

## **WDCTA Southwest Chapter Meeting Minutes**

Regular Business Meeting

Hickory Knoll Farm, Fitchburg, WI

*Equine Nutrition and Body Scoring was the topic for this meeting. Eighteen members and guests had the opportunity to learn about body scoring and actually do some “hands on” practice with four horses. UW Extension Equine Specialist, Liv Sandberg, was our guest speaker. The demo horses were wonderfully tolerant of our poking and prodding to come up with a body score of 1 to 10. Thanks to Liv for the excellent program and the Freiburgers for opening their facility to use for the demo and business meeting. Watch a future newsletter for information from this informative session.*

### **Date: Feb. 13, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by president Donna Thomas.

### **Attendees:**

Becky Bebber-Wells, Ruth Crennell, Pam Doolittle, Sue Genin, Mary Hanneman, Jenni McMahon, Rita Pultz, Ann Readell, Stephanie Severn, Donna Thomas (chapter president), Caryn Vesperman (chapter secretary), Kate Wagner Ruckle (guest)

### **Agenda:**

Stephanie Severn moved and Ruth Crennell seconded to approve the agenda with the added item of the Janet Foy clinic. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes approved with one minor spelling correction.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Balances as of January 31, 2010: Checking - \$309.60; Money market - \$20,337.31; Savings - \$10; 12-month CD - \$2,507.44 and 24-month CD - \$2,507.63.

### **Old Business:**

**Instructor Program:** Stephanie Severn reported that the article will be in the next newsletter. The chapter will vote on whether or not to move forward with this program in May.

**Scholarship Program:** Pam Doolittle recommended no changes at this time regarding the program, other than what we previously voted on which was maximum scholarship amount to be \$300. We will review the criteria in September, to make any changes necessary for 2011.

**Policies Review:** Marie Caldwell has compiled everything except for the years 2007-2009. Will bring the final report to the March meeting.

**Gerd Zuther Sporthorse Clinic:** Caryn Vesperman presented a budget and the location: Judd's Green Meadows in Belleville, WI. Motion made to charge \$35 audit fee for ALL WDCTA members and Green Meadows boarders. All other auditors would be charged \$45. Lunch would be an additional fee, estimating approximately \$10. Pam moved and Stephanie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Caryn asked for volunteers; the following are the volunteers so far (Please contact Caryn or the individuals named as follows if there is a particular area you want to help with.): Lunch – Becky Bebber-Wells and Sue Genin; Registration – Mary Hanneman; Barn – Rita Pultz (who will also “enlist” Kate Van Sicklen); Publicity and Advertising – Caryn.

**Maryal Barnett Clinics:** Members are very interested in bringing Maryal Barnett to our area. Motion was made by Sue and seconded by Becky to consider clinics with Maryal in 2011.

**Janet Foy Clinics:** Mary indicated the application would be in the March newsletter. She also handed out copies.

**New Business:**

**Chapter Scholarship Application:** The scholarship request for \$300 from Caryn Vesperman was approved with Caryn abstaining.

**State Board Direction:** Pam Doolittle who is state board president discussed opportunities and issues the state board will be working on in 2010 including restructuring how WDCTA is organized. The next state board meeting is Saturday, Feb. 20 – all members are invited to attend.

**Announcements:**

- Note the opening date for the first Janet Foy Clinic is March 5.
  - Steffen Peters will be a featured demo instructor at the Midwest Horse Fair.
  - Time to purchase your Dane County Parks annual horse trail passes which are available through the Friends of Donald Park. Cost is \$18 (\$10 for seniors 65 or better). Contact or send check to: Jean Warrior, 548 Linden Street, Verona, WI 53593. Be sure to write “trail pass” on the check and include your return address so passes can be mailed to you.
  - Next meeting: Back by popular demand -- Topic: Rider Biomechanics with Ann Schultheis. 1 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 13 at Alicia Ashman Branch, Madison Public Library, 733 North High Point Road, Madison, corner of High Point Road and Old Sauk Road (608-824-1780).
- The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

**Submitted by Caryn Vesperman, SW Chapter secretary**