



Eastern Chapter Minutes

February 22, 2025 10:00 AM

Location: Bayside Middle School, 603 E. Ellsworth Lane, Bayside, WI 53217

1. Meeting Call to Order at 10:02
2. Meeting Attendance- Members: Tammy Risseeuw, Nicole Trapp, Katherine Ristow, Susan Bemis, Justine Heinrichs, Jill Dunbar, Jolene Last, Sarah Apfelbeck, Becky Schultz, Loreen Schneider, Felicia Sackett, Lori Mielenz Krause, Celeste Pauli, Julie Heyerman, Carol McKinnon, DeAnna Greulich, Tania Waller. Guests: Melinda Deluca, Laura Schneider, Tina Rose, Monika Wieckowski
3. Secretary's Report of Jan 11 meeting- motioned and approved.
4. Treasurer's Report - \$15,756.48

Meeting Activity: Scribing Clinic - Nicole provided a Dressage Scribes handout with information on the job, preparation, etiquette, and abbreviations. Videoed dressage tests were on the TVs, and Nicole commented on the movements so we could practice scribing on actual test sheets from Training, 1st and 2nd level tests. It was great to practice and gain insight from a judge! Thanks Nicole!

Lori Schneider provided copies and lead discussion on:

WDCTA Championship Rules (awards). There are awards programs for all riding levels in traditional and western dressage, Eventing, musical freestyle, 3&4 yr old Materiale, 4-5-6 Young Horse, and In-Hand for Open, Adult Amateur, and Jr/Young Rider divisions. There are USDF Regional Schooling Show programs as well as Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Awards available.

- There was some discussion requesting WDCTA to consider offering schooling show awards to its members.
- Applications to register for WDCTA Championships must be postmarked at least 1 day prior to the start of your first show of the year. Scores must be submitted and postmarked by Nov 30.

Detailed info is on the WDCTA website under the Membership tab - Awards Programs

WDCTA Scholarship Program- 6 grants of up to \$250 each will be offered for training opportunities to members. Clarification was requested on the volunteer hours of 10 or 12 and will be reviewed by the State Board. NEWDA members will be able to transfer past volunteer hours to WDCTA. Details on scholarship eligibility, requirements and application process are on the website under the Membership tab.

Current Business:

WDCTA State Board Updates -

- The **WDCTA Annual Meeting & Awards Gathering** will be held Saturday March 29 at 12:00 at Hi-Way Harry's, 710 Glover Lane in Johnson Creek. Lunch will be served. Free for members and \$10 for non-members, payable at the door. RSVP by March 16 to Melinda DeLuca at jjdmcd@gmail.com Stefanie Reinhold, Best Saddle Fit, will present on the basic principles of saddle fitting for dressage, jumping and western saddles. Stefanie co-authored Jim Masterson's 'Beyond Horse Massage' book, detailing his bodywork methods. The book is now printed in many languages and taught throughout the world.
- The next **Virtual Horse Show** will be in April. Practice your tests and get judges feedback.
- The State Board is looking for your ideas on educational zoom topics and clinics. The state can offer support to bring activities to the membership.

[Richard Malmgren Long Lining Clinic](#) - March 15 & 16 Centerline Arena, W1402 Rowe Road, at Wild Wind Farm, Sheboygan.

Auditors are reminded to bring a chair, lap blanket, notebook, and their own drinks. Please watch for details on parking plans - Horse trailers will have priority by the dressage barn. Cars will need to park in the house driveway and walk over to the dressage barn. If a lunch sponsor is not available, there will be an option of box lunches from Jimmy Johns for pre-registered auditors and horse owners. Details will be sent this week. *Auditors are still welcome to register and attend! Info and Registration published on WDCTA facebook page. Note Google form link and mailed registration/ payment steps.*

[JJ Tate Clinic](#) April 14-15 following MWHF at Centerline Arena, W1402 Rowe Road, Wild Wind Farm, Sheboygan

