



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

Call to Order: 7:05 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	Y	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	Y		
Member-At-Large - Mary Hanneman	Y		
Member-At-Large – Carol McKinnon	Y		

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. Recent expenses were reviewed which included paying for the educational zoom webinar, paying the judge for the virtual show and annual Zoom subscription.

2. Secretary - Melinda

The April minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Sandra to approve the April meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Donna. The motion carried. Carol has volunteered to write the meeting minutes. Mary is working on the Laura Graves Symposium presentation for the Wisconsin Horse Council at the WHC May board meeting. Mary will then work on the Financial Policy.

3. Educational Zoom Meetings - Melinda

Three sessions for “Know the Dressage Movements” are planned for May. A trial zoom session is planned for May 2nd with judge Jayne Ayers who will be presenting the webinar. The information about the webinar is posted on the WDCTA website and will be posted

closer to the start date on the USDF website as well. A few non-members have paid the fee to participate in the webinar. Melinda will send the zoom link, prior to each session, to all WDCTA members and any non-member participants.

Other ideas for educational zoom webinars were discussed. The ideas included yoga instructor providing exercises for riders via zoom or a physical therapist.

4. Clinic or other Events/Activities

Possible trainers for clinics were mentioned. The main issue is the location for conducting a clinic or event. Nicole Trapp has mentioned that they use a barn with extra stalls that conducts clinics. Producing a clinic this year is not likely.

5. Virtual Horse Show - Melinda

Nicole Trapp judged one test in March. It was decided that there should be another virtual show in June allowing the whole month to ride the test. Tracy Dikkers, a WDCTA member was suggested as a possible judge. If she is not available Melinda will contact Nicole Trapp. Post meeting note: Nicole Trapp will be the June judge.

6. Membership - Diane

WDCTA has a few new members but still less than last year. We have not been getting new members through the website.

The gifts for the 2023 drawings were as follows:

- Grow Our GMO, Becky Bebbler Wells won a horse printed scarf.
- Early Bird, Stephanie Severn won a silver and turquoise, handmade horse charm that can be worn as a necklace or bracelet

Three very special saddle pads were bought at the MWHF, by Diane, which will be saved for the 2024 drawings. Maybe the Awards committee will find a good use for the third pad. Diane couldn't resist buying an extra, since they were such a great deal - originally sold for \$120, clearance for \$40!

7. Website - Stephanie Severn

Stephanie shared with the board members the work she has done on building the new data base for the new website. The old website software was two years out of date. Currently she is posting everything on both websites. She has intentionally left the treasurer's information off the website because of potential problems with scammers. WDCTA members can reach the treasurer through the E-Quester Newsletter.

A motion was made by Caryn to transition to the new website layout and to retire the old website. The motion was second by Sandra. The motion was carried.

Stephanie explained the advantage of using usernames for the board members with their individual passwords in order to sign onto the website through a board member user group. Potentially there could be multiple different level user groups. Diane, as membership chair, would help with the process of approving members into appropriate user groups. It was agreed to move forward with a board member user group with individual board members each having their own password. Stephanie will work on transitioning to the new website with passwords.

8. Newsletter-Caryn

Update on the newsletter included mention of recent articles. Caryn is appreciative of any volunteers willing to write an article.

9. Logo Cleanup - Caryn

The current WDCTA logo is at least 20 years old. Caryn says it is clumsy to use and has poor resolution. The current GMO name is also outdated noting that the term "combined training" is no longer used. It was suggested that a survey be sent to members to get their input as to a change or update of the logo and on a possible name change of the association. Sandra and Caryn are going to work on this and will send the board members per e-mail a draft of the survey.

10. Communications (Wisconsin Horse Council)

Mary and Becky will present the Laura Graves Symposium at the WHC board meeting.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol McKinnon, Member at Large

Post Meeting Note: Donna made a motion to approve the WDCTA Board Meeting Minutes May 1, 2024 as presented. Motion was seconded by Sandra. Motion carried. Motion was made on email June 15. Voting was completed on June 18, 2024.