SLO-CDS General Meeting
June 9, 2026, at Elise Cutini's Home ~ Arroyo Grande

Attendees: Katey Katz, Jeanne Boyd, Laurie Gage, Eric Smith, Cindy Ramirez Smith, Christine Dietrich, John Rees, Suzanne Kritz, Elise Cutini, Kelly Thulin, Kelly Estes, Sharon Jantzen, Gail Baum, Lisa Uchiyama, Amanda Hromadka, Susan Sullivan, Barbi Breen-Gurley, Linda Wleklinski

Many thanks to Elise Cutini for her hospitality in opening her home for this general meeting. Elise's taco salads and the contributions from others made a delicious start to our meeting.

Old Business:

Confirmation of new SLO-CDS Board and Committee Members:

Co-Chair – Eric Smith
Co-Chair – Cindy Ramirez Smith
Secretary – Linda Wleklinski
Member at Large – Jeanne Boyd
Member at Large – Susan Wayland
Treasurer (non-voting position) – Laurie Gage

Scholarship Committee:
Katey Katz, Ellen Eckstein, Cyndi Havard, Jackie Eckhaus, Suzanne Kritz

Election Committee:
Laurie Gage (fullsail@onemain.com),
Eric Smith (thesmithgroup@yahoo.com),
Katey Katz (kateyaugsburger@gmail.com)

Sponsorship/Donation Committee:
Suzanne Kritz, Stacie Rice, Elise Cutini, Cyndi Havard, Kelly Estes, Katey Katz

Show Committee:
Katey Katz, Martha Wilson, Susan Wayland, Stacie Rice, John Rees, Jeanne Boyd, Kelly Estes, Kelly Thulin

Meeting Ideas Committee:
Elise Cutini, Stacie Rice, Linda Wleklinski, Kelley Estes, Lisa Everett, Katie Ellis

Volunteer Coordinator is Kelly Estes

Social Media Coordinator is Kelly Estes

Website Coordinator is Elise Cutini with Suzanne Kritz as backup

SLO-CDS Wine Country Dressage show discussion:

The 2026 Wine Country Dressage show was a success this year, earning a profit of $1,099.14.
The financial success of this show can be attributed to the financial contributions of the arena, class, and awards sponsors. Without those contributions, the show would have lost money for the chapter.

New Business:

Adult Amateur Clinic:

Two applications have been received for the Adult Amateur clinic with Patty Mayer at Twin Rivers Ranch on July 17-19, 2026.
The Board voted to sponsor both applicants. Cost is $200.00 entry plus $225.00 stabling per entry. Katey will issue payment to CDS for these riders.
Eric will email acceptance to the applicants and then John Rees will follow up with them in preparation for the clinic.
Other chapter members who would like to be on the wait list for these rides if there is a cancellation should send an email to SLO-CDS.
There is also an additional wait list for chapter members who would like to ride and will pay their own expenses if there is room in the clinic. Interested riders should email SLO-CDS.

Second Signatory for Chapter Checking Account:

Because Eric Smith and Cindy Ramirez-Smith are husband and wife, they are not comfortable being the co-signers on the chapter checking account. Because of this, it was decided that Katey Katz will remain on the account as the Co-Signer for Eric Smith. This decision was approved by the Board.
Eric and Katey will do the necessary updates to the account as soon as possible.

Silent Brainstorming Session:

Members were given an opportunity to anonymously write their opinions regarding chapter strengths, weaknesses, and challenges. Eric will compile those comments and share with the Board members.

Treasurer's report:
Laurie reported that we currently have $17,503.84 in the SLO-CDS bank account.

Next meeting:
August 11, 2026, at Templeton Farms.
Dinner will be at 6:00 with the meeting starting at 6:30.
The address is 1799 Templeton Farms Road, Templeton CA