



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association
(WDCTA)
State Board Meeting—Minutes
Nov 8, 2021**

Call to Order: 7:01pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendee	Y/No	Attendee	Y/No
President – Melinda DeLuca	Y	SW Chapter President – Haley Madden	N
Vice President – Sandra Malott	Y	SW Chapter Rep – Mary Barr	N
Secretary – Melinda DeLuca	Y	SW Chap Alternate – Rachel Olson	N
Treasurer – Mary Hanneman	Y	KM Chapter President – Becky Rutkowski	Y
Membership – Diane Brault	Y	KM Chap Rep – Morgan Winter	Y
Newsletter – Caryn Vesperman	Y	KM Chapter Alternate – Sandra Malott	Y
Webmaster- Stephanie Severn	N	UP Chap President – Donna Destrampe	Y
Member-At-Large – Nicki Butler	Y	UP Chapter Alternate – Tina Ozanich	N
Member-At-Large – Sue Genin	N	JR/YR Rep – Mary Barr	N
Member-At-Large – Carol Hines-Stroede	N	Communications (WHC rep)- Cari Schmidt	Y
Central Chap President –Cari Schmidt	Y	Awards Committee Chair– Joann Williams	Y
Central Chap Alternate- Corey Winkler	N		

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

Agenda

Meeting agenda:

1. Treasurer Update - Mary H
2. Secretary - (no issues since Oct minutes already approved via email)
3. Nominations and Voting 2022
4. Membership - Diane
5. Award committee update -Joann
 1. HOY award
6. USDF Convention - Melinda
7. Chapter updates - Chapter presidents

Do chapters plan on remaining or dissolving?
8. Planning for bylaw changes regarding chapters

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

1. Treasurer Report- Mary Hanneman
 - A. The income statement, balance statement, check register and money market account were reviewed. The net income as of Nov 7th is \$2,351.
 - B. Renewal of insurance is due Jan 1st.
 - C. 2021 tax preparation – Mary will be sending out a request for spending and income to chapter treasurers.

2. Secretary – Melinda
No issues to review.

3. Nominations and Voting for 2022 - Melinda
 - A. The Survey Monkey voting for Members at Large was completed by the general membership. The Members at Large voted for 2022 are:
 - i. Cindy Riffle
 - ii. Jenna Staffaroni
 - iii. Morgan Winter

 - B. The Executive Officers and Board Member nominations:

President	Melinda DeLuca
Vice President	Sandra Malott
Secretary	Melinda DeLuca
Treasurer	Mary Hanneman
Jr/YR Contact	Mary Barr
Roster Contact	Diane Brault
Newsletter	Caryn Vesperman
Web Master	Stephanie Severn

Nicki made a motion to elect the Executive officers and the board members. Donna seconded the motion and passing unanimously.

The following Chapter Presidents were elected by their chapters and will be on the board.

- KM – Becky Rutkowski
- Central - Cari Schmidt
- UP –Donna Destrampe
- SW – Chapter elections were not yet completed

Post meeting Note: SW voted Rebecca Bebber-Wells as president.

4. Membership – Diane
 - A. Thirty members were in the roster submitted to USDF.
 - B. An extra saddle pad from the awards program will be used for the gift of the Grow Our GMO program.
 - C. Action Item: Delete the explanation for the \$4 USDF increase on the membership form.

5. Award committee update -Joann

- A. The awards budget was estimated at \$2700. The awards committee will be working on the final details of the budget.
 - B. An award participant submitted an application via PayPal but did not follow the rules that the rider is also a member. The applicant discussed the issue with the awards committee insisting that the application fee be reimbursed. The board agreed that the existing rules will be followed since no other refunds have been made in the past.
Action Item: Caryn to send a letter to the applicant indicating a refund will not be made. Post Meeting Note: The letter was sent to the applicant.
 - C. In order to help facilitate the work by Joann she needs a list of 2021 members. The roster is only available to board members. A list of member's names for 2021 will be sent to her for your use while working on the awards. Action Item and Post Meeting note: Melinda sent a list of names to Joan.
 - D. Horse of the Year Award (HOY)
After a discussion regarding the HOY award being a valuable way to keep GMO members a motion was made by Sandra for the state to pay for the HOY award for both 2021 and 2022. The motion was seconded by Diane with the motion passing unanimously.
6. 2021 USDF Convention
Melinda will attend the BOG Zoom meeting to represent WDCTA as required by USDF bylaws.
7. Discuss WDCTA chapters
Chapter presidents were concerned what would happen if some or all of the chapters dissolved. Chapter areas would still like to be represented. Bylaw changes would need to be made. The plan is to keep the bylaws flexible so that areas within the state could be represented by either members at Large or by chapters.
Action Item: Melinda to address these issues in a newsletter article to inform members of the current issues of chapters. Completed - an article was included in the Dec newsletter.

Adjournment

Sandra made motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mary H, passing unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Melinda DeLuca