

COLLECTED NOTES



DECEMBER 2020

FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

Greetings! I hope you all survived another No Stirrup November, holiday food coma, and your eyes enjoyed a short break from Zoom meetings. 2020 is quickly coming to a close after what seems like a decade-long year. I hope everyone stayed safe, took care of themselves, and celebrated something good even if it was something small.

Staying home and socially distancing isn't all boring though, this year's USDF Convention is fully online and free to attend for all USDF members! Starting TODAY you can have access to regional and national USDF meetings, educational clinics, awards ceremonies, and even the board of governors assembly, if that tickles your fancy. If you have already renewed your CDCT membership for 2021 (what are you waiting for, we're the bees knees!) you can register to attend everything offered for free. USDF even just unveiled a snazzy app so you can easily register for events and interact with other attendees. I'll be watching as much as I can and also representing CDCT as our voting delegate!

I think most of us are hoping that 2021 will be a brighter, happier year. While considering your New Year's Resolutions, take some time to think about what you would like from CDCT this year (and further into the future). With many new members, a large group of fabulous volunteers, and lots of horse-crazy people in the *(continued)*

Cayuga Dressage & Combined Training Club welcomes horse enthusiasts from all walks of life, all religions, ethnicities and races, creeds, and sexual orientations. We are a club where differences are respected and appreciated, where we come together to affirm our common love of the horse and the arts of horsemanship.

We disavow discrimination and intolerance.

REMEMBER!

December 2-6: [USDF convention](#), free and open to all members.

USEF Safesport refresher is due by November 17. Show officials, as well as competitors are all required to be current with their [Safesport](#) training.

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club, the sky is really the limit! We would love to get more people interested and involved in dressage and eventing, give access to more awesome learning opportunities, and grow our hip little GMO from Upstate NY. Have an idea for a fundraiser? How about an idea for a cool programming event? Don't be shy, let us know! Bring your friends!



I hope everyone continues to stay safe and has a wonderful December. It may be cold and dark but remember that time spent in the barn is never wasted! And as your newly minted co-president, I would like to give thanks to all of our club members for their support in electing Skye-Anna and myself, to Norm for his wonderful two years as president and all his knowledge, and also for everyone's hard work in making this club the coolest, most fun GMO around! You guys rock!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,

Shannon

JANE MARIE LAW WINS USDF REGION 8 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!

(Editor's note: This is the nomination sent to USDF by Norm.)

1. In terms of the innovations Jane Marie has brought to the club I would suggest her actions since becoming the chair of our recognized show committee have been the most significant. She has been a leader in the overall management of our end-of-summer schooling show as well. Under her leadership the club re-branded both shows with new names, award systems and activities for welcoming and engaging participants. The role of GMO president does not include show management, but Jane Marie also undertook that role while president and continues to be the overall leader with both the secretary and show manager working with her as a team. Her greatest concern has been that the show grounds, from the office to the in-gate to the stable areas a welcoming, friendly and helpful place to visit and that is exactly what she has achieved. Under her leadership the club also transitioned into having two recognized shows in a single weekend and holding the annual schooling show at a later date and location in the season. We were all very excited about the new venue we had contracted for this year (2020) and had heard from many individuals that they were excited about returning to our annual Dressage In the Wine Country shows. Alas, *(continued)*



we were forced to cancel because the venue closed to the public.

She has been tireless in her efforts to increase participation in the club. Her efforts have been so successful that our GMO created a new annual award in 2019 called “Ambassador of Dressage” that was inspired by her and she was the inaugural recipient.

Our club was able to hold a schooling show last weekend (August 23) under Jane Marie’s supervision. All of the guidelines put forth by USDF for a Covid-safe event were in place as well as those mandated by the New York county where the show was held. Once again, her through oversight of every detail resulted in a tightly-run show that remained on schedule and kept a minimum number of horses and riders on sight at any given moment. The response from riders has been effusive concerning the management and the atmosphere.

2. What particular USDF project or projects has this nominee volunteered for that has involved over 25 hours of dedication during the current year? Describe in detail.

While she has learned on the job how to manage a USDF sanctioned show, she simultaneously began training a team of younger members to do the same. In so doing she has written a “best practices manual” for producing a sanctioned show and she has also written a similar document for our annual schooling show. Her organization around these tasks is impressive, but hardly surprising given her record of publications as a valued member of Cornell University’s faculty in religious studies.

