

## **WDCTA Southwest Chapter Meeting Minutes**

For Regular Business Meeting  
Hickory Knoll Farm, Fitchburg

*Nicki Butler who is a certified ESMT, Reiki II practitioner and has 35 years experience as a horse owner, rider, trainer, riding instructor and judge, gave a massage demonstration on one of Betsy Freiburger's driving horses. Interesting, Nicki said as a general rule, no matter what the discipline – driving, riding, trails, Western, jumping, horses get sore or stiff in the same areas, it is just a matter of degree. Check out Nicki's website at [www.findawayfarm.webs.com](http://www.findawayfarm.webs.com). Thanks, Nicki!*

### **Date: Oct. 11, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by president, Donna Thomas. Nicki made a motion and Diane seconded to approve the agenda. Passed unanimously.

### **Attendees:**

Diane Brault, Nicki Butler, Ruth Crennell, Tracey Dikkers, Pam Doolittle, Betsy Freiburger, Sue Genin, Mary Hanneman, Megan McIsaac, Heather McManamy, Jenni Poole, Stephanie Severn, Donna Thomas, Caryn Vesperman, Laura Voll, Jamie Zimmerman

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

The September meeting minutes were handed out. Nicki made a motion and Pam seconded to accept the minutes. Passed unanimously. Minutes will be posted on the WDCTA website with the other meeting minutes.

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

In DeAnn Howard's absence, Mary Hanneman presented the account totals Mary added that she has also added deposits of \$3,955 for the Janet Clinic and \$2,050 for the symposium that are not reflected in the following numbers: UW Credit Union savings - \$5; UWCU checking - \$16,602.41; UWCU Investors Advantage - \$5,959.65. No report on the two CDs at Summit CU, but should be about the same as last month's total. We will have some significant expenses to be paid in conjunction with the symposium next month.

### **Old Business:**

**September Janet Foy Clinic:** Even with all the free auditing to SW chapter members, we made \$10 and saw a lot of new faces in terms of riders and auditors. The last clinic of the year later this month is full.

**Steffen Peters-Janet Foy Symposium:** Riders have been selected and the list posted on the WDCTA website. The schedule has been posted as well. To date, 65 auditors have registered. This is well ahead of where we usually are with our past symposia. Caryn showed the full-page, full-color ad that is in the current issue of The Chronicle of the Horse. It's great placement because the issue is also a preview of the PanAm games. The web banner will be up on the Chronicle's website around Oct. 17.

**Holiday Party:** Death by Chocolate holiday party at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10, will be at Betsy Freiburger's. A Chinese gift exchange will be a part of it – buy a present to “trade” for up to \$20. Bring chocolate or some other dish to pass.

**Instructor Certification Program:** Motion made by Pam Doolittle and seconded by Caryn Vesperman that the chapter expressed interest in supporting this WDCTA- state-sponsored program by hosting one of the three workshops (lungeing, riding or teaching). Passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Eventing:** Nicki Butler, our new member-at-large, talked about how she is trying to drum up and unify the eventers in WDCTA.

**Chapter Elections:** The slate of officers is Donna Thomas, president; Sue Genin, vice president; DeAnn Howard, treasurer; Jamie Zimmerman, secretary; Pam Doolittle, representative; Heather McManamy, chapter representative and Stephanie Severn, alternate representative. Nicki made a motion and Betsy seconded to vote the slate in as chapter officers. Passed unanimously.

**Maryal Barnett Clinics:** Pam worked out three dates with Maryal Barnett for 2012; unfortunately the dates conflict with the already-approved 2012 Janet Foy clinics. Nick made a motion and Betsy seconded to commit to the March 24-25 Maryal Clinic and Pam will work with Maryal on two alternative dates. Passed unanimously.

**2012 Chapter Planning:** Tracey Dikkers, Pam Doolittle, Jamie Zimmerman, along with president – Donna Thomas volunteered to be on a program planning committee for 2012. Some ideas were put forth, but if members have any ideas for future meetings, contact anyone on this committee.

**Announcements:**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the Culver's in Madison off the beltline by Fish Hatchery Road.

There is a Oregon Riding Club-sponsored Biomechanics Clinic Nov. 4-6.

Donna announced that Caryn Vesperman passed her L final exam with distinction.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.** The symposium committee then met for more than an hour.

**Submitted by Caryn Vesperman, chapter secretary.**