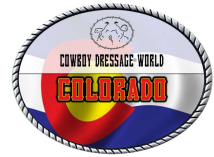


## **Cowboy Dressage World of Colorado**

Meeting Discussions 11/11/17

Cracker Barrel, Loveland



Those in attendance: Laura Cassiday, Eliza Stowe, Pam Pierce, Abby Martin, Claire & Steve Gosnell, Marion Dahlgren, Leslie Sutherland, Erin Long, Leanne Riddle, and Diane Drake.

1. Opened with a reminder of the Handshake
2. Revisited the emails from the members, their suggestion will continually help us as we work towards becoming an CDW organization in Colorado.
3. Discussed merits of forming a non-profit organization
  - a. As an organization with a non-profit status:
    - i. Have protection for the board
    - ii. Would be able to have a bank account
    - iii. Have insurance to cover the functions being held by the organization
    - iv. Opportunity to save on cost for facilities and meeting rooms.
    - v. Apply for grants to help with education and community service projects
  - b. It is important, as an organization, to follow CDW, use their name “Cowboy Dressage”, and have access to the tests, judges’ sheets, etc.
  - c. Support the local clinicians – what would that look like?
    - i. Help with taking entries
    - ii. Advertising, flyers, posting on FB, and Colorado & National calendars
    - iii. Supplying court, PA system, volunteers
    - iv. Food service for participants, volunteers, etc
    - v. Help with awards
    - vi. Reimburse organization 1/10 of proceeds or what is equitable per gathering/event
4. Kansas Mentorship
  - a. The partners asked that we work with CDW Kansas, while we are forming an organization. Kansas has already worked through many of the jumps and hurdles and would be able to offer their guidance, their templates for by-laws and will help, as needed, to answer questions.
  - b. How can Kansas help us?
    - i. Kansas will provide copies of their bylaws, mission, and vision as templates
    - ii. Encouragement and guidance as needed
    - iii. Share our benchmarks and timeframes with the partners
    - iv. Colorado would be responsible for their own finances and insurance

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### 5. Events for 2018

- a. Suggestions from CDW and members:
  - i. Fewer/more outside clinicians and principles
    - 1. enough for professionals to advance
  - ii. More local clinics
  - iii. Fewer/more shows
    - 1. perhaps even a recognized show
  - iv. Focus on and support Colorado clinicians
- b. Working on schedule for 2018:
  - i. Would like to have a points and award system for shows
  - ii. Encourage participation
  - iii. Relook at possible awards
    - 1. ribbons/levels for shows
      - a. Encourages riders to continue to grow and excel
      - b. Every exhibitor receives a ribbon for each ride.
      - c. The color of the ribbon is based upon the score earned on the test, as follows:
        - i. Scores  $\leq 53.99$  = GREEN
        - ii. Scores between 54-62.99 = WHITE
        - iii. Scores between 63-71.99 = RED
        - iv. Scores between 72-79.99 = BLUE
        - v. Scores  $\geq 80$  = PURPLE