



Cheyenne
Dressage &
Eventing Club

8704 Cowpoke Road

Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009

Next General Membership Meeting February 20, 2007 7:15 PM

**Location: Shannon Areford's House
1048 South Mule Trail**

Directions: From the I-25 Bridge to Spring Creek Ranches entrance is 13.5 miles. The entrance is just past mile marker 14. There is a yellow sign that warns for an upcoming curve, immediately across from my entrance to the subdivision. Once you enter, on East Mule Trail, it's about another mile. You stay on East Mule Trail until it climbs a slight hill and turns back to the West around a curve. After the curve back to the west, I am the 2nd house on right, house # 1048.

Total mileage from the I-25 Bridge is around 14.5 miles

Hostess: Shannon Areford

Co-Hostess: Becky O'Leary

Door Prize: Jane Swanhorst Ringolsby

Program: Becky O'Leary – Steeplechase

Board Members

President

Tory Poulton
214-7455

Vice President

Shannon Areford
631-8554

Secretary

Allison Murphy
640-9222

Treasurer

Sue Gentle
634-1743

Member at Large

Nancy Olsen
432-9026

Upcoming Dates

February 13 - Board Meeting

February 20- General Membership Meeting

February 24 - MSEA 2006 Awards Banquet

March 13 - Board Mtg.

March 20 - General Membership Meeting

May 19 - Schooling Show

Current 2007 Members Paid

It is that time of year again, attached is the 2007 Membership Form, please feel free to bring your dues to the meeting February 20th. Here is a list of Members who I have received checks and membership forms from. If you are not on the list, Sue and I have not received your money or your new membership form. A roster will be compiled as well as a Telephone Tree for March please get your memberships in to Allison as soon as possible.

Shawna McKusker
Connor McPeak
Veronica Harris
Lanae Koons
Becky O'Leary
Deeda Randle
Bitsy Heckert
Charles and Caroline Freier
Jane Swanhorst
Chris Schmerge

Tina McGuffey and Alan Spencer
Terry Whitenight
Nancy Olsen
Shannon, Dale and Stephanie Areford
Tory Poulton
Allison Murphy
Sally Stainbank and Clay Janssen
Diane Hanson
Sue and Bill Gentle

Meeting Minutes

**Cheyenne Dressage and Eventing Club
Meeting January 16, 2007**

Meeting Called to Order 7:15 PM at Tory Poulton's. **Members**

Present: Charles and Carolyn Freier, Tory Poulton, Sue Gentle, Bitsy Heckert, Shannon and Stephanie Areford, Bill Gentle, Allison Murphy, Jane Swanhorst Ringolsby, Becky O'Leary, Chris Schmerge, Terry Whitenight, Lanae Koons.

Guests: Dr. O'Toole, Tracy Ringolsby and Lanae Koons.

Door Prize: Won by Jane Swanhorst Ringolsby.

Treasurers Report:

Checking	Previous Balance:	5024.83
	Income	185.00
	<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>219.35</u>
	New Balance	4990.48
CD	Previous Balance	5456.70
	<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>180.89</u>
	New Balance	5637.59

Audit Committee: Shannon, Jane and Sarah completed the 2006 Audit. They maintained the books (as always) are in very good order. They also had a suggestion about the Show Reports. That all the income and expenses need to be divided out in as many different categories as we need to accurately track our Show Income and Expenses. We will get with Jane Donnally at NCDA to find out how she does this and which version of Fox Village she has.

Fox Village: Veronica and Tory have spoken at great length regarding our current subscription of Fox Village Show Software. Apparently the software comes with unlimited updates, yet downloads have seemed to be patched up apparently there are some issues with our current version. As we are not having a recognized Dressage show this August, the Software issue is not of paramount importance but we will discuss which version Jane Donnally has at NCDA while we are trying to figure out how best to create our reports for the Audit Committee. It was also stated that it would be nice to have the new versions for our schooling shows.

Schooling Show: May 19th, 2007. We have a Show Manager/Organizer/Cross Country Steward – Bitsy and the Show Secretary is Veronica Harris. Thank you both so much for volunteering your valuable time!

Fund Raising: We talked about having a Tack Sale this year, everyone would be welcome to bring Horse Tack that is Clean and in Good Repair. A portion of each sale would go toward the club (10%-30%) and the owners would get the balance. We are still working on the logistics of money in money out – so if you have any ideas please bring them!

Photographer: It would be VERY nice to have a photographer at the show. It was agreed upon to ask Leslie McPeak if she would be interested secondly we could ask Julianne Tafoya was also suggested by Lanae Koons. It was also discussed that it would be nice to have two photographers as the Dressage riders seem to be limited in photos. Ideas and comments would be greatly appreciated.

