Arizona Dressage Association

The Centerline

CONGRATS TO OUR OWN CYNTHIA GANEM!!
USDF Region 5 Volunteer of the Year

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Contribute to The Centerline Today!

Letters to the Editor:

Submit your comments, suggestions, or opinions relating to the sport of dressage, to centerline@azdressage.org

Barn News:

Trainers would you like to let us know about the recent accomplishments of your clients or introduce new clients and horses? Would you like to update readers about barn improvements, or talk about any other news of interest to the membership. Send submissions to centerline@azdressage.org

Member Submissions to The Centerline:

Submit an article and photo of you and your horse on a topic of interest, a clinic or show experience. Submit your favorite barn and horse care tips, or review clinic. We'd love to hear from you! Send to centerline@azdressage.org
If the photo is a riding photo, a helmet is required.

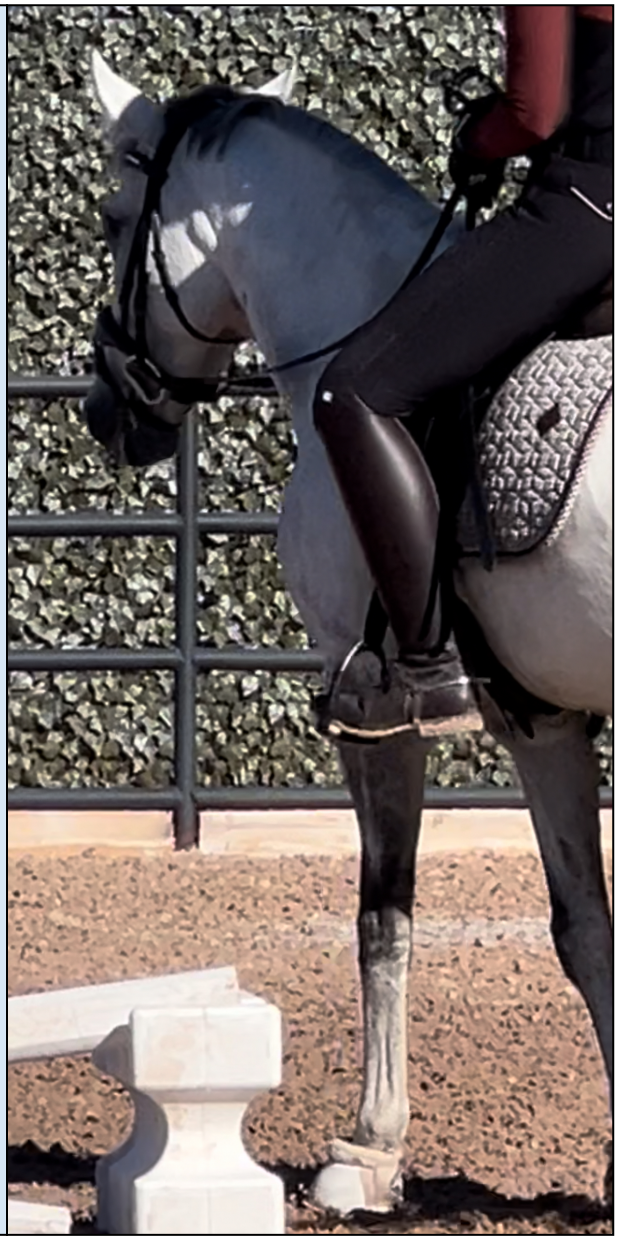
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Dressage is the art of teaching the horse to carry you.

Riding is the art of learning to be a good load to carry.

~ Richard Weiss ~



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CORE TRANSFORMATION SYMPOSIUM SERIES

SYMPOSIUM #3-THE COMPLETION OF CORE TRANSFORMATION

The Symbiosis of Your Core with Your Horse's Core

January 11 & 12, 2024 at Horseshoe Springs

Rider Application Deadline: December 22nd
Auditor Registration Deadline: December 31st

The finale of Core Transformation comes in the form of the iconic Hilda Gurney, as she "puts it all together"!