In 2018 this extraordinary volunteer’s ability to exhibit grace under pressure was severely challenged when one of our judges was detained at the US/Canadian border on the eve of our first show. Jane Marie handled the stress of running the first day’s two-ring dressage show with only one judge while simultaneously trying to locate a qualified judge to come to our rescue for the second day’s show. That day was extraordinary in that JM decided to feed the entire competitor group and do whatever it took to keep everyone smiling and pulling together while our remaining saint of a judge finished the first ring’s rides and then took on the full schedule of second ring rides, making for a long and exhausting day.

Jane Marie had written and received a grant from the Dressage Foundation to present a symposium called “On the Levels” with S judge Lisa El Remy, originally scheduled for October of 2020. This multiple day event was to guide participants through the levels, beginning with lectures and moving into actual ridden demonstrations and commentary by Ms El Remy. There was also a breed demonstration planned as part of this event and planning and was well underway when the covid pandemic forced the cancellation of this event for 2020. It is planned (optimistically) for 2021 with the Dressage Foundation’s generous willingness to move the grant support into the next year.

3. Why do you feel your nominee has made a unique contribution to USDF’s mission: “Dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of the sport of dressage?”

Jane Marie was an at-large PM delegate for Region 8 for 4 years. During that time she began to imagine an awards program for schooling shows. While this was something that USDF had been considering for a while, many folks might remember that she brought the idea up, first in the region 8 meetings at the 2018 USDF conference and later, with the encouragement of Deborah Rheinhardt, at the full BOG meeting during the same conference. Jane Marie wrote the petition that was presented to the BOG and the subsequent discussions helped propel the idea into motion. She has been a strong advocate for getting folks to sign up to take part in this program and has formally spoken to other GMO groups to advocate for and encourage folks to participate. While it is disappointing that in its maiden year the Covid 19

epidemic has curtailed a significant number of showing activities in all of our regions, I feel Jane Marie is deserving of recognition for her voice of advocacy and getting this initiative moving.

Recently Jane Marie accepted my nomination to be the liaison for our GMO to the Dressage Foundation when the call was put out in June. She had already written a grant to the foundation for a “Riding Through the Levels” symposium that was scheduled to be held this October. At the moment we have permission to postpone the symposium until a healthier time, but her hard work at imagining, designing, organizing and implementing this event is much appreciated.

Under her leadership the club’s annual awards banquet has expanded to recognize the contributions and activities of as many members as possible. While scores and medals earned continue to be honored, so too, the club now recognizes other efforts that keep members engaged, sacrifices that happen behind the scenes, and people who excel in demonstrating the spirit of community in dressage and combined training. Her enthusiasm for making sure folks are recognized has also extended into our shows with many of our club members now sponsoring awards that range from breed recognition to turnout to sportsmanship. At least one other GMO has begun to emulate this award system which clearly helps folks know that they are seen and appreciated.

In so saying, we, the members of Cayuga Dressage and Combined Training nominate Jane Marie Law as 2020 Volunteer of the Year for USDF Region 8!

HONORING GINNY GROVE, OUR RETIRING TREASURER

(read by Kathy Thode at the Annual Meeting)

Hello to everyone!

It is really wonderful that we can at least all be here via zoom. The alternative of not seeing each other till this pandemic is under control is just a terrible thought since we are a pretty close knit group sharing our love for our horses.



It is especially great that we are all here and able to honor our long serving treasurer, Ginny Grove. Ginny happens to be one of those people that are the rock of an organization. She attends almost every meeting. Ginny voices her opinions when she wants to get her point across but is courteous of other members’ ideas. Of course, Ginny is often seen raising her hand to volunteer.

Ginny and I seemed to end up in the same levels at the club shows for many years so we enjoyed the back and forth of the competition. Later, when I got involved with sponsorship for the shows, I would stop in at Oxley and bring her checks. I was on the road in my job and I always knew where I could find *(continued)*

