



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association
(WDCTA)
State Board Meeting—Minutes
7:00 pm March 4, 2025**

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

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

Sandra made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was second by Carol, passing unanimously.

1. Logo Cleanup and Name Change - Sandra and Caryn

New revised logo viewed. Caryn made a motion to accept the new logo design and to present it to members at the annual meeting in March. The motion was seconded by Cindy. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer - Morgan unable to attend

The balance sheet, check register, income statement, Investors Advantage register were reviewed. The 7-month CD that came due in February was successfully rolled into a 14-month CD. The new expiration date is in April 2026.

3. Secretary - Melinda

Caryn made a motion to accept the February 12 minutes. The motion was seconded by Cindy. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Membership - Diane unable to attend

Diane will make a presentation at the annual meeting on Grow our GMO and Early Bird awards. Information about historical membership numbers compared to USDF membership numbers tabled until next time.

5. Eastern Chapter Representative and Member at Large - Melinda

A discussion was had about the Eastern Chapter having a representative on the board of directors as their new chapter has over 50 members. Carol made a motion to offer the Eastern Chapter to elect a representative of their choice to be on the board of directors. The motion was second by Marie Stewart. The motion passed unanimously.

Marie Stewart informed the board that she would be resigning from her position as a Member-At-Large. It was noted that there are now two vacancies for Member-At-Large on the board. A motion was made to offer a Member-At-Large position to the Eastern Chapter members and to offer the second vacant Member-At-Large position to the general members. There was no second to the motion and the motion was withdrawn.

It was then agreed to advertise both vacant Member-At-Large positions at the annual meeting and statewide through the newsletter to see if there are any members who might be interested in filling the positions.

6. Website - Stephanie unable to attend

Website privacy policy tabled until next time.

7. Sponsorship possibilities on the website and newsletters - Nicole

Information was given to Nicole, Eastern Chapter President, regarding the possibility of their chapter's schooling show sponsors advertising in the eQuester newsletter and on the WDCTA website. The membership fee for advertising will be charged and the amount would depend on the sponsorship package chosen.

8. Newsletter - Caryn

Eastern Chapter was encouraged to submit for publication in the e-Quester articles and photos from their clinics and show.

9. Update on NEDA webinar on Social License to Operate - Carol

David O'Connor, USEF Chief of Sports, spoke on the importance of horse organizations taking seriously the welfare of horses. Basically, as a member of a horse organization we need to be intentional in informing the public about our specific sport horse discipline and that we have zero tolerance for any unethical treatment of horses. The concern is that it is people that know very little about horses that are vocal, informing the public and writing legislation.

10. Communications (Wisconsin Horse Council) - Carol

- Midwest Horse Fair April 11,12 & 13

- Deadline for WHC sponsorships was 2/28/25. Eastern Chapter applied to help cover the cost of the JJ Tate clinic.
- The American Horse Council (AHC) has requested a delay and hearing with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) regarding the Horse Protection Act (HPA) Amendment which is requiring horses to be inspected before shows and events.
- Worthy of note, the WHC uses a formal process where requests for amendments to the WHC by-laws are made in writing on a specific form. The by-laws are reviewed and then voted on using Survey Monkey. This is done twice a year in February and August.

11. Eastern Chapter update - Nicole

There were approximately 20 members at the February chapter meeting who participated in the scribing clinic. Videos of dressage tests were projected. Nicole commented and gave scores on the movements while members practiced scribing on authentic test sheets.

The Eastern Chapter's next meeting will be on April 2 at 6:00 pm at Lucky Bass Farm in Elkhart Lake. The activity will be Professional Grooming Tips - tips and demos from international grooms presented by Laura Schneider.

12. Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation - Melinda

Melinda is working on the annual meeting and awards presentation. Sandra will be present to distribute the awards.

13. Scholarship Funding - Stephanie unable to attend

Clarification for documenting volunteer hours tabled until next meeting.

14. Virtual Horse Show - Melinda

Forms for participating in the April Virtual Horse Show posted on the website and sent in the newsletter.

Marie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Cindy. Motion carried.

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

Tabled for a future meeting were: ideas for educational zoom webinars, clinics, events and/or activities.