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Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training's Monthly Newsletter

Where We Are for 2022—It Looks Good!

By Melinda DeLuca, WDCTA President
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I was just voted president of WDCTA for 2022. I have been the state board secretary for eight years and was the Kettle Moraine Chapter president for four years. I am also remaining the state secretary, since we were unable to find a volunteer for this position. The recent board meetings have discussed how we are moving forward as USDF GMO (Group Member Organization), and local chapters are reviewing whether or not to remain chapters.

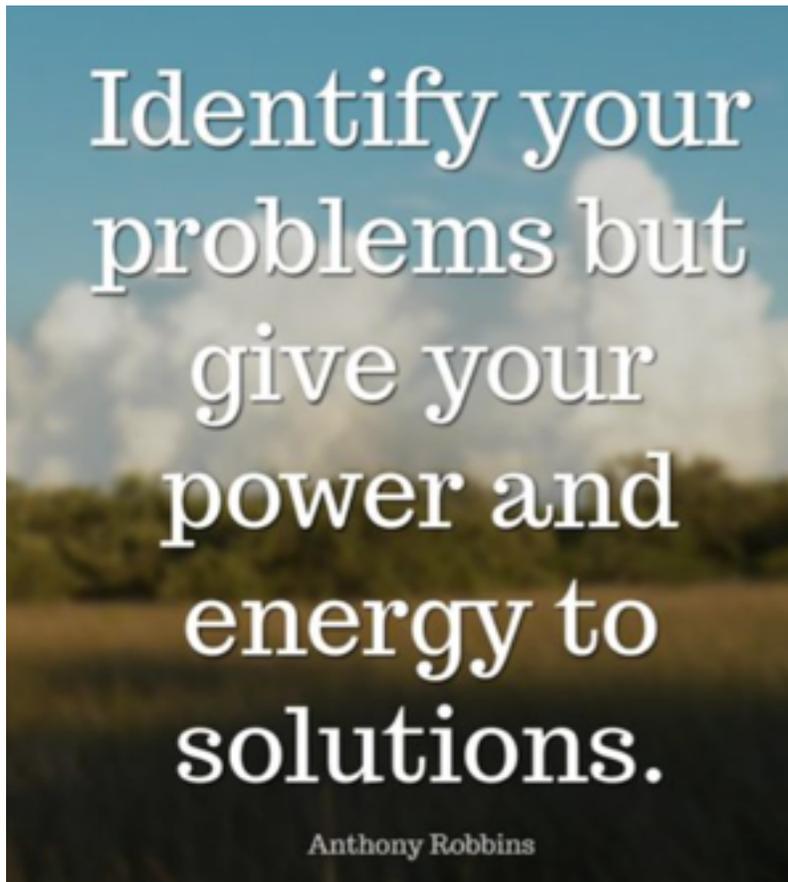
Currently we have 157 WDCTA members and four WDCTA chapters (listed alphabetically):
Central – 19 members
Kettle Moraine (KM) – 53 members
Upper Peninsula (UP)- 6 members
Southwest (SW) – 74 members
Members-at-Large (not a chapter) - 6

What do chapters want to do? The state board has had numerous discussions on the issue with chapter presidents. It's up to the chapter officers and members to make the decision if they want to dissolve their chapters. It's unnecessary for all chapters to make the same decision. Some may want to dissolve and some may not. Let's discuss the positive reasons for having a chapter and the reasons the chapters may want to dissolve.

Positive Reasons for Chapters to Continue:

Local chapters help:

- Make friends and get together to work on clinics, etc.
- Increase WDCTA memberships.
- Maintain and inspire local members to volunteer.
- Maintain chapter funding for events and clinics.



Reasons Why Chapters May Dissolve:

- Not enough volunteers to maintain chapter officer positions.
- Members may focus efforts only on their chapter while the state level needs additional volunteers.

If there are no volunteers for the state board, the entire GMO may need to be dissolved.

What if a chapter dissolves? The Board plans to revise our state bylaws to increase the number of Members-at-Large board positions for the *region* a chapter is located, if it dissolves.