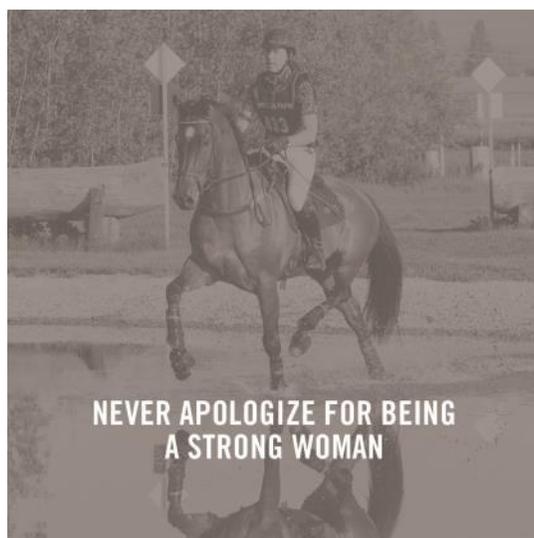
Ginny. We would sit and discuss the latest injuries that our horses had managed to inflict on themselves. At other times, we would plan who we would breed our mares to as we both had been playing around with raising foals on a small scale.

I would also keep in touch with her, when she was visiting me at my work. I had to man the booth at two different NYS Farm Shows for the dairy coop that I worked for. These shows happened one in the summer and one in the winter. Ginny, her husband Tim and her dog were always there checking out the latest farm equipment. It was great a treat to see Ginny come along down the aisle. She saved me from the throngs of dairy farmers who were bending my ear about the terrible price of milk or the battery of kids and families lined up to sample the award winning cheese we were handing out. We were always able to while away a good long time there before some one would come along that I really needed to talk to. Eight hours at the mercy of the public was more than I could handle! Ginny came to my rescue!

The best thing that can be said about Ginny is that she steps up for the volunteer jobs that no one wants to take and then she does it year after year without complaint! She faithfully takes command of the arena set-up at the shows and any other times that it is needed. She is fluent in using the baffling arena tool that is way too long and tangled for most to figure out.

Her other feat that needs our most hearty thanks is the years and years of service as our treasurer. We all know that she has done it forever because no one can remember the name of the previous treasurer. She has done the job with accuracy and timeliness. Writing checks and paying our creditors and taking care of the insurance premiums have all been seen to as well as keeping the year end profit and loss statements prepared. The club has had an expert overseer that kept us from overextending our check book and provided us with CD's to fall back on, if God forbid a crisis were to occur!

People that step up to do the hard things in life deserve a special place in the world. These days, medical staff and people in the service industries and transportation are called heroes. No one wants to be in their shoes during this pandemic. I think Ginny can be our CDCT hero for all the volunteer efforts she has given our CDCT club. With this I want to propose a virtual toast to Ginny and present her with a voucher for riding instruction and a monogrammed cooler. (editor's note: Ginny scheduled lessons with [Carol Kowzloswki](#).)



Minutes, CDCT, October 18, 2020

Present: Carol Morris, Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Skye-Anna Nye-Smith, Tina Matejka, Marlie Lukash, Prin Furst, Anna Redmond, Meghan Crout, Ginny Grove, Lauren Ostergren, Karen Steffy, Sarah Hepler, Jean Foley, Norm Johnson,

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

* Ginny announced our cd is maturing and must be acted up on by 10/31. Carol suggested an online bank, We then jumped to the treasurer's report. Prin suggested making it liquid. Ginny moved we make the cd liquid. Carol seconded it. Motion passed. Ginny will move the balance to checking. The current balance is \$2171.39

\$400. recognized show renewal has been paid

Website renewal is also due. (Paid)

Insurance is due

*Approval of By-law revision:

Carol made a motion to approve the revision. Marlie seconded

There was some discussion. Media coordinator, newsletter and website all need to be separated out, or the board should have the ability to distribute these offices as needed. There was also note made of the change in due dates for club dues. Our old date always made us late getting our roster in to USDF. There was mention that the name of the club has become a bit dated because "combined training" has become archaic. Discussion on that was tabled for the future.

The question was called and the revision was approved unanimously. Norm has the final draft.

The 2021 shows were discussed. We have the same 2 judges and the same TD. We have, paid our fees, we are on the USDF schedule. There is verbal approval to be at Cazenovia but this will not be solid until the college makes a decision in March.

Discussion of the USDF virtual convention followed. Shannon will be our voting delegate.

Discussion of the awards meeting. We will honor our horses.

Discussion/report on the Casual Show.

Prin suggested we either produce and second schooling show or align ourselves with other shows (Carriage House) and suggest CDCT pay the fee for register the show with USDF. Cal's Legacy Acres and Ithaca Equestrian Center, were suggested as places for an event, among others. Action to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

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