There aren't enough accolades to truly describe what this incredible woman has done for the sport of Dressage. Olympian, prolific trainer of Grand Prix Dressage horses and yes, even writing the tests that we compete in, Hilda has literally done it all!

Hilda will take the concepts learned in Symposiums 1 and 2, and with a judges eye and a view from the judges box performed through the levels. How the rider impacts the performance of the horse, and how the performance of the horse impacts the rider will be the theme of this 3 day event. Ride with Hilda, or simply audit this fantastic opportunity to learn from an icon. What within Core Transformation worked? What areas need more work? These questions and more, will be answered by Hilda and experienced by all who attend.

For more information and to register, visit:

https://azdressage.org/symposium-3-the-symbiosis-of-your-core-with-your-horses-core-putting-it-all-together/



Arizona Dressage Association
November 11, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes
www.azdressage.org

Date: Monday, November 14, 2024
Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: Microsoft Teams

Roll Call/ Introductions/Establish Quorum

1. Directors In Attendance- Kathy Smith, Cynthia Ganem, Michelle Combs, Maeike Zoet, Susan Skirpac, Anastasia Keyser, Ann Damiano, Rebecca Bruening, Rebecca Lindy
2. Directors Not In Attendance- Nicole Oostermeyer (Unexcused)
3. Members of Local Chapters-none
4. Guests- Paula Nelson, Cathy Jones, Erin McHenry

Officers' Reports:

1. Interim President - Kathy Smith
2. Secretary's Report- Rebecca Lindy
   a. Center Line not yet published so will approve at next Board meeting
3. Treasurer's Report - Cynthia Ganem
   a. Operating a/c $58,192.87
   b. Debit a/c $16,069.48
   c. Pantano CD $11,745.80
   d. Petty Cash $400.00
   e. Does not include payments for state championship show
   f. Authorized signer limits policy needs to be created and approved-Rebecca Lindy to create draft for review

Committee Reports (Please submit your written reports prior to the meeting):

4. Finance Committee-no report
5. Education Committee – Cathy Jones/Rebecca Bruening
   a. Symposium-#3 Wednesday 11/13 is deadline
   b. Contract sent to Janet Jones for next year 12/6/25
   c. Mike Osinkski January 2026
6. JR/YR Committee Report- Paula Nelson
   a. No report , pulling the committee plans together
7. Communications Committee Report- Erin McHenry
   a. All show sponsors were acknowledged
8. Show Committee Report – Kathy Smith
   a. Committee Meeting on 11/18 for debrief on the Fall Fiesta
   b. Fall Fiesta went well; show manager handled everything well
   c. Thanks to Nicole Oostermeyer for the hospitality baskets and Tania for setting up backdrop
   d. Big THANKS to Juan Pantoja, Grounds Manager
   e. Kathy motioned to have Show Manager contract for next year's shows with Teresa Uddo; Ann seconded. Motion passed
9. Membership Committee Report – Michell Combs
   a. 2025 memberships need to be renewed by Dec 1
   b. Communication plan for membership: Michelle is sending to Erin
   c. Expansion to other equestrian disciplines -Anastasia and Michelle to brainstorm expanding membership
   d. USDF Convention has some classes regarding expanding membership. Ann Damiano will be attending convention and will plan to attend those classes

	Membership Stats 2024 Competition Year As of 11/11/24				
	Total Members	**Renewed**	**Returned from a Prior Year**	**New**	**Not Renewed**
Adults	**210**	170	19	21	41
Junior/Young Rider	**15**	11	3	1	5
Total	**225**	181	22	22	46

	Membership Stats 2025 Competition Year As of 11/11/24				
	Total Members	**Renewed**	**Returned from a Prior Year**	**New**	**Not Renewed**
Adults	**55**	53	1	1	
Junior/Young Rider	**4**	4	0	0	
Total	**59**	57	1	1	