During the Nov. 8th board meeting, we needed to elect the state board. Central, KM and UP

chapter representatives voted to maintain their chapters with the current presidents remaining. SW was listed as an open position, since they were unable to conduct elections prior to board elections, due to a lack volunteers for chapter officer positions. Following the board meeting, SW was able to elect officers.

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Where We Are continued

Possible Solutions if Any or All the Chapters Decide to Dissolve in 2022

What changes to the bylaws and policies need to be made?

The state board has discussed options including not eliminating the reference to chapters in the bylaws. Instead, the state board discussed making the bylaws and/or policies flexible enough to have both chapters and/or state-approved committees for managing local events. This change would provide the utmost flexibility for the future.

What happens to the chapter's funds?

Each year, each chapter treasurer submits information regarding the current balance, payments etc. to the state board treasurer. Since WDCTA is a non-profit organization, all this information is totaled and reported for tax purposes under one tax identification number. So while each chapter has control of its spending for funds, it is still a part of WDCTA. The bylaws indicate if a chapter dissolves, the funds are transferred to the state board or to USDF.

What if the chapter wants to start again? Will the chapter get back the funds?

There is no guarantee for the return of the funds. The state may decide some or all of the previous chapter money is returned. This will depend on what the chapter wants to accomplish, how much money remains at the state level and how many chapters are restarting or how many new ones are starting.

If a chapter dissolves but another one does not, can members in the dissolving chapter join another chapter?

Yes or they can become part of the state membership.

How would we organize local events and clinics if a chapter dissolves?

A group of interested WDCTA members would need to establish a committee to organize the event. The committee would need to provide the state board with the event budget for the board to review and approve or disapprove. Once approved, the committee treasurer collects receipts and maintains a spreadsheet of income and expenses. The committee submits the information to the state treasurer. If the cost for the hotel, travel, etc. has been paid for by a member on the committee, the state treasurer would reimburse that member

with the submittal of receipts. All event payments will be made to WDCTA and deposited in the state treasury.

How would the event committee be able to solicit volunteers?

With no chapter president having a roster of area members, an event organizer would request a board member to send an email to the entire membership with the information prepared by the event committee. The WDCTA Facebook group could also be used to relay information and gather volunteers.

The state board remains in the process of discussing these issues, but we wanted to let you know the current situation. Any changes to the WDCTA bylaws will require voting by the general membership. At this point, chapters have decided to remain until bylaw changes can be made. If you have any questions, ideas or comments, please let me or your chapter president know.



WANTED

Interested in Doing a Little Reporting for WDCTA?

Looking for a few members who would be interested in writing articles about our members—from their show successes to profiling their businesses, stables, or training operations. Want to write a tribute to a fabulous horse show mom or spouse?

Contact me if interested!

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**Caryn Vesperman
Editor**

All advertisements, articles and photographs (with photo release) should be submitted by the 15th of the preceding month of publication, unless you make prior arrangements for additional time.

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Rising to the Challenge

If you read Melinda’s article, I hope you believe, like I do, that WDCTA is moving in a good direction to remain viable to our members and as a member of the USDF—which to me is beyond a good thing, since WDCTA was one of the charter members when the USDF was created.

I’m extremely proud of chapter members who recently rose to the challenge and volunteered to be on the chapter and state boards. As a Southwest chapter, member, I know how close we came to dissolving, but thanks to a group of dedicated members, the chapter is going to continue for the time being. My hat is also off to the members of the state board, particularly Melinda DeLuca, who has taken on the role as state president and, working with the board, has come up with a very good plan to allow WDCTA to have some flexibility in how we’re organized. The state board has a few things to figure out and any changes need the membership’s approval, but I believe by making some simple changes in our bylaws, we can move forward with a concept that will work for WDCTA. Our organization should be able to continue providing educational and social opportunities, and provide recognition to members who excel in the competition area.

