

NCDCA Secretary Minutes, February 21st , 2024, General meeting

In attendance: Board members; Laura Speer - President, Denise Morrison – Vice President, Andrea Chirich – Secretary. Members; Joan Clay, Kelly McGhee, Silja Knoll, Didi Dekrey

Meeting called to order 6:35 pm

Treasurer, Lynn Ahern, was not present but sent the Treasurer report ahead of the meeting for all to review. Treasurer reported accepted. No questions.

The Ride A Test at Kathy Coulson's Hobby Horse Farm in Loveland is Saturday, April 27th. The entry form had yet to be finalized. After much discussion it was decided NCDCA would charge \$90/ride for non-NCDCA members, \$75/ride for NCDCA members, \$15/auditor fee for those who want to audit and learn, and no audit fee for NCDCA members. The Board's goal is to keep the Ride A Test affordable and offer a savings and value to members of NCDCA. The club's mission is education and rides were priced to cover expenses of judge, venue and other expenses.

Kelly McGhee, webpage manager, had the registration form completed and loaded to the webpage by the end of the discussion. Thank you, Kelly! Those wanting to enter the Ride A Test can download the form from the website. The Northern Colorado Dressage Association PayPal link will be set up for those who wish to pay through PayPal. All PayPal fees will be the responsibility of the entrant, not NCDCA. Lynn Ahern and Didi Dekrey will get together to ensure the PayPal link is set up and functioning correctly.

Volunteers will be needed for the Ride A Test. Andrea Chirich will set up SignUp.com with needed volunteer spots and send out via e-mail blast and on the NCDCA Community Facebook page.

NCDCA Facebook Page needs more posting! Kelly McGhee had opened an NCDCA Facebook page where members could post, and the original Community page was still up and running. It was decided to shut down the new Facebook page and continue to use the original one. Currently only administrators can post, and Joan Clay and Andrea Chirich do most of the posting. Solutions to get more posts were not determined, but the club agrees we need to make our social media more robust.

March Social Gathering is still in the works. Andrea Chirich is working on Sweetheart Winery as a potential venue but so far, the winery has been difficult to reach. The Olive Garden was also suggested as a possible option. Andrea will work on both with a venue selected within the next week.

In person Meetings are what the club would like to have. Determining a location, or members' homes is a topic of discussion.

Denise Morrison has been working toward NCDCA hosting a **"Learn to Show Workshop,"** similar to Grand Valley and Boulder Valley. Denise has been doing research and working on curriculum. Joan Clay has offered to work with Denise on the Workshop. Date for the workshop is yet to be set.

Jane Swanhorst has offered NCDCA use of her beautiful facility in Cheyenne, WY to host a clinic, Ride a Test, or Schooling show. There was discussion of a Fall event that could be held at Jane's facility. The potential to do a joint event with On The Bit, the WY Dressage Chapter, was also suggested. That was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Chirich, NCDCA Secretary