

**MINUTES**  
**CDS East Bay Chapter Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 13, 2011**

**Chair:** Linda Stalcup  
**Call to Order:** 3:32 pm  
**Adjourn:** 5:56 pm  
**Location:** Berkeley, CA

**Attendees:** Jan Bauman, Diana Bicksler, Tinsley Davis Cohen, Kris Kalstrom, Robin Katherman, Amy Mezey, Wendy Morris, Amy Riker, Linda Stalcup, Ann Zerega

**Absent:** Carol Alonso, Amanda Apesos, Connie Dahl, Emily McDonald, Justine Wilson

**Guests:** Gundi Younger, Elizabeth Styles-Bartlett

I. Minutes from 1/10/11, motion made, seconded, and passed (m/s/p) to approve with one amendment. Approved.

**II. CHAIR'S REPORT - Linda Stalcup**

a. Overview of CDS state meeting in Long Beach

1. Employee vs. independent contractor

There is pending litigation based on whether we consider someone an employee vs. independent contractor and how we compensate the people we hire, i.e., judges, TDs, EMT's. In future, we are looking at paying a straight fee (which can include travel expenses) rather than paying time and transportation costs separately. *Diana can draft up a contract for use with those that we hire that covers us legally.*

2. Volunteer forms signed every show

Forms have to be signed at every show and event to avoid litigation. Diana offered to review the form we have volunteers sign to be sure it protects us sufficiently.

b. Board member 2012 planning

Amy M, Wendy, Robin, and Amy R. will step down at the end of 2011; Amanda will also not be able to continue on. Thus, four elected and one appointed board member will be leaving. We will hold an election to replace the elected board members at the November Western Saddlery event. We need a four-member nominating committee in place by May.

**I. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**Treasurer - Amy M for Connie Dahl**

We have \$17,159.69 in our treasury.

**IV. OTHER REPORTS**

**2011 Show planning & perpetual awards - Robin Katherman and Tinsley Davis Cohen**

We have all the contracts in for our 2011 shows. We need an "S" judge for August 20-21. *Kris will try to locate a judge.* Based on the new helmet rule effective 3/1/11, everyone has to ride in an ASTM certified helmet with a chin strap, unless they are showing FEI. *Diana agreed to write a disclaimer that show entrants will sign to protect us legally.*

**Newsletter/chapter news - Linda Stalcup**

We have issued a new edition of chapter news.

**Website - Ann Zerega**

We did an email blast and received 50% more hits on our website as a result. Last month we had 2461 web page views with an average of 2.6 pages viewed per visit and an average time on the site of 2 minutes.

**2011 annual awards dinner - Amy M and Diana Bicksler**

The menu is done, and the jazz trio and the photography are handled. We need volunteers the day of the event. There will be a booklet with a description of the auction items. Kris will donate a speaker system (including a cordless mike and speakers) to our Chapter in March.

**Volunteer report: Amy M for Amanda Apesos**

We have winners for all three categories for Volunteer of the Year: professional, junior, and adult amateur. We chose individuals who are not on the board. Amanda donated two crystal Tiffany bowls and Justine is going to do certificates.

**Education & programs: Emily McDonald and Tinsley Davis Cohen**

- a. USDF Instructor Certification workshop update  
Everything went smoothly for the last workshop. We have had lots of interest from potential auditors for the next workshop, which will be on lunging.
- b. Prioritizing education event selection for 2011
  1. Seminar on equine whole food diet (Gundi Younger)  
Gundi proposes holding a seminar on whole food. She would have a speaker from Biostar EQ.com that is an equine nutritionist who produces her own whole food equine supplements. The speaker would talk about processed food vs. whole food, how a mineral or a vitamin is made, what are the artificial products being used to make them, information on cell utilization, inorganic minerals vs food minerals, the immune system of the horse. Gundi proposes having a veterinarian as a second speaker to give a scientific viewpoint. A third speaker might be a well known trainer that feeds these supplements that could share her experiences on the impacts it has had on her horses. Gundi feels it would be very low cost, and she would be willing to organize it. There were no objections so Gundi will move ahead to obtain more specific details and will then write a proposal.
  2. Clinic on Riders seat and position  
Linda is willing to pursue setting up a biomechanics seminar combined with a sports psychologist. There were no objections.
  3. Sports psychology lecture (to be combined with the biomechanics seminar)
  4. L judge program
  5. Another USDF trainer's certification testing  
We need to do a second workshop in order to get enough participants for the testing; we are looking at doing this in the summer or fall, so that we could do the testing next year.
  6. Toolbox series
  7. Barefoot wine and cheese social  
Barefoot Winery would sponsor all wine and champagne; the chapter would need to cover the cost of food. Amy M proposes holding it on the Saturday night of our April show.

**V. NEXT MEETING**

Monday, March 14, conference call, 7-9 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Morris, Secretary