February Tahoe weekend Retreat notes taken by Debbie Doss

February 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

5.5 Hours Total

Friday Night, 2.0 hours

Saturday, 5.0 hours.

Sunday, 3.0 hours

The following was present:

Mari Naten, Cristi Cobb-West, Debbie Doss,  Jouelle Kimura Vickie Yamamoto and Christine Hendricks.

Distribution List: Cristi West was able to type up the entire list for all CDS Members.

Mail Chimp instead of constant contact will be utilized. The reason for this is that we do not have the funds to pay for constant contact, and the system is more than what we need currently. Once we build our base we can decide whether to add constant contact again.

Becky Hays needs to be contacted.

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We need to discuss the awards banquet.  We need at least seating for thirty-five people.  We need to make whatever place we pick that it is friendly and fun.

Fun is the operative word.  We need to make events fun.

March 4, 2018 was discussed, but Mari secured March 10th  for Problem Horse/Rider Clinic which available for Rachel Saavadara, the clinician. Mari was going to look what instructors could attend then she was going to schedule the date in March.  We discussed instructor possibilities. We discussed the amounts.  Auditing $12.00 includes lunch.  Additional Cilnician TBA if neeced.

You were looking at 45 minutes for each ride with breaks and lunch included.  You were thinking of ten rides, 5a to 5p and 1 hour lunch.

April, 2018.  We do not have anything. We could have the awards banquet in April.  Problem Clinic.  Let's fix the problem. Mari agreed to have a fix it clinic at PEC.  $35.00 a day for a a stall or  paddock.

April 14th at Cabos for our event. $15.00 per person. Mari secured Cabos on April 14th at 6:30p. $15.00 per plate.  Choice One: Steak and Chicken Carnitas. Chips Salsa, etc. Choice Two: Tacos, Enchiladas, Burritos, Tamales, etc. Note: Prices do not include tax and drinks. Buffet Style for this event.

May, 2018.  May 19-20 is the junior young rider clinic.

July, 2018.  Looking at a Basic Horsemanship Clinic for youth. $65.00 for 2.5 hours.. The fees brought in will be split between the youth account and the adult amateur account. based on how much time each group puts into this event.  we discussed the third weekend in July.

August, 2018 we discussed a fashion show, BBQ, wine, and charging for this event.

TBA: We discussed a beerfest.

We discussed having shirts made up saying, "We are looking forward to your positive contribution."  We really need this because we need to be able to have permeate a positive attitude in our CDS Foothills environment.

We discussed advertising on the website.

Kim Foss has been selected to create a newsletter.  We discussed a quarterly newsletter  that lists upcoming events, what's happening in the CDS Foothills Chapter, Junior funds, Amateur  funds, clinics and shows.  And what volunteers we are seeking.

We discussed a newcomers breakfast which would include socializing

We discussed having social events that are fun.

We discussed our golden ticket idea. $20.00 per each ticket to try to obtain a whole outfit.   The outfit would included breeches, gloves, socks.

We would obtain the outfit wholesale.  We want to include the other clubs so they could raise funds too.  We would like to get 12 clubs involved. Each club that is involved would cut a check for $250.00.  They would receive tickets from us.  3 tickets for $50.00.  Putt'in On The Ritz.  We would seek Jessie's outfit advice, and obtain items from her wholesale. We will plug her company, Equismart in return.  We will have a Gold, Silver and Bronze award.  Gold is the entire outfit, silver is the fancy saddle pad and bronze is the halter with bling.  We were also calling this a clothing makeover.

$1K covers gold, silver and bronze.  That is our budget.  The gold ticket idea Debbie will contact CMP about the idea.

We discussed approaching Sac., Foothills, Valley Oaks, Sonoma etc.

We discussed a beer fest.

We discussed who a Dressage rider is.  Dressage riders have good taste, She likes to be treated like a queen.  She has expensive taste. Likes to have fun.  Adult Dressage Riders like wine.

We discussed have a fashion show, but I cannot remember the date because so many ideas were swirling around.

List new board members and committee members on the newsletter.

Mari to contact Jim, and make sure membership is notified of CDS AA and Youth/

Jr/YR Clinics North drawing deadline.  People must call Mari to list their name in the hat.

HAVE FUN!  That is our goal. And we will meet for a retreat every six months.

Financial Report:

Chapter funds have not changed since the January 18, 2018 meeting.

**Two items voted on by the board were the following:**

**Stop utilizing Constant Contact, and not being financially responsible for Back for the Future Symposium.  The vote was conducted on Sunday morning.**