



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association  
(WDCTA)  
State Board Meeting—Minutes  
April 18, 2017 @ 7 pm**

**Call to Order: Mary Hanneman, President 7:06 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	N	SW Chapter Rep – Heather McManamy	Y
Treasurer – Angela Genin	N	SW Chapter Rep (Alt) – DeAnn Howard	Y
Membership – Diane Brault	N	KM Chapter President – Melinda DeLuca	N
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	N	JR/YR Rep – Open	—
Member-At-Large – Megan Dischler	N	UP Chapter VP – Ivy Barnhart	Y
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**

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

**Reports**

A. Treasurer— Mary

- Angela provided updated report by email prior to meeting
- Chapters reminded to get day insurance requests to Angela for events early.

B. Secretary—Melinda DeLuca

- Stephanie will provide edits to Melinda for Feb and Annual Meeting minutes.  
We'll handle approvals by email before next meeting

C. Membership—Diane Brault

- No report

D. Governance—Mary Hanneman

- State Board Job Descriptions  
**Action Item:** Send edits to your job description to Melinda by May 2. Melinda will update and include in policies for next meeting. Stephanie will add final updated document to the website.

- Nominating Committee – Cathy and Caryn will serve as the nominating committee for 2018 elections. New president will need to be elected at the October Board meeting. Each chapter will be asked to nominate a member-at-large by Sept 15. Will need to have election for three MAL by Nov 15.
- E. Website – Stephanie Severn
- Providing assistance to SW for Fox Pitt clinic.
- F. Newsletter – Caryn Vesperman
- Currently only mailing out 2 hard copies of the newsletter.
  - Caryn will drop off printed copies for the MHF booth.
  - Need content for future newsletters. Doesn't have to be an article – share photo with a caption or a quick tidbit of information you learned. Chapter Presidents – pass along to your members.
- G. JR/YR Program
- Position is currently open. Need suggestions for possible candidate.
- H. Awards Program – Marie
- Awards were well-received at March 18 banquet.
  - Idea for future years – no year on award so when winners use their awards they don't appear "dated".
- I. Chapter Reports
- SW – planning symposium with eventer William Fox-Pitt in Nov 2017. Also planning Patti Becker clinic, Janet Foy clinics and mini-event. Considering a painting night.
  - Central – working on eventing clinic series, schooling dressage in Wautoma, and Midwest Horse Fair.
  - UP – hosting a "progressive" Orrie DeCastor clinic – moving from barn to barn
  - KM – will be getting back together to plan remainder of the year after having just completed year end award event and clinic.

### **New Business**

- USDF 2017 Annual Conference will be in region 2 – Lexington, KY. Discussed sponsorship opportunities.
- [USDF National Education Initiative](#) – Mary shared information from USDF and encouraged Chapters to consider applying for funds to help host an educational event in their area.
- New Conference Line – With Angela retiring from the board by year end, we will need a new conference line. **ACTION ITEM:** Stephanie will check with her company about use policy. Mary will check costs of options.

### **On Going Business**

- A. Midwest Horse Fair – Cari updated Board on plans. Demo will have 10 horses/riders both eventing and dressage (various levels). Demo on Friday in Coliseum, Saturday in Pavilion 2. Need volunteers for the Hospitality booth.
- B. WDCTA logo – Since we decided not to change the WDCTA name, discussed whether we should update/refresh the logo for a more modern look that would embroider clearly

on shirts, caps, saddle pads. **ACTION ITEM:** Mary and Caryn will check with designers they work with professionally to get estimates for modest update and producing a vector file.

C. 2017 Meeting dates – May 17, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 15; all at 7 pm Central Time.

**Adjournment**

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by: