



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association
(WDCTA)**

**State Board Meeting—Minutes
7:05 pm November 11, 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	Y
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	NEWDA president - Nicole Trapp	Y
Membership - Diane Brault	Y	Communications (WHC rep) - Carol McKinnon	Y
Newsletter - Caryn Vesperman	Y	JR/YR Rep – Open	N/A
Webmaster- Stephanie Severn	Y	Awards Committee Chair – Sandra Malott	Y
Member-At-Large – Cindy Riffle	N		
Member-At-Large - Mary Hanneman	Y		
Member-At-Large – Carol McKinnon	Y		

Carol made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was second by Sandra and passed unanimously.

1. Introducing Nicole Trapp

Nicole is dissolving the current NEWDA association. The current NEWDA bank account will be closed and funds transferred to WDCTA via a cashier’s check no later than November 25th.

Nicole is going to the USDF convention as the WDCTA delegate. She plans to leave on Wednesday and to return on Sunday. She estimated her expenses at approximately \$1,889.87. It was suggested that her allowance for Taxi/Uber should be increased to \$300. This brought the estimated budget for the convention to a total of \$2,089.87. In addition, it was mentioned that there could be other unforeseen costs that should be considered and covered by WDCTA.

Sandra made a motion to approve the budget for the convention. Motion was second by Donna and passed unanimously.

Nicole and Melinda plan to attend the region 2 pre-convention meeting.

Whether to have a GMO basket for the convention was then discussed. Sandra volunteered to make up a basket that would cost up to \$300.

Caryn made a motion to spend up to \$300 on a GMO basket for the convention. The motion was second by Marie and passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer - Morgan

The Money Market account register, certificate registers, balance sheet and income statement were reviewed. Morgan is reaching out to the company that is assisting with the tax return.

3. Secretary - Melinda

The October 9th minutes were reviewed. A few changes to the minutes were made. A motion was made by Sandra to approve the October 9th minutes with the changes made. The motion was second by Mary and passed unanimously.

4. Voting for the board members - Melinda

Sandra Malott is resigning from the Vice President position. Stephanie Severn has volunteered to be the next Vice President. Nicole Trapp will be on the WDCTA board as the new Eastern Chapter President. Sandra will continue as Awards Committee Chair. All other members remain in the same positions.

Melinda made a motion to approve board members. The motion was second by Donna and passed unanimously.

Vice President – Stephanie Severn

Secretary – Melinda DeLuca

Treasurer – Morgan Winter

Membership - Diane Brault

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5. Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation

The survey results previously sent to members regarding their wishes and suggestions on the awards program were reviewed. Different formats and locations for the annual meeting and awards presentation were discussed. It was suggested we look at the member roster to find where the most members are located, possibly somewhere between Milwaukee and Madison. Some suggestions were the Jefferson County Fair grounds that would allow the use of an indoor arena and the banquet room at the Harley-Davidson in Madison. Board members were encouraged to think of ideas for an interesting presentation/guest speaker at the annual meeting.

6. Membership - Diane

The new roster was sent to the appropriate board members. At the time of this meeting, there were 57 members that had signed up for next year which is 20 more than usual.

7. Website - Stephanie

It was noted that one person had trouble with PayPal payments on the website. Stephanie thought that perhaps the problem is that the spam challenge needs to be filled out with lower case letters.

A NEWDA member asked about a WDCTA rule book. There is no WDCTA rule book. The rules for qualifying for the dressage championship awards are to be found at the end of the monthly eQuarter. WDCTA require that at least two of the shows be recognized USEF/USDF shows. It was noted that this doesn't pertain to the Western Dressage championship awards. Caryn will write a welcome note to new members in the e-Quarter. Diane is sending the eQuarter to new members and Stephanie will put the new newsletter on the website.

8. Newsletter - Caryn

Caryn would appreciate volunteers for writing an article.

9. Virtual Horse Show - Melinda

It was agreed to have a virtual show in January with videos due by January 20th. Nicole Trapp agreed to be the judge. Scheduling virtual show for 2025 was discussed and it was agreed that there would be quarterly virtual shows in 2025: January, April, July and October. The budget would be \$800.

Caryn made a motion to accept the budget of \$800 for virtual shows. The motion was second by Marie and passed unanimously.

10. Educational Zoom Meetings - Melinda

It was agreed new members would be able to participate in the upcoming u-tube session on Getting Fit for Riding and Life. Ideas for other educational zoom meetings are needed.

11. New logo update - Sandra

Nikki, owner of Nicker Creative, would like to be paid in full upfront for her work on developing a new logo for the association. It was thought that this is not normal practice and that the board would prefer to pay her 50% upfront and the balance when the project is completed. Also, the board would like to see preliminary designs in about 6 weeks after initial down payment.

Post meeting note: Sandra contacted Nikki, Nikki insisted on her need to be paid upfront in full but agreed to the timeline of 6 weeks for preliminary designs. Via email the board agreed to allow payment in full upfront. Morgan was going to make the payment.

There was a discussion about the timeline for changing the association's name. The Eastern Chapter is planning a show in June and Nicole was interested in having the ribbons made with the new name. It is however unclear if the name change will be official by June so the for both the Eastern chapter and the virtual show will use WDCTA.

There is no meeting planned for December.

A motion was made by Sandra to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Diane. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol McKinnon, Member at Large.