Mid Summer Show: Because we have cancelled our August show due to LCCC redoing the arena, ideas and suggestions about what to do have been floating around. What became the most interesting idea is to have a Summer Wednesday Evening Series, including combined tests, Hunter Jumper Series, Ride A Test, Poker Rides, Pair Paces, Video a Ride, and Polo Night. What was suggested is to ask for a \$5.00 a Ride Fee and maybe even a limited haul in fee to maintain and use the facility and jumps. We think this would be a great way to get our club more involved in riding together.

Inventory: The list has been compiled and seems complete. Each of the Board members will get a list each October and will report any changes or additions to the Club Inventory.

Library: Remember the club has a library of videos and a few books. If you would like to check out those items they are housed at Allison's House. You can come by and borrow them for one month.

Membership Roster: The Roster for the 2007 will be compiled and distributed in the March Newsletter. This list is for informational purposes only. It is NOT intended for commercial purposes. I will ask that everyone submit (if you have not done this already) the attached new membership form so I can make sure all information is complete. Thank You!!!

Classified and Needs Column: Please call me or email me with anything you would like put into the newsletter or classified section. It was decided that we all have WAY too much stuff and would be a veritable gold mine of used items so if anyone NEEDS something and would be willing to pay someone in the club for that item (horse related) please contact that person.

Articles, additions, improvements and corrections to the newsletter and calendar
Please email or call Allison Murphy 635-9222 or riding2horses@bresnan.net

Classifieds:

For sale: Bates All Purpose jumping saddle, 17 1/2 inch seat, adjustable gullet system to fit a variety of horses. Barely used. \$1400.00. Sue 634-1743

Ariat Insulated Winter Riding Boots Tall - Size 8 - All But Brand New \$40.00 Sue 634-1743

Pony for Sale: 13'2" Gray Mare \$2500.00 - great for small adult or confident child, jumps, 4-H, Trail riding, handy and brave. Hubby says Pony Must Go! Call Allison 635-9222

Needs:

Winter Blanket Size 64-66" if you have one you would be willing to sell!
Call Allison 635-9222

Schooling Shows:

Hobby Horse Farms – Schooling Hunter Jumper Show – Firestone, CO
February 3, 2007 Allison has the information just call or email!

xin (Heart) gan (Liver) pi (Spleen) fei (Lung) and shen (Kidney)

What Type is Your Horse?

Figuring out which personality your horse is can impact the approach to training and the approach in healing (physical or mental) your horses.

Gan: related to the element, wood. The Gan horse is the herd leader. He's a dominant personality who often dislikes his neighbors in the barn. He's loaded with self-confidence and while that serves him well in the show ring, it doesn't always serve the rider well. He is quick to take advantage of rider errors. Gans are fighters, if you take them on, they'll fight back. In training a Gan, it's best to avoid battles.

Pi: related to element, earth. The Pi is a bit slow and steady...lazy. Pi is a slow learner but once he knows it, he'll do it even if the aids aren't good. He's a great beginner horse. Pi likes to eat and because of this, food is a motivator for him. Pi horses are a bit larger and shove their way into the food. Physically, this type of horse is prone to stocking up in the hind legs, but once forced to move, it goes away. Pi horses do not fight back when force is used on him, but he will turn inward and become depressed.

Shen: related to the element, water. The Shen horse is timid and lacking in self-confidence. You can pick him out in a herd because he's low on the pecking order and will have a more baby-like voice. The Shen also tends to be a bit smaller because unlike the Pi horse, he will not force his way to the food in the herd. Health-wise, Shen horses are prone to illness during the winter and when they do get sick, they need more recovery time. The Shen horse is a quick learner and he will try his heart out for you. Not recognizing the Shen horse could cause riders to unknowingly mistreat the Shen. Shens sometimes misbehave not out of resistance but out of over-effort. They'll often act before being given the aids but do not discipline him for this. He just tries so hard for you, he needs lots of praise to build self-confidence.

Xin: related to the element, Fire. He is not for beginners and he's explosive. Xin horses are indifferent and unpredictable. When placed in stressful situations, like the show ring, they won't calm down. They'll be normal one minute, then see something distracting and explode. They attach to friends in the field and have panic attacks when friends leave them. Various herbal remedies can be of assistance, but they need patience and experienced riders.

Fei: related to element, metal. The Fei horse is intelligent, has a positive outlook on every situation and is capable of being a great performer. Unfortunately, many riders overlook the Fei types because they are often not the most impressive looking horse. The Fei's eagerness to please puts it at risk from unknowing riders. The Fei tries to do everything the rider wants. If he is tired or worn out, he'll keep going and you won't notice that there's a problem until it's too late. So riders need to be careful.

Many horses can be a mixture of types, one type usually dominates.