10. Awards Committee Report – Maeike Zoet
- a. Mailing the High Point awards from the Fall Fiesta , although policy has been to not mail them
- b. Maeike inventoried prizes and ribbons after show
- c. Sue Leutwyler provided feedback/question about State Championship scores in Year End Awards (Michell) from the last meeting's motion
  - i. Board confirmed motion was approved in October meeting and we will be adding some clarifying modifications

11. Futurity Committee Report –Susan Skripac
- a. No report
- b. Susan will be reviewing other GMOs Futurity processes and bring them to the next board meeting

12. Schooling Shows Committee Report- N/A (no committee at this time)
- a. Cynthia connected with Carefree Farms and obtained available dates
- b. Board has posted on FaceBook page for Show Committee chairperson – continue to post
- c. Discussion regarding the potential of paying a show manager/secretary. Decision to Table discussion until next week's show committee meeting

13. Fundraising Committee Report- Ann Damiano
- a. $24,000 was raised for the show through tax-deductible contributions

14. Nominating Committee Report - Ann Damiano
- a. Officer election process/timing
- b. Board member election process/timing

i. 4 slots will be open on 2/1/25: Kathy Smith running for re-election; Amy Burnett, Tania Radda and Cynthia Ganem's positions will be open for new Board members
ii. Board elects officers
iii. Board to confirm chair persons of each committee
iv. Table decision on timing of officer selections for next meeting

c. Committee Chair responsibilities
i. Operational Rules documentation currently in place

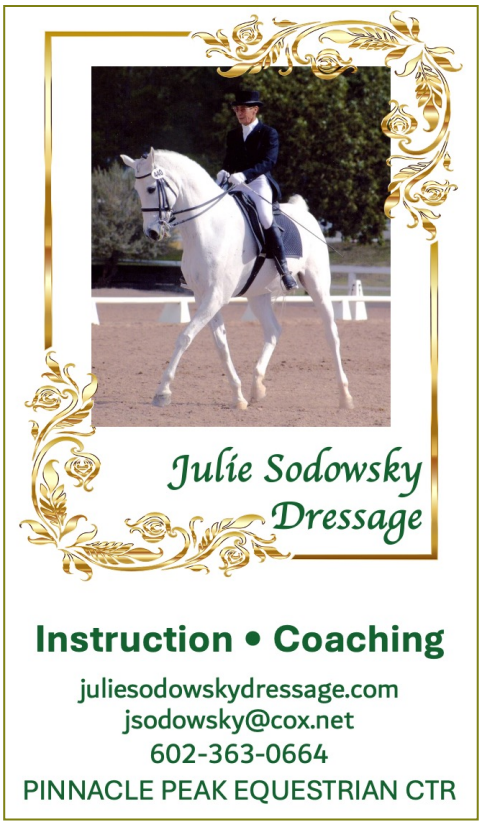
15. Scholarship – Ann Damiano
a. Will be sending out communication to members to send in their applications-constant contact emails and Facebook
b. Ann would like to transition the chair position to another Board member or member

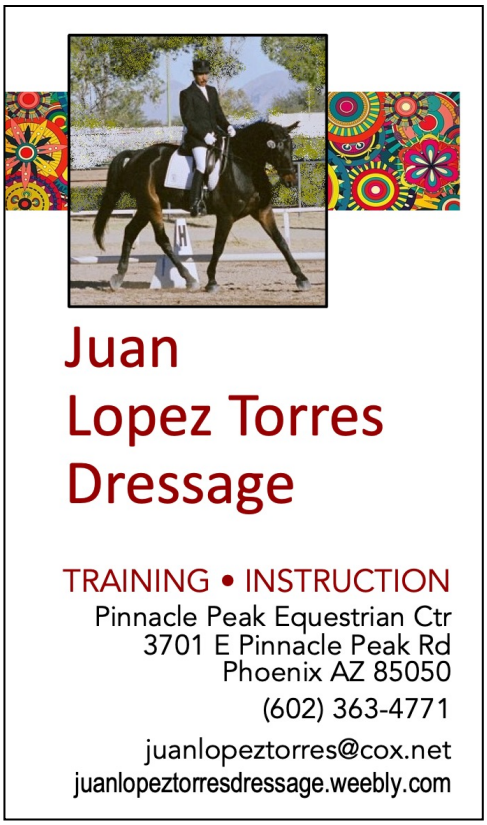
New Business:

