



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association
(WDCTA)
State Board Meeting—Minutes
October 17, 2017 @ 7 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	N
Vice President - Stephanie Severn	Y	SW Chapter Rep – Mary Hanneman	Y
Secretary – Melinda DeLuca	Y	SW Chapter Rep – Heather McManamy	Y
Treasurer – Denise Sobering	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	Awards Chair– Marie Caldwell	N
Member-At-Large – Sue Genin	Y	JR/YR Rep – Open	—
Member-At-Large – Megan Dischler	N	UP Chapter VP – Ivy Barnhart	N
Central Chapter President – Cari Schmidt	Y	Communications – Caryn Vesperman	Y
		WI State Horse Council –Megan Dischler	N

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

Agenda

Kathy moved to approve agenda, motion seconded by Nicki passing unanimously.

Reports

A. Treasurer— Mary

- Bank signature privileges for newly appointed Denise Sobering have not yet been completed.

B. Secretary—Melinda DeLuca

- Carol made a motion to approve the September minutes of meetings. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

C. Membership—Mary

- Year-to-date membership is down by 27 members to 168. Reason for decline is not known. Consider sending out a “we miss you” letter if members do not re-join.
- 2018 USDF initial roster along with the GMO Verification/Official Roster Update are due by Dec 1st. **Action Item:** Diane and Mary will follow up since roster is due prior to new president, Stephanie, taking office.

D. Governance—Mary Hanneman

- Mary has completed 2 two-year terms as allowed by our bylaws. Therefore, Denise nominated Stephanie Severn to serve as board president for the two year term beginning Dec 1, 2018; was seconded by Caryn. Nominations for president were requested three times without another nomination so nominations were closed. Vote on nomination passed by 11 votes and one abstention.
 - Chapter elections need to be completed by Nov 15th.
 - Member-at-Large nominations include Nicki Butler, Sue Genin, Carol Hines-Stroede and Cindy Anderson.
 - **Action Item:** Mary to send out email for membership voting.
 - Updated Social Media Policy- Stephanie & Caryn
Proposed revised wording:
WDCTA welcomes comments on its Facebook Fan pages from all visitors, both WDCTA members and the general public. However, to provide members with additional benefits that come with their annual membership, publicizing shows or other activities is reserved for WDCTA members only. WDCTA will no longer advertise private clinics or events on any WDCTA media. All other postings will be removed by a WDCTA Facebook administrator. The newsletter or website is to be used for other advertising. WDCTA will allow a reasonable number of posts to its Facebook page for WDCTA-recognized schooling shows. WDCTA will add a recognized schooling show date in the calendar on the WDCTA website to include date and location.
Concerns remain that it does address the issue of paid versus unpaid advertising.
Action Item: Stephanie will review for next meeting.
- E. Website – Stephanie Severn
- 2018 Membership form has been loaded onto website.
- F. Newsletter – Caryn Vesperman
- **Action Item:** Mary to provide presidents letter and information on Member-at-Large voting for Nov eQuester.
- G. JR/YR Program – no report
- Position is currently open. Need suggestions for possible candidate.
- H. Awards Program
- No update.
- I. Chapter Reports
- SW – planning symposium with eventer William Fox-Pitt Nov 4 & 5, 2017.
 - Central – Wrapped up eventing series.
 - UP – Fairly quiet.
 - KM – October meeting planned.
- J. WI State Horse Council
- No report

New Business

- USDF 2017 Annual Conference will be in region 2 – Lexington, KY, Nov 29 – Dec 2; our president-elect, Stephanie will represent our GMO.
 - Nicki made motion to approve donating up to \$100 for WDCTA basket. Caryn seconded. Unanimously approved. No discussion.
 - Chapters if interested in donating to basket send items or money by Nov 15th.
- New Conference Line –
Action Item: Melinda to set up trial for free conference calls.

On Going Business

- A. 2017 Education Conference/Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet – KM indicated they would host. Various ideas were discussed.
- B. Midwest Horse Fair – Cari
 - Application form for riders and volunteers has been sent out to membership. Dress for the riders was discussed as to whether riders should dress in traditional dressage attire or more casually. Issue still under discussion.
- C. Reviewed proposal for Dressage Shows Online at Sept meeting and chapter presidents got feedback from members. Due to lack of interest by chapter members and board, the proposal will be declined.
- D. 2017 Meeting dates – Nov 15; all at 7 pm Central Time.

Adjournment

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Melinda DeLuca

Post Meeting Note:

Voting on minutes occurred electronically with 11 Ayes between Nov 12 and Nov 13, 2017 after waiting greater than 48 hours for revisions.