



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association
(WDCTA)
State Board Meeting—Minutes
Oct 18, 2023**

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendee	Y/No	Attendee	Y/No
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 – Marie Stewart	Y
Treasurer – Mary Hanneman	Y	KM Chapter President – Becky Rutkowski	Y
Membership – Diane Brault	N	KM Chapter Alternate – open	N/A
Newsletter – Caryn Vesperman	Y	UP Chap President – Donna Destrampe	Y
Webmaster- Stephanie Severn	N	UP Chapter Alternate – Lynne Madison	N
Member-At-Large – Cindy Riffle	Y	JR/YR Rep – Open	N/A
Member-At-Large – Morgan Winter	Y	Communications (WHC rep)- Melinda DeLuca	Y
Member-At-Large – Carol McKinnon	Y	Awards Committee Chair – Joann Williams	N
Central Chapter President – Jenna Staffaroni	N		
Central Chapter Alternate- open	N/A		

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

Sandra made a motion to approve agenda. Motion seconded by Mary, passing unanimously.

1. Treasurer - Mary Hanneman

The check register, Investors Indexed Money Market register, income statement and balance sheet were reviewed. Network Solutions was paid which is software to protect the website from scammers. Money was moved into a 9 month No Penalty certificate account which was voted on during the Sept meeting in order to earn a better dividend rate (4.35%) on funds we won't be using for a while. Our current Income Statement showed a small positive net income for the year.

2. Chapter Status

Based on the bylaw changes made last year all the chapters have been notified that any chapter dissolving may put provide a name of a volunteer to become a Member at Large to participate on the state board.

Central Chapter

The Central chapter president (Jenna) scheduled a meeting to discuss the future status of the chapter but no members attended. Mary and Melinda via email suggested sending an email to all Central chapter members to vote on whether or not to dissolve the chapter. Jenna said she would follow up.

Also discussed via email was that the chapter funds need to be transferred to WDCTA's state account and a final statement for the dissolving chapter's closed account provided to the State Treasurer. No Member at Large has currently been nominated by the chapter.

KM Chapter

A KM chapter Zoom meeting was held on Oct 12th in which the chapter was dissolved due to a lack of volunteers. The minutes of meeting have been written and voted on. Several of the KM chapter members are currently on the state board and plan to remain on the state board. There has been no dissolving chapter Member at Large volunteer so far.

SW Chapter

The SW chapter did not vote to dissolve at their Oct 9th meeting; however, there were not enough volunteers to fill the open officer's positions. Becky plans on sending out an email to the SW chapter members asking for volunteers by Nov 1st. If there are no volunteers the chapter will likely be dissolved.

Post Meeting Note: An email was sent to the SW chapter members by which they voted to dissolve the chapter.

UP Chapter

Donna indicated at the Oct UP chapter meeting the chapter decided to remain a chapter. The number of members in the chapter has dropped from starting the chapter, but there are a sufficient number of officer volunteers to maintain the chapter. The UP chapter is far north from where the other chapters are located which is one of the reasons they want to continue as a chapter.

WDCTA will now need to move forward planning how we may organize activities with fewer chapters. Numerous other GMO's do not have chapters but conduct activities with committees at the state level. It was discussed that UP remaining a chapter does not likely impact how the activities at the state level will be organized. It is good to have a remaining chapter with a president that remains on the state board.

3. 2024 Elections

The WDCTA members will be requested to vote for the members at large Cindy Riffle, Carol McKinnon and Mary Hanneman for the state board. Post meeting note: Members have voted for the members at large via an email sent out by Melinda.

Mary made a motion to vote for the following slate of state board officers. The motion was seconded by Sandra. Motion carried.

President Melinda DeLuca

Vice President	Sandra Malott
Secretary	Melinda DeLuca
Treasurer	Morgan Winter
Jr/YR Contact	Open
Membership	Diane Brault
Newsletter	Caryn Vesperman
Web Master	Stephanie Severn

4. Secretary - Melinda

The September meeting minutes were previously voted on via email.

5. Educational Zoom Meetings -Melinda

The horse dentistry educational Zoom meeting conducted Oct 11th was very interesting. We will need to get more ideas for additional educational meetings.

It was suggested that the educational Zoom presentations be recorded and posted on the website. Discussed was the issue that recording and posting on the current website would also allow non-members to view the presentations. The speaker would also have to agree to the recording of their presentation. It was decided not to record the presentations.

6. Virtual Horse Show - Melinda

WDCTA's fall virtual horse show has only three riders. The videos are due by Oct 20th.

7. Membership

Diane was unable to attend the meeting but provided a membership summary. There are 147 members in 2023 and 132 members in 2022.

8. Website

Modifications to the website will be needed. Ideally chapter activities will remain on the website. Caryn indicated that she is working with Stephanie on the website and will also work with her on the chapter information.

9. Newsletter- Caryn

Information to members pertaining to the chapters dissolving written by current chapter presidents and articles in the newsletter would ideally be written in a positive manner about WDCTA re-organizing. Most GMO's do not have chapters so WDCTA transition to a new GMO organization will make us more similar to other GMO's.

10. Communications (Wisconsin Horse Council)

No bill has yet been received for the 2024 membership.

11. Midwest Horse Fair

Discussed was the lack of volunteers to organize a booth and a dressage demonstration. We could sign up by November 1st and cancel later if no volunteers come forward. Last year we signed up and cancelled since we did not have any volunteers. More volunteers will likely be needed to help WDCTA work on

committees and activities rather than working on a demonstration for the Wisconsin Horse Council. Sandra made a motion not to participate in the 2024 Midwest Horse Fair. The motion was seconded by Mary. The motion carried.

Mary will send an email to MHF to let them know WDCTA will not be participating.
Post Meeting Note: The email by Mary was sent to MHF Event Coordinator,
Sharon Fischer-Toerpe .

12. Awards

Caryn is continuing working on the survey to obtain feedback on the awards program. Post meeting note: Caryn has sent out the survey using a Google form.

13. USDF Convention

The voting for USDF council candidates and the budget for attending the convention will be discussed during the Nov meeting.

Sandra made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Morgan. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Melinda DeLuca Secretary and President