- Membership approved subsidizing the clinic costs up to \$2000
- Tammy applied for a WI State Horse Council grant to help with costs and should hear back after Feb 28 if we qualify for \$.
- Celeste Pauli volunteered to help set-up for lunch, walk-in registrations and coffee, fruit, doughnuts, and offered to bring JJ up from Madison on Sunday.
- Felicia Sackett secured Sentinal Feeds for our lunch sponsorship for both days. Gluten free and vegetarian options are requested. A presentation will be given during the Monday lunch break by the Sentinal representative.
- Jessica Kaczmarek, The Distinguished Rider, will donate saddle pads for each clinic horse. Jessica will also set up the TDR boot booth in the barn lounge, so get your custom boots on order for show season!
- Auditor registration is published on WDCTA website, newsletter and facebook page . Note Google form link and mailed registration/ payment steps. Auditors are reminded to bring a chair, lap blanket, notebook, and their own drinks. Please watch for details on parking plans as the spring weather changes - Horse trailers will have priority by the dressage barn.

[Ride and Review Clinic - Judy Downer](#) - April 26 & poss April 27

<https://www.starrynightfarmocala.com/cv>

Test ride and review - 30-45 min slots for 12 riders at Bannerview Farm, N1172 Lone Pine Road, Adell WI

Nicole filed an educational grant with USDF for \$500 to help with costs. They informed her to reduce the cost for WDCTA participants and auditors and apply for a \$1000 grant!

Membership approved to spend up to \$1000 to subsidize the costs of the clinic if needed.

[2025 Dressage Schooling Show June 7-8](#)

Location: Washington County Fairgrounds near West Bend.

1. Volunteer coordinators - **Pat Black & Nicole** - Coordinate volunteers & plans volunteer lunches and gifts.
2. Sponsorship coordinators - **Jill Dunbar and Julie Heyrman**- Organizes members to solicit Jackpot sponsorships & Show sponsorships. Jill and Julie developed a Sponsorship request letter for circulation (attached below). Please notify Jill or Julie of contacts being made so they are not duplicated. heycomp@gmail.com or dunbar1002@gmail.com
3. Show & Show Office managers - **Felicia Sackett, Monika Wieckowski, Pat Black & Nicole**

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- a. Showbills will be updated by Nicole for review at the next meeting. Possibility of adding a youth walk-in-hand class.
- b. Deb Heier hired for Horse Show in a Box services. Includes Fox Village registration, class scheduling, printed tests with labels, bridle numbers, stall cards,, show packets, and a laptop for scoring. Service will add \$10 per horse/rider. Office fee \$30 and per

class fee of \$25. A printer will be donated to the chapter. We will need to have \$20 cash bills available for stall refunds - Pat Black.

- c. Contract food delivery for pre-registered lunches and plan competitor party
4. **Awards coordinator-Celeste Pauli and Heather Klopp** Celeste scoured outlet websites and ordered awards for classes and high points. Grooming totes, sling packs, bridle bags and backpacks - they are awesome!

Future possible activities interest:

Health & Wellness - Allie Baier, EquiPT

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

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

(Non WDCTA sponsored - Susan Bemis was looking for interest in hosting Tik Maynard for a clinic the first weekend in May. Tik is exceptional in partnership training horses in groundwork, jumping and dressage. He competed in International 3-Day Eventing, Grand Prix Show Jumping, 2024 Road to The Horse Champion, and best selling author of *In the Middle are the Horsemen*, and the new *Starting In the Middle* being released in March 2025.)

Adjournment 12:51 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 2 at 6:00 PM Lucky Bass Farm, hosted by Susan Bemis
N9542 State Highway 57, Elkhart Lake WI 53020

ACTIVITY: Professional Grooming Tips - Top tips and demos from international grooms presented by Laura Schneider



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:

WDCTA Eastern Chapter
c/o Pat Black
9518 State Road 144
Kewaskum, WI 53040

If you will be providing a logo, please send to Jill at Jdunbar1002@gmail.com