



General Membership Meeting

Tuesday April 19, 2005

7:15 p.m.

Jon and Allison Murphy's

8704 Cowpoke Road – 635-9222

Directions: Yellowstone to E. Ole Maverick 7/10 mile to 8704. North side of road.. Road turns into Cowpoke at our mailbox, no signage

Hostess: Allison Murphy

Co-Hostess –

Door Prize – Nancy Olsen

Program: Dr. Jenn Gage DVM – Nutrition and Vaccinations

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Harline Larkey	Suzi Zielinski	Allison Murphy	Sue Gentle	Deborah Hawkins
President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Member-at Large
432-9331	631-6151	640-9222	634-1743	547-2217

March 15, 2005 – Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Call to order at 7:20 P.M. by President Harline Larkey at Harline and Nolan Larkey's home. Minutes of last meeting were approved. The door prize was drawn and Bitsy Heckert won.

Members Present: Harline Larkey, Allison Murphy, Tory Poulton, Deborah Hawkins, Diane Wenzel, Sue Gentle, Nancy Olsen, Meaghan Schmerge, Chris Schmerge, Bitsy Heckert, Susan Baker, Suzi Zielinski, Billie Jo Hopka, Diane Hanson, Heather Cone Lori Moncecchi, Carolyn and Charles Freier,

New Members: Veronica Harris, Loretta and Lanny Sconyers

Guests: Pat Newbern, Bob Atherton, Sue Basham

Treasurer's Report – Sue Gentle

Beginning Balance - \$2,2796.38
 Income \$200.00
 Expenses \$118.00
 Ending Balance \$2,2878.38
 CD Balance \$5,456.70

Program: Bob Atherton and Sue Basham came to give the CD&HC the low down on Endurance riding. Bob and Sue told about what to expect on your first endurance ride and gave some really great pointers and handouts for people who might be interested in participating in an endurance race/ride. There is an Endurance ride being held locally called Happy Jack Endurance Rides this June 18 & 19 up in Happy Jack. There will be a Long Distance ride of 25 miles and an Endurance ride of 50 miles. Bob talked about how to get your horses in condition for a long distance ride, how to keep them hydrated and in good physical condition. Thank you so much for the handouts and the great information! If you have any questions please call 307-745-3167 for Bob Atherton.

OLD BUSINESS:

Show Committee - Bitsy Heckert reported that she is getting together a list for a committee so that she will know what she needs and who she needs for the show. She needs positions filled for scoring, grounds, barn manager, etc. Currently the show committee consists of Sue Gentle, Susan Baker and

Bitsy Heckert. Susan Baker sent letters to the sponsors and there is a list of contacted sponsors attached to the newsletter. **We are behind in our sponsorships compared to last year. Please help us find sponsors for our show!**

Schooling Show - May 21st, 2005 Please see attached Prize List. Regina Wendler has been confirmed as the judge. Don Randle will act as our Show Secretary. Organization will begin in the near future. Please be thinking of jobs that you can volunteer for. In conjunction with the schooling show the club has decided upon a **Fund Raising Raffle**. Susan Baker has taken the reins for organizing and coordinating this committee, however we are in need of nice items to raffle! Please contact Susan Baker with ideas and items. Items will have a minimum bid established jointly, with minimum incremental bids allowed. Thanks Susan! Allison Murphy has called Jennifer Nesbitt with NCDA, they are discussing our proposal to donate classes for our fund raiser. Set up crews for the schooling show will be Thursday May 19th and those volunteers will be allowed to ride in the arena the Friday before the schooling show.

Surveys: Most of the responses said that they joined the CD&HC to meet people and learn. They wanted to see programs regarding horse health, dressage, eventing, sports medicine and seeing more clinics in our area. A lively discussion followed, people talked about going to existing clinics provided in our region by other clubs and that we will try to put those clinics on our spreadsheet, Clinic hosting is a very expensive venue, CD&HC will continue to offer to our members our post show clinic in August with our Judge.

Website – Billie Jo found that a server cost will be about \$20.00 per month charge to the club. The benefits to our club in the future would be to post prize lists, ride times, results and a photo gallery for our shows. Post information to members and people who search for information on club via the internet in our region. We can also post the newsletter and notices. The design committee of Veronica Harris (It's good of you to jump right in!) Pat Newburn and Billie Jo Hopka will further this endeavor. It was also suggested that local barns, trainers, farriers and individuals would be able to advertise on our website for an advertising fee.

Programs – Programs for the near future: June - Dressage 101 hopefully with riders and demo horses. May - Saddle fitting, locations to be announced and Hostesses and Co- Hostesses are needed!

For the good of the Club: The club has a small video library available to club members. It is located with Allison Murphy. We are also waiting on some videos to be returned. Please return the video that you may have checked out so others may enjoy them! Thanks!

NEW BUSINESS:

Name Change: It was proposed to change the name of our club to the Cheyenne Dressage and Eventing Club. Bitsy Heckert made the motion, Susan Baker and Heather Cone seconded the motion. Bitsy has reported the process for changing the name of the Club is set out in By-Laws as follows:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Cheyenne Dressage and Hunt Club (CD&HC).

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

Sec.1. These By-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Club by a simple majority vote by the membership provided that the proposed change has been presented in writing and read at the previous meeting.

Thus the procedure is simple and I suggest the change be as simple as:

"The name of this organization shall be the Cheyenne Dressage and Eventing Club (CDEC)."

The name change will be presented at the General Membership Meeting April 15, 2005.

Newsletter Advertising: Costs associated with ads and classifieds in our newsletter: Ads placed will be placed at a maximum of 3 months. It is the club member's responsibility to renew their ads. Also, Full-page ads will be a cost of \$15.00 per page, ½ page will be \$10.00 and business card ads will be \$5.00 per space. Business card ad space will be free to members.

Classifieds:

Cob Size Dressage Show Bridle with Brass Hardware, web reins with leather stops, used only a few times \$50.00 – Call Diane 637-8462

**Like New – “Hot Wash” 4 gal. Electric and portable water heater retails \$300 asking \$200
Call Diane – 637-8462**

Stubben Tristan Special Dressage Saddle – Black excellent condition – 18” seat – 31cm tree - \$850
OBO Call Sue 634-1743

Grain Bin – Free to good home: 50 Gallon converted drum, used for feed storage! Bitsy 637-4151

For Sale: Black Kieffer dressage saddle, medium wide tree, good condition, nice saddle, just a tad too tight for my new QH Reflocked in January. No fittings, \$850.00 Harline 432-9331

Wanted: Used two horse slant with escape door and dressing room, or two horse straight load with chest bars instead of manager and with dressing room Harline, 432-9331

Lease or Sale: available 15'2" 12 year old quiet bay mare – experienced parade horse – excellent with kids, adults, or first time rider. Call Kate at 632-0154

United States Pony Club is coming to Cheyenne! Allison has the information ready to begin. Now all we need are children and parents to help! Please call Allison - 640-9222

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Articles, additions, improvements and corrections to the newsletter and event calendar
Please email or call Allison Murphy 640-9222 (cell) 635-9222 (home) or riding2horses@bresnan.net
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Dressage in the year 2030!

1. After changing the ruling to allow riders to go topless, to increase spectator interest, dressage is now getting more television airtime than the NFL and NBA combined.
2. After winning her seventh consecutive Olympics, Anky is now at the heart of controversy once again, this time for training her horses telepathically. In related news, her son will be competing in his second Olympics in 2032.
3. Human life expectancy now 140 years. "Old-dead-guy" (ODG) slang replaced with simply "old-guy", to take this into account.
4. Average size of the typical warmblood: 22.1 hands. The new ruling regarding tack has determined the maximum thickness of kneeroll padding allowed is 9 inches. However, a last minute convention decision has overruled the ban on saddle seatbelts, effective immediately.
5. After decades of breeding for huge gaits, and with the average warmblood standing 22.1 hands, the dressage arena dimensions have again been expanded and now measures 180 meters x 90 meters, mostly to allow room for the extended trot.

6. Only 6 trainers remain in the entire world who are able to train a horse from start to Grand Prix themselves. In related news, the cost of a Grand Prix schoolmaster now averages 8.2 million.
7. The FEI rulebook for dressage is now 118,346 pages long. Specific guidelines are included for judging degrees of "behind the vertical", and a new ruling now requires that every competition must have at least two judges -- one of whom is responsible only for judging the head positioning (see article 848,976.93 section C.)
8. The halt has been removed from all dressage tests. Piaffe, passage, and the extended trot now make up 76% of the Grand Prix.
9. Although competitors are now allowed to compete treeless, girthless, bitless, (and now topless), the rules continue to require stirrups. (?)
10. The USDF has once again expanded the year-end awards offered, in an attempt to insure that everyone who wants an award may win one. In related news, the "Yearbook" awards issue is now thicker than the phonebook.
11. Gas now averages \$11.50 a gallon, and no truck manufacturer has yet been able to produce a hybrid vehicle capable of hauling even one 22+ hand horse.
12. Scientists are busy trying to figure out how to ship semen via the Internet. In related news, it is rumored that a mare in the U.S. has given birth to a foal -- naturally. Scientists are stumped.
13. The FEI is holding another emergency meeting to decide how to deal with cloning, after the fiasco at the last Olympics, where there were 3 Bonfires, 4 Gigolos, 4 Gifteds, and 2 Salineros (including "the original" Salinero, still competing in his mid 30's, thanks to advances in veterinary medicine.) In related news, the FEI is expected to rule this month on which Gigolo was really the Bronze medal winner in 2028.
14. After changing their name 11 times, the AHSA (American Horse Show Association) is once again calling itself the AHSA.