



**FOOTHILLS CHAPTER
CALIFORNIA DRESSAGE SOCIETY**

**May 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Pacific Time**

Attendees: Patrice Palmaer, Maureen Lamb, Ana Gilmour, Michele Ng, Sandy Savage, Erika Pilimai, Isabel Pierce

I. Consent Items

- A. Review Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$19,407.80

II. Old Business - April updates in red, all other notes are from Jan 6 & Mar 3. Red is May 14

A. Foothills Chapter Show -October 11-12, 2025

1. Manager: Kim Gotto-Miner.
2. Theme: Barbie goes to Oz
3. License 2025: Ana purchased the license.
4. Date & Location: October 11-12, 2025. (CDS/USDF Championships: Region 7 – (Sept. 18-21) at the Murieta Equestrian Center, Rancho Murieta). Rancho confirmed we can have the same arenas as last year but do not have the café area (Maureen to clarify). Mari will like us to move the location to PEC. adding a 3rd court and 45 trailer in stalls. Some box permanent box in barn, in front and then temp stalls.
 - a) Updated Feb 3. Move to PEC on years when MEC hosts like this year. BOD to follow up with Mari and then Anna. No contract signed but deposit can be deferred to next year.
5. Sponsors: TBD
6. Food for Next Year: Provide appetizers with wine. No dinner.

7. Entertainment: Hobby horse competition. This year was a success. Also, Dog show on Sunday. **GaLinda hair flipping like in Wicked.**

8. Judge: Bill McMullen "S" Judge,. Ana Gilmour "R"

B. Web Site: Ana has access to FH CDS website.

1. Domain: Becky renewed for 1 year. Maureen added auto renewal to debit card.
2. Sponsor information. Past meeting (Aug): Ana added the sponsors from Oct show.
 - a) Access to Jennifer Langston and she reached out to Becky.

C. 2025 Clinics:

1. Janet Foy: Ana confirmed- Janet Foy for July 19-20 - \$150/lesson; 9 max per day.
 - a) Location: Courtyard in Loomis with Clay Station in Wilton as a back up.
 - b) Advertising: Start in May after riders chosen for the Amelia.
2. Amelia Newcomb: Sandy Savage, Erika Pilimai organizing
 - a) June 21-22. Location PEC, charging 1 day \$450, 2nd day free. Amelia charges \$2,400/day. **Contract has been signed, deposit sent to Ginny.**
 - b) Budget: Erika ran through the budget, \$7,785 costs, \$10,050 Revenue. Patrice motions to accept budget, Ana seconded, Maureen voted in favor.
 - c) Auditors: **\$75 all weekend, \$50 per day. So far 11 signed up. Maureen sent Venmo reports to PJP; forwarded to Erika. Need to verify payments by week before. Erika to send out auditor emails, facebook posts to solicit auditors with prizes.**
 - d) Emails Foothills members have preference by May 10 - send email, pay in advance to hold the spot, preference to those who ride both days & encourage it. Can't guarantee one day spots. Can pay by check or Venmo. Sandy to ask Ginny what to do if we receive too many entries.

Michele to send USDF Participant questionnaire to Sandy & Erika. Need to get email out ASAP with questionnaire and deadline May 10.

- e) Rider Approval Committee: Sandy, Erika, Ana, Ella, Isabel. So far 20 applicants. PJP to request CDS FH list and compare list. To decide on riders tomorrow May 15. Erika to email participants with details. Need to decide if we want to buy them a box lunch. Need waters, thermos with water and cups and then sponsored coffee in am. Panera is \$15 per lunch.
- f) Sponsorships: Erika to get sponsors at various levels.
- g) Emails: Jen needs to get an email out about auditors for all Nor Cal CDS members. PJP to get the list.

- 3. Sabine Shut-Kery: 2026
- 4. Kathy Pavlich: 2026 Ana Gilmour
- 5. Brita Anderson and Tony Sandavol both do biomechanics.
- 6. Mike Osinski. Not available in 2025. Michele to check for 2026.
- 7. Clinic Organizer Ride: Patrice motioned for one free to organizer if profit is \$1,000 or at the discretion of the BOD. Seconded by Maureen, Ana in favor.

D. Colleen Reid: Chapter can add a note about a scholarship (USDF/USEF program for licensed official) or perpetual trophy (volunteering over the years).

- 1. Donations totaled \$1100.
- 2. Volunteer Winner: Nina Clark. Send summary to CDS
- 3. Trophy: Harry provided a sculpture. Chosen by Nina & Christine. Needs a new base. Christine waiting on a quote from a vendor in Folsom.
- 4. Combine note to CDS with "Monkey Award" with Reid awards

E. **Dressage Development Seminars (USDF Instructor Certification)**: Formally was USDF Instructor's Certification Program. Sample budget was included in email sent by Michele. Revenues~\$5k, expenses similar so break even is the recommendation, however, 50 at seminar is too many. Fees \$75-100 auditors, participants \$150-200

1. Location: Grace has opportunity to do it at her place on first day with a classroom with demonstrations. Private lessons at Ana's. Mari will look at dates for PEC. We could do them at different locations.
 - a) October Dates in Loomis:
 - (1) Day 1: Flying Changes in Loomis
 - (2) Day 2: Courtyard Ana's in Loomis
 - b) November Dates in Willton
 - (1) PEC and Clay Station
2. Faculty: Heidi Chote & Bill McMullen are faculty. Michele applied to USDF to have seminars. Have not applied for grants however, funds will be given to pay for one instructor. Heidi & Bill to provide possible dates.
3. Auditors: First Day open for auditors but no auditors on second day unless they are demo riders.
4. Dates: Oct 13-14 Mon/Tues, Nov 15-16, 2025 & Feb 7-8, 2026
5. Lodging: Ana & Mari both volunteers for participants
6. Advertising: USDF Magazine, CDS Newsletter, Website, Email (need all CA CDS addresses) Action: Jen & Patrice to do email, Michele to send to Becky for website
7. Demo Riders: Michele needs help organizing demo riders
 - a) Need to put out an email asking for a volunteer. Michele has 5 participants.
8. Fees:
 - a) Participants: Motion by Ana to charge \$200, aye by Maureen & Patrice.
 - b) Auditors: Motion by Ana to charge \$25 for Monday (Tues no auditors), aye by Maureen & Patrice
- F. Dover: Michele suggested Dover chapter members attend equipment training for equipment that is legal in competition. Wait until Christy and Michele are finished with their TD training later this year so 2026.

III. New Business:

A. Volunteer Hours:

1. Demo riders: get more hours at least 3
2. Changed minimum hours to 8 per BOD vote

IV. Next Meeting: June 2, 2025.

V. Adjourn