



Eastern Chapter Minutes

April 2, 2025

Location: Lucky Bass Farm, Sue Bemis' W4994 Cty Road EH, Elkhart Lake WI 53020

Thank you Susan for providing a yummy meal in the Potter's Cottage! Shrimp pasta, caesar salad, tomato basil soup from Lake Street Cafe and delicious cupcakes from Bettersweet Bakery.

1. Meeting Call to Order 7:40 PM

2. Meeting Attendance- Laura Schneider, Katherine Ristow, Kaylee Klopp, Heather Klopp, Rosanne Peterson-Brandt, Celeste Pauli, Bonnie McMullen, Jolene Last, Susan Bemis, Jackie Luebke-Puetz, Monika Wieckowski, Pat Black, Nicole Trapp, Jessica Kaczmarek

3. Secretary's Report - approved and seconded.

4. Treasurer's Report balance \$14,254.35

5. Meeting Activity: Professional Grooming Tips - Thank you Laura Schneider for providing top tips and demos for grooming and clipping as well as responses from your international groom associates of their top 3 favorite and peeve grooming topics.

6. Current Business:

Richard Malmgren Long Lining Clinic - March 15 & 16

- Tammy will reach out to Richard on possible dates for another clinic this year. Susan Bemis is interested in extending Richard's next visit to work with horses from her farm and overflow from our clinic. Perhaps a Fri/Sat for WDCTA and Sun/Mon at Lucky Bass?
- The clinic generated a profit of \$640.67 for the chapter.

Ride and Review Clinic - Judy Downer - April 26 & poss April 27 Bannerview Farm, N1172 Lone Pine Road, Adell WI

- Registrations are trickling in via mail to Nicole. Deadline to register is April 15
- Test ride and review - 30 min slots. A \$1000 educational grant was awarded to us from USDF to help with costs. This is a very affordable clinic - please participate.
- HELP is needed on Friday to set up the dressage ring at Bannerview. Nicole will have it transported to the barn. Reach out to Nicole if you can help and watch for timing details soon.

JJ Tate Clinic Date changed to July 25-27

- Membership approved subsidizing the clinic costs up to \$2000
- Tammy will re-apply for a WI State Horse Council grant. Carol McKinnon reached out to Cricket Jewett WHC committee chair. Next deadline is Sept 30 and is decided in October, so maybe apply for a fall or winter activity?
- Felicia Sackett/Sentinal Feeds is not available to provide lunch for these new clinic dates. Tammy will reach out to a local friend to cater.
- Jessica Kaczmarek, The Distinguished Rider, will donate saddle pads for each clinic horse, but will be out of town that weekend so no TDR boot booth this time.
- Mid-May Rider and Auditor registration will be re-published on WDCTA website, newsletter and facebook pages. Priority to those signed up for the original April clinic. Auditors are reminded to bring a chair, notebook, and their own drinks.

2025 Dressage Schooling Show June 7-8

Location: Washington County Fairgrounds near West Bend.

1. Volunteer coordinators - **Pat Black & Nicole** - Volunteer sign-ups will be posted in May. Show volunteer t-shirts with show sponsors listed on the back.
2. Sponsorship coordinators - **Jill Dunbar and Julie Heyrman** - Sponsorship request letter for circulation (attached below). \$950 in sponsorships have been received, including \$700 for Jackpot classes
3. Show & Show Office managers - **Felicia Sackett, Monika Wieckowski, Pat Black & Nicole Trapp**
 - a. Showbill was updated and reviewed and approved at the meeting.
 - b. There will be 60 ride slots available each day. Registration will open April 15 and closes in May or as soon as ride slots fill. Deb Heier was hired for Fox Village registration including pre-ordering lunch, class scheduling, printed tests with labels, bridle numbers, stall cards, show packets, and a laptop for scoring.
 - c. Team will plan food delivery for pre-registered lunches.
 - d. Saturday afternoon competitor party. Discussion regarding silent auction or drawings for goods and services that were donated. A couple of the items are of high dollar value. Nicole and Celeste will investigate options on how to promote and use these items.
4. Awards coordinator- **Celeste Pauli** Patches for high points have arrived. Celeste needs help to iron them on the Grooming totes, sling packs, bridle bags and backpacks. Ribbons are ordered!

