

# UP Chapter of WDCTA meeting minutes

July 10, 2016

Sands Township, MI

The meeting was called to order by President, Kathy Caspary at 1:07 pm

In attendance: Kathy Caspary, Tracee Horn, Tina Ozanich, Cathy Ruprecht, Mary Minetti, Donna Destrampe, Jo Foley, Karin Steffins, Martha Koers, Ivy Barnhart, and Guest, Leslie Michell.

Minutes were approved by Mary, seconded by Tina . All ayes.

The treasurer's report checkbook balance is \$3762.40. Cathy Ruprecht provided the \$49.00 raised at the tack sale in April. Mary was paid for the gift basket. A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Jo to approve the Treasure's Report. All Ayes.

## **Old Business:**

**Tom Betts Clinic:** A check was received from the USDF for \$300 to host another Tom Betts Clinic. This was generous but because of expenses and availability of riders, the Tom Betts Clinic is on hold at this time. Discussion continues to find a time for Tom to come. Karin will be in contact with Tom to determine his availability and costs. We discussed having Tom drive to the Houghton area for one of the days as more people would be able to ride with him, saving expenses and time for the Houghton area riders.

**Cook Books:** We will continue to sell the remaining cookbooks on the internet and 4 have sold. Approx 80 cookbooks remain.

**Membership:** Reminders to all who have yet to renew their membership for the year.

**Facebook Page:** Kathy posted our meeting today.

## **New Business:**

**Midwest Horse Fair:** The WDCTA asked a question of membership. The question pertains to greater exposure of the WDCTA by participation in the upcoming fair for 2017. Should WDCTA be represented at the Midwest Horse Fair in 2017 and should \$3000.00 be allotted for expenses of participating riders. Having riders perform a demo will attract new members. We agree this allotment should be made, especially if there are no other urgent priorities for the funds. We hope new members are obtained.

**WDCTA Annual meeting:** Should Chapters be sharing responsibilities for the meeting and should the meetings have an educational component? We feel the education component is important

and should be included with the dinner and the awards presentation, saving time and travel costs. Due to distance and weather during March, it is difficult to attend meetings for the UP Chapter members. Our chapter is willing to help as able, having made brochures in the past.

**Name Change:** A survey will be sent out to obtain ideas regarding the possibility of a name change for the organization, to better reflect the name of eventing.

**WDCTA Website:** The website is archiving old events and adding new events for each chapter page.

**Insurance:** When should Insurance tasks be completed? The website has access to forms.

**Fund Raising:** Ideas were discussed for a fund raising educational clinic with the Timber Rider's Trail Club, to those interested in Western Dressage. However, time is always so short in summer and we decided to offer names to those who may be able to help. Holding a Silent Auction in conjunction with a lecture given by Dr. Matt Scheiffer options were discussed. Tina motioned to proceed with the ideas, Tracee seconded. All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm motioned by Tracee and seconded by Tina, All Ayes. A potluck was enjoyed by all.