



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association
(WDCTA)
State Board Meeting—Minutes
7 pm July 1st, 2024**

Call to Order: 7:05pm

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	N
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	Y
Newsletter - Caryn Vesperman	Y	Awards Committee Chair – Sandra Malott	Y
Webmaster- Stephanie Severn	Y		
Member-At-Large – Cindy Riffle	N		
Member-At-Large - Mary Hanneman	Y		
Member-At-Large – Carol McKinnon	Y		

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

1. Treasurer - Morgan Winter

The check register, certificate register, Investors Indexed Money Market register, income statement and balance sheet were reviewed. Recent expenses were reviewed which included paying the judge for the June virtual show and the tax worker for \$260. Recent deposits were reviewed which included payments for membership, year-end awards and the educational webinar.

Morgan brought to our attention that the 9-month Special Certificate was going to expire on 7/15/24. Morgan suggested making some changes to put more money in CDs. There is over \$50,000 in the money market account making 3.6%. Morgan will inquire with UW Credit Union for recommendations. It was suggested that the issue of purchasing a CD account be voted on via an email by the board members since only 7 board members were at the meeting.

It was also noted that our CPA (Certified Public Accountant) firm recommended that WDCTA should be filing WI Form #1943 with the State of WI on an annual basis. Morgan has been looking into this recommendation. WDCTA files Form #5 - Domestic Non-Stock Corporation Annual Report, on an annual basis, with the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI).

Post meeting note: Via e-mail a motion was made by Caryn to invest \$50,000 in a 14-month CD at UW Credit Union, the motion was second by Stephanie. After much email discussion Morgan made a friendly amendment to Caryn's motion to instead put \$20,000 in a 7-month CD and \$30,000 in a 14-month CD at UW Credit Union. This amendment was accepted by Caryn. After allowing for 48 hours for further discussion the motion was passed favorably by 9 votes. Morgan has proceeded to work with UW Credit Union to get the two new CDs set up.

2. Secretary - Melinda

Mary is working on the Financial Policy.

3. Educational Zoom Meetings - Melinda

Three sessions for "Know the Dressage Movements" via zoom took place in May. There were 20 participants in the first presentation, 12 in the second and 10 in the third. A couple of people wanted USDF credit. There was an expense of \$40 for the USDF fee and an income of about \$100 from non-member participants.

The next educational zoom webinar is July 16th "The Most Common Saddle Fit Issues". There is no cost to WDCTA and the zoom presentation will be recorded. It was also mentioned that a zoom webinar on rider physical exercise was tentatively in the works for August.

4. Virtual Horse Show - Melinda

There were a total of 6 participants in the virtual show. Only one participant is a member. There are 9 ribbons left. The estimated income was \$80. It was suggested that a membership form be sent to the non-member participants.

5. Clinic or other Events/Activities

It was proposed that the Annual meeting and the Award Presentation be something larger, perhaps an all-day event with breakout sessions. Examples of past events were given. A committee would be needed to conduct a larger event.

6. Membership - Diane

There was no discussion as Diane was not present at the meeting.

7. Logo Cleanup - Caryn and Sandra

There were 33 responses to the logo and name change survey. A total of 24 want a name and logo change. The various name changes were discussed including whether "association" at the end of the name was necessary. It was agreed that an e-mail should be sent to all board members to vote on the name change to "Wisconsin Dressage & Eventing Association" and to ask Nikki Livermore to design a new logo for the cost up to \$2000.

It was brought to the board's attention that a name change could involve a lot of modifications needing to be made on documents. The State Department of Revenue needs to be notified of the name change. However, the name change could be considered a rebranding rather than a legal name change but it was not decided to what extent the name change will affect bank accounts etc. It was suggested that voting for the cost and name change be done on an email.

8. Website - Stephanie Severn

The new website is now active. The treasurer's full name is intentionally not included on the board member information in order to protect her and the association from scammers. Board members will have individual passwords to access board specific material. Also, the next educational zoom presentation will be recorded and could be available on the website for members only to view using their passwords to login.

9. Newsletter-Caryn

Information on the educational zoom presentation "The Most Common Saddle Fit Issues" will be included in the newsletter. It was suggested that members be asked in an e-mail if they would like to contribute an article to the newsletter. Also, the idea of doing a profile of a member for the newsletter was suggested.

10. Communications (Wisconsin Horse Council)

Mary presented at the last WHC board meeting, via zoom, the Laura Graves Symposium event that was sponsored by WHC.

Melinda sent the WHC newsletter via e-mail to all WDCTA members and she received feedback that members appreciated reading it.

Carol mentioned going in-person to a WHC meeting during the summer months.

Post meeting note: The July WHC board meeting is canceled. Carol will be unable to attend the August 28 WHC board meeting in person or virtually.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol McKinnon, Member at Large

Post Meeting Note:

These meeting minutes were reviewed during the July 23rd board meeting. Mary made a motion to accept the minutes as shown for July 1st. The motion was seconded by Sandra. The motion carried.