16. Call to Members – Members may be recognized by the Presiding Officer and may then address the Board regarding issues of concern to the Association. The Presiding Officer has the right to limit the amount of time that each Member has to address the Board. Guests will have 3 minutes to share their ideas or concerns.
a. Rebecca L suggested committee chairs are going to review current committee charters and update the job description as needed to clarify positions. Board will approve before board voting occurs.

17. Next Regular Board meeting- December 9, 2024. At 6:30pm Via TEAMs

18. Ann D motioned to adjourn, Rebecca L seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 8:54







The ADA awards up to five $500 educational scholarships annually under the categories of Open, JR/YR and Adult Amateur. The committee may recommend a different formula for awarding scholarships depending on the number and category of applications received, subject to approval by the ADA Board of Directors. Completed application must be received by February 1st each year and requires active service to the organization (see details below). A scholarship committee consisting of three non-Board ADA members will evaluate each application received based on the stated scholarship criteria and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

- **Open and AA applicants must be an ADA member for a minimum of three (3) years** including the current membership year. **JR/YR must be a member for a minimum of two (2) years** including the current membership year. Membership must be in good standing.
- **The educational opportunity requested in the application must be a specific activity** that the applicant has established that promotes dressage education and dressage principle, and goes beyond regular lessons. Examples include clinics and training programs offered by recognized and/or certified instructors as well as USDF- and USEF-sponsored programs.
- **Open and Adult Amateur applicants must have volunteered their time or expertise in some way that has benefited the ADA membership as a whole.** Examples include volunteer service hours (**minimum 8 hours suggested**) during current and previous year at ADA shows or events, service on ADA Board or Committees, providing a host venue for ADA clinics, organizing a clinic or a fundraising event for JR/YRs, judging, writing Centerline articles, etc.. **JR/YR must have active volunteer service (minimum 4 hours suggested) during current and previous year.** Written verification of service must be submitted with application and will be strongly considered during selection process.
- The Scholarship Chairman notifies all applicants of the outcome. Those who have been awarded scholarships are emailed a "Letter of Agreement" that is a simple contract between the member and ADA that outlines where, when and how the money will be used as well as what the applicant is willing to do for ADA in return. Some ways that members give back for their scholarship assistance are writing a Centerline article on their educational experience, providing a venue for ADA events, organizing a clinic or a fundraising event for JR/YRs, etc., judging, etc. The Letter of Agreement also instructs the recipient to provide receipts to the Scholarship Chairman and Treasurer for all of his/her expenses associated with the scholarship for reimbursement up to the stated amount of $500. It also explains that if for some reason the recipient does not complete the program for which the award was made within one year, the scholarship will be considered forfeited.
- By accepting scholarships, recipients must agree to volunteer at a future date their time and/or expertise in some way that will benefit the ADA membership as a whole.
- Go to https://azdressage.org/scholarships/ for application and more information.

ARIZONA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

2025 Membership Application December 1, 2024 - November 30, 2025

PRIMARY / INDIVIDUAL MEMBER INFORMATION

Check Membership Type: ☐ Renewal ☐ New Membership ☐ NAC (Must Select to be NAC)

Current USDF # _____ (If Applicable)

Use this Form for Payment by Check ONLY - For Payment by Credit Card, Join Online at *www.azdressage.org.*

Name (print clearly) _____ Date of Birth (_____/_____/_____)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

OPT-IN to receive important ADA information by providing your Email address: _____

Centerline newsletter, Show, Clinic and Membership information are delivered electronically. **We respect your privacy. ADA does NOT share your personal information with ANY third parties! See Full Privacy Policy on ADA Website.**

Signature (required) _____ Date _____

JUNIOR /YOUNG RIDER MEMBERSHIP: (one vote) Date of Birth (____/_____/_____) (under age 22 by December 1, 2025)

