



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association  
(WDCTA)  
State Board Meeting—Minutes  
Sept 12, 2023**

**Call to Order: 7:07 pm**

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Y/No</b>	<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Y/No</b>
President – Melinda DeLuca	Y	SW President – Becky Bebbler-Wells	N
Vice President – Sandra Malott	Y	SW Chapter Rep – Susan Walsh	N
Secretary – Melinda DeLuca	Y	SW Chap Alternate – Marie Stewart	N
Treasurer – Mary Hanneman	Y	KM Chapter President – Becky Rutkowski	Part time
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	N	JR/YR Rep – Open	N/A
Member-At-Large – Morgan Winter	N	Communications (WHC rep)- Melinda DeLuca	Y
Member-At-Large – Carol McKinnon	Y	Awards Committee Chair – Joann Williams	N
Central Chapter President – Jenna Staffaroni	Y	Sue Genin - SW Alternate for meeting	Y
Central Chapter Alternate- open	N/A		

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

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

**1. Treasurer - Mary Hanneman**

The check register, Investors Advantage register, income statement and balance sheet were reviewed.

A report was discussed to help decide if we should move state funds into a certificate at the UW Credit Union and/or switch our Investor's Advantage Money Market to an Investor's Indexed Money Market, which currently pays a high rate of interest. The report shows the State year-end profit/loss for the past 5 years along with profit/loss for State & Chapters combined. The report indicates if WDCTA's income & expenses follow the trend experienced over the past 5 years, we would continue to have enough cash in reserve and to invest in a short-term certificate. The document also shows potential short-term CD (certificate of deposit) rates and Investor's Indexed Money Market rates offered at UW Credit Union. UWCU offers a

9-month “No Penalty” certificate with no penalty for early withdrawal during the certificate term.

Sandra made a motion to deposit \$5,000 into a No Penalty certificate for 9 months with UW Credit Union and to transfer the remainder from our current Investor’s Advantage Money Market account into an Investor’s Indexed Money Market account. Our Investor’s Advantage account would be closed. Caryn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Secretary – Melinda

The Aug 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes were reviewed. Sandra made a motion to approve the Aug 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Mary Hanneman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Communications (Wisconsin Horse Council) – Melinda

Caryn provided a copy of the WDCTA newsletter to WHC. WHC emailed the newsletter to all the WHC board members for information.

Caryn made a motion to renew WDCTA’s Level 3 (\$100) membership with the WHC. Sandra seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Midwest Horse Fair

Discussed whether WDCTA will have a demonstration and a booth at 2024 MHF since we currently do not have any volunteers to manage the event. The event needs volunteer dressage riders, a location to practice the event, manage the horse stalls and set up a booth to high light information about WDCTA. Caryn will put an article in the newsletter to ask if anyone is interested in volunteering to manage our participation. Application is due by Nov 1.

5. 2024 Elections

Chapter presidents need to provide Melinda with the list of elected chapter officers by Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. Melinda will send the list of board members to USDF as required.

Members-at-Large are elected every odd numbered year by the WDCTA total membership. Melinda will email all members to vote. . We have used Survey Monkey in the past.

6. Educational Zoom Meetings –Melinda

Dr. Molly Rice has volunteered to provide us with a Zoom Education call “What Horse Owners Need to Know About Equine Dentistry”. The dates she provided were Monday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. Since SW has a meeting on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> the date will be Monday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Melinda will send information for posting on the website, Facebook and newsletter. Post meeting note: information sent to Caryn and Stephanie.

7. Virtual Horse Show - Melinda

WDCTA’s fall Virtual horse show form has been revised to include the test being ridden so ribbons may be ordered earlier. Sign-up and payment is due by Oct 4<sup>th</sup>; video links due to Melinda Oct 4<sup>th</sup> to Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. Melinda will send information to

Caryn and Stephanie for posting on the website, Facebook and newsletter and an email to all members

8. Membership

No update during the meeting was made.

9. Website

Caryn reported that she and Stephanie are researching options for a new website template for a redesign.

10. Newsletter- Caryn

Information about the Virtual show, Zoom Education and a USDF Zoom education will be included in the Sept newsletter.

11. Awards

Caryn is continuing working on the survey to obtain feedback on the awards program.

12. Chapter Updates

Southwest Chapter – Sue Genin

- a) Working on the final income/loss report for the Laura Graves symposium
- b) Planning a meeting on Oct 9 with an in-hand demo by Caryn
- c) Working on 2024 officer

Kettle Moraine Chapter – Becky Rutkowski

- a) No updates

Central – Jenna Staffaroni

- a) Planning a Chapter Zoom meeting to share her experiences training with Nicole Bertrand-Perret for a full week, it was made possible with a grant from the Carol Lavell Gifted Memorial Fund through The Dressage Foundation.

Upper Peninsula – Donna Destrampe

- a) Attending an event in which Donna would like to provide the 2024 WDCTA membership form to try and increase UP Chapter membership. Caryn offered to provide an updated 2024 membership form to Donna.

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

Minutes submitted by Melinda DeLuca Secretary and President

Post meeting note: A motion was made Sept 25<sup>th</sup> to approve the minutes via email by Donna Destrampe and second by Mary Hanneman. The motion carried by email voting.