All organizations that rely on volunteers have been challenged. All of you who have volunteered for WDCTA or other non-profits know it’s not easy. There are always people who make things difficult with their complaints, negativity and lack of understanding of what it takes to run an organization or an event. It’s frustrating and disappointing, as the WDCTA members I know, volunteer because they love the sport of dressage and eventing and want to give back. I’ve been a part of WDCTA for longer than I’ve been married, most of the time as newsletter editor and, for a couple of terms, as WDCTA president. I’m proud to be a part of this group and thankful for the chance to meet so many awesome people through it. I’ve met friends who are friends for life. I’ve learned so much from so many people, and I hope, in some way, I’ve helped people understand, learn and love this sport too.

As I look back over the last couple of years, I do have to place some of the blame for our “shakiness” on Covid. The pandemic has not only infected and affected people’s lives negatively, it brought our lack of volunteers even more to the surface. Cancellation and postponement of events, combined with social distancing, has prevented us from hosting symposiums and other “big” events that we’re known for, and have even kept local chapters from gathering. I know I have missed these things. Zoom meetings just aren’t the same!

Let’s hope that the more people who get vaccinated, the more life can go back to “normal,” or some semblance of that. I look forward to what we can do in 2022, and may I just say, if you haven’t done it lately...thank a volunteer!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Caryn

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"AJ" with Megan:

Congratulations to Megan & AJ! They successfully competed at I-2, Grand Prix and the GP Freestyle! They also qualified for Regionals! What a great first year at Grand Prix!



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Lisa & "Pami":

Congratulations to Lisa & Pami on competing in the Grand Prix!! Woot woot! They made it. Looking forward to what the next year brings!



Frank's Photo Design photo

Megan & "Fritz":

Congratulations to Fritz and his owner, Gail! Megan successfully competed Fritz at 3rd and 4th levels this year!!



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Mary & "Ati":

Congratulations to Mary & Ati! They both accomplished their first I-1!! Onward to great things!



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Mia & "Prince":

Congratulations to Mia & Prince on successfully competing 1st level this year and qualifying for Regionals!! Looking forward to seeing what next year brings!



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Erin and "Bayless":

Congratulations to Erin & Bayless on a successful show season! They competed 4th level and 3rd level freestyle! Such a wonderful pair to watch.



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Jenna & "Tito":

Congratulations to Jenna & Tito on earning your USDF Silver medals! Wishing you all the best!



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Sara and "Filly":

Congratulations to Sara & Filly! They competed successful at 4th level!! Looking forward to them earning the USDF Silver medal next!!



Suzanne Eberhart photo

Dana & "Prophet":

Congratulations to Dana and Prophet on getting more mileage in the Grand Prix arena! It has been a pleasure helping you!



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Crystal & "Booker":

Congratulations to Crystal and Booker!! This year they competed 4th level and Crystal went on to earn her USDF Silver medal! Looking forward to seeing what next year brings!



Freddie Photo Design photo

Jenny & "Larry":

Jenny & Larry successfully competed at 3rd!!! They made big steps forward in the competition arena. Very proud of their hard work!!



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Susanne & "Filly":

Congratulations to Susanne & Filly on earning your USDF Bronze medal and successfully competing 3rd level this year!! It is always a pleasure to help coach you!! To many more successes!



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Jane & "Nigt":

Congratulations to Jane on earning her USDF Bronze medal. Thank you Nigt for being fantastic and being the best partner!



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Emily & "Spotted Victory":

Congratulations to Emily and Spotted Victory! They earned their USDF Bronze medal!!



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Tamera & "Ta-Mare-Ah":

Congratulations to Tamera & Ta - Mare - ah on your first recognized competition! Fun and exciting times ahead!



Scott Julius photo

Megan & "Ta-Mare-Ah":

Congratulations to Ta-Mare-ah, owned by Scott and Tamera Julius. Thank you for choosing Lindinhof and choosing Megan to compete your beautiful 4 yr old mare at her first recognized competition.



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Emily & "Booker":

Congratulations to Emily & Booker! Booker was able to show Emily the ropes of competing 1st and 2nd levels! First shows are always fun and exciting!



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Will teach through 2nd level, earned USDF Bronze medal, trained through 4th Level. Served in the past on USDF education committee, USEF steward. Will travel. *

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