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Only the PRIMARY / INDIVIDUAL MEMBER gets one ADA vote. All memberships eligible for ADA Awards. Every ADA FAMILY MEMBER gets a USDF Group Membership with the additional fee. Some USDF Restrictions May Apply. **Per USDF, Supporting Members MUST reside at the Primary Family member's address.**

Primary Family Member Name (if different than above) _____ Date of Birth (____/____/____)

Supporting Family Member #1 Name _____ Date of Birth (____/____/____)

Supporting Family Member #2 Name _____ Date of Birth (____/____/____)

Individual Membership..... $66.00
☐ AA ☐ JR/YR ☐ Open

Primary Family Membership..... $66.00
☐ AA ☐ JR/YR ☐ Open

Each Supporting Family member $35.00
#1 ☐ AA ☐ JR/YR ☐ Open
#2 ☐ AA ☐ JR/YR ☐ Open

☐ Hard Copy Newsletter (optional).....$ 35.00

☐ ADA donation (optional).....$ 10.00
(for rider education programs)

☐ USDF Region 5 donation (optional)..... $ 1.00

☐ Region 5 JR/YR donation (optional) ..... $ 5.00

ADA is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Organization
Your generous donations help fund ADA Scholarships and Travel Grants for educational opportunities!

TOTAL enclosed $ _____

Make checks payable to: "**ADA**"

*Mail to: **Michell Combs**
8877 N 107th Ave, Suite 302-238
Peoria, AZ 85345

Or Scan/Email to: Membership@azdressage.org

**** Envelope must have Michell's name on it***

***** ADA strives to keep membership fees as low as possible. Our increase matches the USDF GMO membership dues increase for 2025.**

HELP WANTED

ADA is a Volunteer Organization.

****** Volunteering your Time or Expertise is required for Year End Awards, Scholarships, and Grants ******

Visit *www.azdressage.org/volunteer/* for details.
Contact ksmith@azdressage.org
if you can help us out!
or
☐ Volunteer Donation (optional).....$ 50.00
or
These are some areas we can use your help!

Horse Shows	Newsletter
Clinic Activities	Membership
Board Member	Annual Awards
Selection Committees	Provide Arena
Fundraising	Provide Event Venue
Public Relations	Hospitality (home)

GMO GROUP MEMBER ORGANIZATION USDF

"To Promote the Advancement of Classical Dressage through Education"

Full Mission Statement at *www.azdressage.org*

NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER
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Carol Stearns, Member at Large

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2025 Schooling Show & Clinic Dates

April 12th - Michell Combs (Freeman Farms)

May 31st Biomechanics Clinic (TBD)

June 28th Bit Clinic - Kim Gentry (TBD)

July 19th - Dori Vlatten (American Ranch)

Sept 20th - Michell Combs (Tentative) (Freeman Farms)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.nacofada.com

2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY
11-12: ADA Symposium #3, Horseshoe Springs

FEBRUARY
22-23: Dressage at Bar A, Scottsdale

MARCH
8-9: TDC March Madness: Pima Country Fairgrounds, Tucson

28-30: CARA Champagne Show: Queen Creek

APRIL
12: NAC Schooling Show: Freeman Farms, Michell Combs

19-20: Dressage at Bar A, Scottsdale

MAY
31: NAC Biomechanics Clinic

JUNE
6-7: Roadrunner I: Pima Country Fairgrounds, Tucson

14-15: ADA Summer Heat: WestWorld, Scottsdale

28: NAC Bit Clinic

JULY
19: NAC Schooling Show: American Ranch, Prescott, Dori Vlatten

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER
20: NAC Schooling Show: Freeman Farms, Michell Combs

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER
15-16: TDC Fall Festival I & II: Pima Country Fairgrounds, Tucson

DECEMBER

Our Mission:

The Arizona Dressage Association is a not-for-profit organization whose goal is to promote the advancement of classical dressage through educational opportunities and programs, and the rigorous evaluations received at recognized and schooling dressage shows.

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