEREFORE, CDCT MEMBERS ARE AUTOMATICALLY USDF GROUP MEMBERS.