



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association
(WDCTA)
State Board Meeting—Minutes
Dec 7, 2021**

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

| Attendee | Y/No | Attendee | Y/No |
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| President – Melinda DeLuca | Y | SW President – Becky Bebbler-Wells | Y |
| Vice President – Sandra Malott | Y | SW Chapter Rep – Susan Walsh | Y |
| Secretary – Melinda DeLuca | Y | SW Chap Alternate – Open | N/A |
| Treasurer – Mary Hanneman | Y | KM Chapter President – Becky Rutkowski | N |
| Membership – Diane Brault | Y | KM Chap Rep – Open | N/A |
| Newsletter – Caryn Vesperman | Y | KM Chapter Alternate – Open | N/A |
| Webmaster- Stephanie Severn | N | UP Chap President – Donna Destrampe | Y |
| Member-At-Large – Cindy Riffle | N | UP Chapter Alternate – Lynne Madison | N |
| Member-At-Large – Morgan Winter | N | JR/YR Rep – Mary Barr | Y |
| Member-At-Large – Jenna Staffaroni | Y | Communications (WHC rep)- Cari Schmidt | Y |
| Central Chap President –Cari Schmidt | Y | Awards Committee Chair – Joann Williams | N |
| Central Chap Alternate- Corey Winkler | N | | |

SW- Southwest, KM – Kettle Moraine, UP – Upper Peninsula

Diane moved to approve agenda. Motion seconded by Donna, passing unanimously.

1. Treasurer - Mary Hanneman

The spreadsheets containing information on the check register, investors Advantage register, income statement and balance sheet were reviewed. The membership early bird award cost \$70 and the 2022 director and officers insurance is \$720.

A bill will be sent to the chapters to cover the cost of day insurance used by the chapters for events and clinics. The chapter presidents should send to Mary a list of plans for 2022 events which will require insurance.

Mary will be sending out a request for the chapter treasurers to send to her the chapter 2021 financial information and bank statements. The tax accountant was paid \$552 in 2021 to prepare the taxes for 2020. Sandra made a motion to spend up to \$800 for tax preparation by APEL Associates for 2021 taxes. The motion was seconded by Becky Bebbler-Wells. Motion carried.

2. Secretary –Melinda
Caryn made a motion to approve the Nov 8th board meeting minutes. Diane seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Membership – Diane
Current membership is 76 members compared to 23 members the same time last year. Mary Barr won the Grow Our GMO award. Debra Stephenson won the Early Bird award.

Remember the WDCTA Roster is only to be used by state board members and should not be emailed to anyone who is not a state board member.

Diane plans to look into filling out volunteer forms.

4. Convention – Melinda
The following convention zoom meetings were attended and a newsletter article will be provided in the newsletter (completed).
 - a) Region 2 meeting /Region 2 Website
 - b) Ways to Increase GMO Membership
 - c) Board of Governors – Voted President George Williams

5. Website
No updates

6. Midwest Horse Fair – Cari
The event is state sponsored. The riders in the event are both central and SW members. Cari indicated that she would help work on obtaining volunteers. The budget was reviewed. SW, Central and UP chapters all agreed to provide \$100 to support the event. Sandra made a motion to approve the Midwest Horse Fair budget. Motion seconded by Mary Hanneman and the motion carried. The distribution of awards at the event was discussed. The possibility of distributing the awards during the Horse Fair was discussed but with limited volunteers and security issues it was decided against.

Post meeting note: A follow up with KM indicates agreement to support the event like the other chapters with the payment of \$100.

7. Awards Program – Caryn and Mary H
An awards program participant indicated that she did not read or follow the rules of the award program but wanted a refund when the awards committee could not accept her scores due to rider not being member. She filed a dispute with PayPal. WDCTA provided information to PayPal indicating refunds will not be made if the rules are not followed. PayPal decided to make a refund of \$78 to her. PayPal typically makes refunds in favor of the buyers not the account holder (WDCTA). The awards committee along with the president spent roughly 12 hours working on the issue. It was decided not to pursue any further.

The awards budget is currently being reviewed. There are 26 champions, 12 reserve and 4 3rd place awards.

8. Bylaw Changes/ Annual Meeting – Melinda

Work continues on the bylaw revisions related to the dissolution of chapters. A concern was discussed about using the term of Members at Large for both the board members and members joining WDCTA without being members of a chapter. After a discussion it was agreed to use the term General Membership for members joining without joining a chapter.

9. WI Horse Council Membership

WDCTA typically joins the WI Horse Council every year since the council is beneficial to horse owners in the state. Caryn made a motion to pay the 2022 membership fee of \$100. Motion was seconded by Mary Barr. Motion carried.

10. Chapter Updates for 2022 Plans – Chapter Presidents

Central – Cari

1. Midwest Horse Fair
2. Clinic series

UP – Donna

1. Election of officers
2. Christmas get together

SW – Becky Bebbler-Wells

1. Beginning planning

KM – no update

Minutes submitted by Melinda DeLuca Secretary and President.