



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association
(WDCTA)
State Board Meeting—Minutes
January 12, 2016 @ 7:00 pm**

Call to Order: Mary Hanneman, President 7:05 pm Location: Conference Call

Attendee	Y/No	Attendee	Y/No
President – Mary Hanneman	Y	SW Chapter President – Haley Madden	Y
Vice President - Stephanie Severn	Y	SW Chapter Rep – Mary Hanneman	Y
Secretary – Melinda DeLuca	Y	SW Chapter Rep – Heather McManamy	Y
Treasurer – Angela Genin	Y	SW Chapter Rep (Alt) – DeAnn Howard	Y
Membership – Diane Brault	Y	KM Chapter President – Melinda DeLuca	Y
Newsletter – Caryn Vesperman	Y	KM Chapter Rep – Carol Hines - Stroede	Y
Webmaster- Stephanie Severn	Y	UP Chapter President – Kathy Caspary	Y
Member-At-Large – Nicki Butler	Y		
Member-At-Large – Sue Genin	Y	Awards Chair– Marie Caldwell	Y
Member-At-Large – Megan Dischler	N	JR/YR Rep – Katie Foster & Katrina Hiller	N
		Communications – Caryn Vesperman	Y
Central Chapter President – Vicki Hodel	Y	WI State Horse Council –Voting Director Vicki Hodel	Y
Central Chapter VP - Kris Blacklock	Y	WI State Horse Council- Alternate Kris Blacklock	Y

SW- Southwest, KM – Kettle Moraine, UP – Upper Peninsula

Guests at Meeting: Malinda Zielke and Becky Rutkowski.

Agenda

Diane moved to approve agenda, motion seconded by Stephanie and passed unanimously.

Reports

A. Treasurer— Angela

- Checking balance of \$20,689.
- Action Items for Board and Chapters:
 1. Provide information to Angela on events/clinics when you are fairly certain they will happen to avoid cancellations of insurance.
 2. Provide budgets for projects. Name change issue will be considered a separate project.

B. Secretary—Melinda DeLuca

- Nicki made a motion to approve October and November minutes as written. Seconded by Caryn. Motion carried.
- C. Membership—Diane Brault
- 108 members for 2016
 1. **Action Item:** Diane to send out membership information with save the date for Annual meeting link to website.
- D. Governance—Mary Hanneman
- Holding officer positions in WDCTA and other GMOs was discussed. Kris Blacklock notified Mary in an email stating she has started up a chapter of NEWDA and is the President of the Chapter. Kris currently holds the position of VP for the Central Chapter in WDCTA. Board members shared concerns with WDCTA chapter officers and board members holding officer and/or board positions in other organizations that compete for the same members.
 1. **Post Meeting Note:** Kris resigned from the position of VP of the Central Chapter. We would like to thank Kris for all of her work as a chapter officer of WDCTA Central Chapter.
 2. **Action Item:** Review bylaws to clarify potential conflict of interest issues for officers concurrently serving as officers of competing organizations within the same GMO. Post Meeting Note: Mary contacted the attorney who helped with our most recent bylaw revision; hourly rate is \$175/hr. Will need to discuss and vote on budget.
 - Potential Name Change (WDEA or WEDA?) – Currently KM and UP have feedback from members to not change the name. SW feedback is to change name to WDEA.
 1. **Action Item:** Discuss during annual meeting and article in newsletter; potentially resolve using a membership survey
 - USDF Annual Convention Update. Opportunity to serve as Region 2 Education chair or Young Rider coach. Contact Ken Levy if interested.
 - Member of the Year Award – website copy indicates up to 4 MOY. Policy says board can vote for more than one.
 1. **Action Item:** Send nominations to Melinda with voting for up to two members. Completed.
 2. **Action Item: clarify MOY policy**
- E. Website
- Made two recent updates to the website to improve functionality.
- F. Newsletter – Caryn Vesperman
- Send articles.
 - ACTION ITEM: All board members – watch for eQuestor articles during year suitable for submitting in Aug for USDF award.
- G. JR/YR Program
- No report.
- H. Awards Program – Marie Caldwell
- An executive committee vote was made prior to this meeting to expedite purchase of ribbons by approving award budget over-run. (See post meeting

note in appendix.) Also discussed at this meeting. A motion was made by Marie to exceed Awards budget by \$400 to cover the additional \$100 for buying ribbons (versus using certificates) and other expenses. Motion made by Marie; Seconded by Carol. Motion carried unanimously.

- Region 2 schooling show awards program (includes Western Dressage) – could this augment WDCTA awards program for those who only show at schooling shows?

1. **Action Item:** Publish region 2 schooling shows – publish article in newsletter and link to website.

- YEH Award Proposal - Malinda Zielke
Request made to Board to revise YEH Award criteria to require 1 score. Malinda explained it is difficult to obtain the 3 scores currently required without traveling considerable distances.

1. **Action Item:** Suggested Malinda ask area show managers to include this class. Contact Jessica Smith to help. Article in WDCTA newsletter to encourage event organizers.

- Virtual shows – Vicki Hodel
Consider including virtual shows in WDCTA awards program since getting to shows is difficult for riders traveling long distances. Concerns for adding included no bit checks, and not having to deal with show distractions. Need a set of rules to consider including.

1. **Action Item:** Discussion tabled until Vicki submits a set of rules.

- Horse of Year Award – Melinda DeLuca and Becky Rutkowski
Award will be funded by KM, will use USDF scores for selection and will not allow the use of schooling shows. Automatic eligibility when signing up for WDCTA awards program.
Motion made by Melinda to accept KM proposed HOY award and seconded by Caryn. Motion carried unanimously, no abstentions.

1. **Action Item:** Marie to include in 2016 program. Completed

- Chapter Reports – no information that needed to be discussed.

On Going Business

A. 2015 Education Conference/Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet

Action Items:

Diane is willing to take photographs of award winners.

B. Logo Committee – Stephanie, Diane, Melinda, Nicki

- Work to continue with logo committee when name change issue decided.

A. Midwest Horse Fair

Work continues and volunteers will be needed.

New Business

A. Fund raising ideas

- H&R Block referral – Kris Blacklock. H&R block offers \$20 to non-profits for referrals.
- Amazon.com purchases – Stephanie Severn with the Smile program for ½ % of purchase price.
- No liability to WDCTA the way these programs are set up so agreed to use.

B. 2016 meeting dates – Doodle poll. Post meeting note: 2016 meetings will be March 5, April 20, May 17, Sept 21, Oct 18, Nov 16 via teleconference beginning at 7 pm CT.

Adjournment

Stephanie made motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Nicki and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Melinda DeLuca, Secretary

Post Meeting Note:

The Executive Committee approved an awards budget overage of up to \$400 in order to purchase ribbons instead of certificates for the awards program and to cover cost of other expenses electronically January 8, 2016.

See Award section above.