

**Minutes**  
**Sacramento Valley Chapter of CDS**  
**Tuesday, March 25, 2008**

**Members Present:**

Teree Castanias, Beth Clark, Yolanda Irigon, Jan Martel, Annette Pressas, Heather Shirley, Carol Smith.

**1. Secretary's Report**

Minutes of February 26, 2008 were unanimously approved

**2. Treasurer's Report - none**

**3. Newsletter Editor's Report**

Lynne Powell was not able to attend the meeting. The attendees commented on the excellent Newsletters Lynne has done so far this year.

**4. Web Site Manager's Report -**

Michael Heathman has generously agreed to take over website maintenance, since Karen Young found herself unable to do it. The members present thanked Karen for her generous offer to maintain the website and hoped that her computer problems would soon be resolved. The members also thanked Michael (and Yolanda Irigon who had convinced him to do this) for his offer to maintain the website. The members determined that Michael should not serve on the SVCCDS Board, and that his volunteer credits should be assigned to Yolanda.

**5. Volunteer Coordinator's Report - Danielle was not at the meeting**

**6. Program Coordinator's Report -**

Beth reported that the weed walk is organized and that Teree Castanias will be giving a program on "So you want to start a horse business" on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Teree expanded on what she would be covering in her program. Beth is looking into places to hold Teree's program, considering either the Yolo County Library or perhaps the WIFS building, which is off 80 in East Davis (Research Park area). Beth will do a flyer for the program and will also put information about this and future events in Dressage Letters

**7. Show Manager/Secretary's Report**

**a. Schooling Shows for 2008 - March 9 and April 27 @ Valley Dressage Center**

The show was well-attended and well-run. Everyone was happy. For future shows, the decision was made to conform to USEF rules about things other than "formalities." Thus people will not be allowed to ride the same test on the same horse in competition more than once. A second ride will be allowed if there is time, but it will be out of competition. No horse will be able to perform more than 3 tests during the day. Other similar rules will apply.

**b. Lead Line class proposed by Heather Shirley - How did it go?**

The Lead Line class went very well, everyone enjoyed it. The judge made some helpful suggestions for changing the test for the future and Heather has worked to implement those. Many people have enquired about the class for the next show.

**8. Chairman's Report**

**a. Presentation of rider awards - certificates and plates**

Carol presented the plates to those who were present and also to people for delivery to others not present. She will mail the rest.

**b. Appointment of Michael Heathman as Web Master**

Covered above

**c. Support for CDS Jr. Championships**

The Chapter will donate \$100 to the CDS Junior Championships

**9. Other**

**a. Request for Development Grant - Susan Treabess has requested \$850 or a portion thereof to assist in the development of a freestyle. (via Teree Castanias)**

The board considered the issue of providing monetary support to individuals in the chapter who are pursuing national and international dressage team goals. Several individuals in our Chapter are currently pursuing these goals, and have asked the Chapter for support, including monetary support. After careful consideration of the pro's and con's over two meetings, the board determined that it would be inappropriate to use Chapter funds to provide direct monetary support to individual members of the Chapter. The Chapter's purpose does not include this type of expenditure. However, the board felt that the members should receive our non-monetary support for their goals by highlighting their activities in our newsletter and providing a link to their websites or blogs on our website. A board resolution was passed to this effect. In addition, the Chapter does provide monetary support to dressage teams or competitions, such as the CDS Junior Championship, when asked.

- b. Competition Clinic with Natalie Lamping @ Fairwind Farm - Janet Ver Plank, Annette Pressas, Ellie Johnson, Teree Castanias.  
Cost will be \$75 per ride, which hopefully will cover expenses.
- c. Amateur Championship  
Annette volunteered to look into what would be involved in sponsoring the Northern Amateur Championship next year.

Next Meeting, Tuesday, May 27, 2008, 6:30-pizza, 7 PM - meeting @ Valley Dressage Center

NOTE: The April meeting has been cancelled because of the Weed Walk and Schooling Show