



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association
(WDCTA)
State Board Meeting—Minutes
7:00 pm January 2, 2025**

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

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

Diane made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was second by Donna and passed unanimously.

1. Scholarship Committee

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mary to approve Caryn for the \$250 scholarship to attend the USDF Trainers conference. Motion was second by Marie and passed unanimously.

Caryn joined the meeting and was informed that she would receive the scholarship. There was then a discussion about possibly waiving the requirements to receive a scholarship for former NEWDA members. Requirements include being a member of WDCTA for at least two years and 10 hours of volunteering. Caryn then made a motion to waive the requirements for the \$250 scholarship for former NEWDA members as long as they had

been members of NEWDA for two years and had 10 hours of volunteering for the former organization. The motion was second by Melinda and passed unanimously.

2. Secretary - Melinda

A motion was made by Melinda to approve the November 11 minutes. The motion was second by Donna. The motion passed. Mary and Stephanie abstained.

3. UP Chapter Dissolved - Donna

Donna reported that the UP Chapter voted to dissolve. A check to transfer their funds and the chapter's financial statement will be sent to the WDCTA treasurer. Donna will remain on the board as a Member-At-Large.

4. Eastern Chapter

Nicole informed the board that the chapter was going to have their first meeting and that they have a few clinics and a show in the works. Nicole would need the WDCTA member roster in-order to send e-mail updates to the members that joined the Eastern Chapter. The private information in the roster is accessible only to board members. Nicole may send the list of emails to the chapter secretary for use to notify chapter members of information.

It was suggested that Caryn, Stephanie and Nicole have a separate meeting to discuss combining NEWDA and WDCTA Facebook pages and websites.

5. Membership - Diane

Diane will send Nicole the roster for the use of e-mail address needed for the Eastern Chapter members.

USDF GMO fees went up this year. It was agreed not to increase WDCTA membership fees this year. However, Caryn will make a note of the increase in USDF GMO fees in the newsletter.

6. Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation - Melinda

Various venues were discussed. With consideration to the location where most members live, it was agreed that Melinda would continue to look into the possibility of renting the Hilton Garden Inn conference room in Oconomowoc or if this venue didn't work out another place in the area.

Ideas for a speaker were discussed. A physical therapist, an equine massage therapist and a rider psychologist were all interesting ideas. It was decided that Melinda would contact the saddle fitter/ equine massage therapist.

7. Treasurer - Morgan

The Money Market account register, balance sheet, certificate registers and income statement were reviewed. It was noted that the 7-month certificate will come to maturity in February and the 9-month certificate in September. Morgan is working on transferring the previous NEWDA chapter funds to the new WDCTA Eastern chapter. Recent expenses were reviewed which included reimbursement for USDF Conference expenses and gift basket, payment to Nikki Livermore for her graphic design services and insurance renewal.

8. Communications (Wisconsin Horse Council) - Carol

A motion was made by Caryn to pay for the renewal of the level III membership to the WHC. The motion was second by Mary and passed unanimously.

9. Website - Stephanie

It was discussed and then agreed that the January newsletter should be posted on the website when it comes out.

There are a bunch of domains that will be renewed in March of 2026:

wdcta.org 1/4/2027

widressage.com 3/17/2026

widressage.org 3/17/2026

wiconsindressage.com 3/17/2026

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The president of the Eastern Chapter has been made a moderator on the WDCTA FaceBook. Suggestions were made regarding using group chats for different GMO topics and events. Also suggestions made to post USDF educational zoom offerings. Stephanie won a prize for earning the most USDF University credits. Ideas were thrown around about a possible informative article in the newsletter on how to find out about USDF educational offerings.

10. Virtual Horse Show - Melinda

As of now nobody has signed up for the January virtual show.

Next virtual shows in April, July and October

11. Proposition to cosponsor seminar in March

Caryn presented an opportunity to cosponsor Allie Baier PT, owner of EquiPT, by posting on the Website and Facebook and running an ad in the newsletter for an upcoming seminar March 2. The seminar is an online class for trainers and others regarding how to deal with falls off a horse. In return WDCTA members would have a discount on participation fees.

Nicole made a motion to sponsor Allie Baier for her seminar in March. The motion was second by Cindy and passed unanimously.

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

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