WDCTA State Business -

- The Eastern Chapter has nominated Jessica Kaczmarck as Eastern Chapter representative to the State Board.
- Also nominated as Members at Large to the State Board are Celeste Pauli and Heather Klopp for two open board seats.
- The WDCTA Annual Meeting & Awards Gathering was held Saturday March 29 in Johnson Creek. Lunch was served. Stefanie Reinhold, presented on the basic principles of saddle fitting. Awards of ribbons, and embroidered seat cushion/blanket/hoodie for champions and embroidered blankets for reserve champions were distributed. See WDCTA newsletter for photos and award lists.
- **April Virtual Horse Show** Payment must be mailed by April 11 and videos uploaded by April 21. See WDCTA website.
- The State Board will be scheduling educational zoom topics and clinics. The state can offer support to bring activities to the membership. Contact Melanie jjdmcd@gmail.com if you have ideas.
- Tammy will send meeting minutes to Stephanie Severn for posting on the website.

Future possible activities interest:

Longlining Clinic with Richard Malmgren - Summer?

Equine Insurance - possible May meeting presentation?

Health & Wellness - Allie Baier, EquiPT

Bill McMullen Clinic. FEI 4*, USEF 'S' Dressage Judge, and USDF Gold Medalist, - ? August

Steven Hayes Clinic, August - info to be provided by Jocelyn Kopac.

Rider biomechanics - Balance in Movement clinic with Suzanne Von Dietze or with Suzanne Galdun, Positively Dressage.

Equine Art and Tack Sale

Adjournment 8:49 PM motioned by Katherine and seconded by Jessica. **Next Meeting: 6:00 May 21.**
Location and activity to be announced. Possibly near Germantown?



The **Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training Association-Eastern Chapter (WDCTA-Eastern Chapter)** is a 501(c)3 Wisconsin non-profit dedicated to promoting dressage and eventing throughout the State of Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula of Michigan. WDCTA Eastern Chapter is proudly recognized as a Charter Member of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF). We're committed to providing top-notch events and educational opportunities for riders of all levels.

We're reaching out to ask for your support in sponsoring our upcoming schooling show. This show spans two days, has over 50 entries each day and draws much of our local dressage community. The show provides an amazing opportunity for our riders to experience showing in an encouraging and supportive setting. Your generosity will help us in providing that fantastic experience for riders and their horses, while also giving your business valuable exposure to the local equestrian community.

Our sponsorships come in all shapes and sizes and are listed out on the attached form. For your donation, your business will receive announcements over the PA system, recognition on our show bills and social media pages, and the ability to share information about your business during our event. If there are other ways we can serve you as a sponsor, we would be happy to discuss.

No matter how you choose to support us, your generosity will be appreciated by our members, competitors and the wider equestrian community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope to have the opportunity to partner with you on this exciting event. If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to Jill Dunbar at jdunbar1002@gmail.com or Julie Heyrman at heycomp@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Jill Dunbar and Julie Heyrman

WDCTA Sponsorship coordinators

WDCTA Eastern Chapter Dressage Schooling Show
June 7th & 8th, 2025
Washington County Fair Park | West Bend, WI

Sponsor Info

Name of Sponsor:

Address:

Contact Name:

Contact Phone and Email:

Sponsorship Option

____ \$500 Daily Highpoint Award Sponsor-We will announce your name over our PA system multiple times throughout the day, handout any provided information about your company in our entry packets, and display your logo on our show bill, show grounds and social media pages.

____ \$100 Jackpot Class (Sole Sponsor)-This includes announcements over the PA system, placement of your logo on our show bill and social media pages.

____ \$50 Regular Class Sole Sponsor-This includes announcement over the PA system during the class and recognition on our social media pages.

____ Goods/Services-Donate goods or services that you would like us to include with entry packets or to give away during our raffle at our competitor party. Please contact Jill Dunbar at dunbar1002@gmail.com to coordinate.

____ Other donation amount- We would be happy to work with you on how we can best serve you as a sponsor.

Amount Enclosed

For monetary donations, please make checks payable to: WDCTA Eastern Chapter and mail to:

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c/o Pat Black
9518 State Road 144
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If you will be providing a logo, please send to Jill at Jdunbar1002@gmail.com