



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association
(WDCTA)
State Board Meeting—Minutes
7:00 pm April 16, 2025**

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendee	Y/No	Attendee	Y/No
President – Melinda DeLuca	Y	Member-At-Large – Celeste Pauli	Y
Vice President – Stephanie Severn	N	Member-At-Large – Donna Destrampe	Y
Secretary – Melinda DeLuca	Y	Member-At-Large - Heather Klopp	Y
Treasurer – Morgan Winter	Y	Eastern Chapter President - Nicole Trapp	Y
Membership - Diane Brault	Y	Eastern Chapter Alternate - Tammy Risseuw	Y
Newsletter - Caryn Vesperman	Y	Eastern Chapter Representative - Jessica Kaczmarek	Y
Webmaster- Stephanie Severn	N	Communications (WHC rep) - Carol McKinnon	Y
Member-At-Large – Cindy Riffle	Y	JR/YR Rep – Open	N/A
Member-At-Large - Mary Hanneman	Y	Awards Committee Chair – Sandra Malott	N
Member-At-Large – Carol McKinnon	Y		

Mary made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was second by Donna, passing unanimously.

1. Introduction of New Board Members:

Jessica Kaczmarek new Eastern Representative

Heather Klopp new Member-At-Large

Celeste Pauli new Member-At-Large

The two new Members-At-Large were voted in by members for a total number of 43 votes.

The three new board members were asked to each write a paragraph about themselves with a photo to publish in the next newsletter.

2. Secretary - Melinda

Diane made a motion to accept the March 4 board meeting minutes. The motion was second by Jessica. Donna and Celeste abstained. The motion passed.

Celeste made a motion to accept, with the corrections made, the Annual Meeting minutes from March 29. The motion was seconded by Cindy. The following board members abstained: Donna, Caryn, Mary, Jessica, Heather and Nicole. The motion passed.

The Zoom fee is due again for a total of \$159.90 a year. This is part of the annual budget.

3. Educational Zoom Meetings - Melinda

Ideas were discussed regarding future educational Zoom meetings. One idea was for a few members to send in photos of their horses and saddles for the saddle fitter to review after a short presentation on general saddle fitting guidelines. Other ideas were to have presentations by a horse nutritionist, a farrier, the biomechanics of riding boot fitting, and possibly another rider fitness presentation. Also, the idea was brought up of having a theme such as "Wellness" for next year's annual meeting.

Caryn made a motion to budget \$500 annually to cover the cost of educational Zoom presentations. The motion was second by Jessica. Then Jessica amended the motion to budget \$1000 annually for educational Zoom presentations. The motion was then second by Caryn. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer - Morgan

The check register, the investor's Indexed Money Market, Special Certificates, Balance Sheet and Income Statement were reviewed. USDF membership fees were paid, a deposit for advertising received, website fees reimbursed to Webmaster, insurance fee for the JJ Tate clinic were reimbursed to the Eastern Chapter and the shipping fees for awards was reimbursed to the Awards Committee Chair. The Annual Meeting expenses for the room rental, meal and speaker were paid.

5. Dressage Schooling Show Championship Proposal - Celeste

The proposal was presented by Celeste in writing prior to the meeting and then verbally at the meeting. After discussion, it was agreed to increase the qualifying scores to 60%, to not require that any of the three shows be in Wisconsin and to not include virtual shows in the Championship. A motion was made by Jessica to accept the launching of a pilot Schooling Show Championship with the above mentioned changes to the proposal. The motion was second by Mary and passed unanimously.

6. Logo and Name Change Update - Caryn

No new updates at this time.

7. Eastern Chapter Update - Nicole

Judy Downer's Ride and Review coming up end of April. JJ Tate Clinic now scheduled for July 26 & 27. Dressage Schooling Show is June 7 & 8. Information about the schooling show will be sent to all members and put in the newsletter.

8. Communications WHC - Carol

Information on the importance of Spring vaccinations will be shared with membership through the newsletter and the WDCTA website. There were a total of 19 cases in 2024 of Wisconsin horses positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus. There were no cases in fully vaccinated horses.

9. Membership - Diane

There has been a decline in membership over the last ten years. However, with the addition of the NEWDA members WDCTA has gone from 85 members in April 2024 to 125 members in April of 2025.

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Cindy. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:27 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol McKinnon, Member-At-Large.