



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association
(WDCTA)
State Board Meeting—Minutes
April 3, 2024**

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendee	Y/No	Attendee	Y/No
President – Melinda DeLuca	Y	Member-At-Large – Marie Stewart	N
Vice President – Sandra Malott	Y	UP Chap President – Donna Destrampe	Y
Secretary – Melinda DeLuca	Y	UP Chapter Alternate – Julie Williams	N
Treasurer – Morgan Winter	Y	JR/YR Rep – Open	n/a
Membership - Diane Brault	N	Communications (WHC rep)- Carol McKinnon	N
Newsletter - Caryn Vesperman	Y	Awards Committee Chair – Sandra Malott	Y
Webmaster- Stephanie Severn	N		
Member-At-Large – Cindy Riffle	N		
Member-At-Large - Mary Hanneman	Y		
Member-At-Large – Carol McKinnon	N		

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

1. Treasurer – Morgan Winter

The check register, Investors Indexed Money Market register, income statement and balance sheet were reviewed without any issues for discussion.

2. Secretary - Melinda

The February board meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Sandra to approve the minutes and seconded by Mary. The motion carried. The March Annual meeting minutes were reviewed. Mary made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Sandra. The motion carried.

It was discussed that January and February meeting minutes about NEWDA dissolving and restarting a chapter within WDCTA will not be posted on the website.

3. Educational Zoom Meetings - Melinda

USDF has a program called “Know the Dressage Movements” that GMO’s may use for presentations. A USEF “S” licensed dressage judge must be used to make the presentation. Luckily, Jayne Ayers, an “S” judge has volunteered to make the

presentation. USDF charges \$40. Jayne provided a summary of the program which was reviewed during the meeting. The program will consist of three Zoom presentations to cover the purpose of the level and the movements required at the level for training to fourth level. The dates suggested for the presentations were Wednesdays May 8th, 15th and 22nd which Melinda will review with Jayne. USDF requires a roster from WDCTA of the attendees who will be obtaining L Graduate Continuing Education after taking a quiz from USDF. Also the roster will include those attendees who want to earn USDF university credits. A motion was made by Caryn to spend the \$40 for the cost of the program so members may attend without a payment. Sandra seconded the motion. The motion carried. The cost of non-members attending was discussed to be at \$30 for the three presentations. Post meeting note: The dates are Tues May 7th, Wed May 15th and Wed May 22nd.

4. Virtual Horse Show - Melinda

The cost of the March virtual show was reviewed. Since extra blue ribbons were purchased for the last virtual show it kept the cost of this show down. Only one person who is member participated in the virtual show. The discussion was about the fact we have had very few participates in the previous fall and early spring shows. It was suggested that August or September may be a good time for the next virtual show which will be reviewed in the next meeting.

5. Closed Meeting Issue

6. Membership

No update available

7. Website

Caryn suggested that we have a meeting to review the proposed changes to the website.

8. Newsletter - Caryn

No update on the newsletter.

9. Logo Cleanup - Caryn

Caryn and Stephanie have been working together on the website and they both would like to have the WDCTA name changed. Discussed was the issue that the term of "combined training" used in the WDCTA name is no longer used in USDF terminology other than for GMO's names. The current term for combined training is eventing, so the suggested name for WDCTA would be changed to WDEA.

Several issues were discussed about the name changing which included:

- IDCTA has not changed the name of their organization which also uses combined training
- The dressage association name was changed from WDA to WDCTA about 20 years ago so changing it again should not matter
- The name change is needed because the term "combined training" is no longer used since it has been changed to eventing
- It may make sense to ask the WDCTA members about the name change and whether to include eventing in the name

- There is concern about name change since NEWDA members may be joining WDCTA. The solution may be to redirect from the link to WDCTA to the name changed website.

Then the discussion continued about changing the logo. It was suggested that the logo was plain and without colors. A different logo may look better with colors. Caryn and Sandra are will obtain quotes for making the logo change to be discussed in the May board meeting along with the suggested name change.

10. Wisconsin Horse Council

Caryn, Mary and Becky will be attending the WHC board meeting to report on the Laura Graves Symposium the SW Chapter conducted. The WHC council provided sponsorship funds to SW Chapter to conduct the symposium.

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Caryn. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Melinda DeLuca Secretary and President