



**Wisconsin Dressage and Combined Training Association  
(WDCTA)  
Southwest Chapter Meeting Minutes  
3-19-2023**

**Called to Order: @ 3:10 pm**

**Location:** Culver's, Beltline Highway

**Attendance:** Becky Bebbler-Wells (President), Sue Genin (Vice President), Mary Hanneman, Susan Walsh, Cathy Gallagher (Secretary), Donna Thomas (registration for LG), Diane Brault, Penny Wetherbee, Donna Vosburgh, Dena Duncan (visitor), Stephanie Bruschi, Marty Detering.

**Agenda**

Secretary's Report: 1-15-2023 Minutes unanimously approved with 2 small corrections (Donna V. motion, Marty second).

Treasurer's Report: (Cathy W. will email year end summary and proposed 2023 budget.)

Checking account total: \$5,581.87

Savings account total: \$ 24,904.63

**Old business/Action items:**

Laura Graves Symposium (Becky)

- 1) Proposed budget reviewed. Approved cost: 35,310  
Actual to date \$20,280. attendees/auditor fees \$7,530. + \$6,850 sponsors + \$5,900 rider fees  
Need \$15,030 needed to break even
- 2) Sponsorship Report (Mary H) – see spreadsheet. Highlighting promise from Dresh saddlery, \$3,000. Sponsorship from WI Horse Council, 47 bags shavings donated from Farm and Fleet, and Horse Emporium to provide “swag” for riders.  
Please continue to keep approaching and following up with sponsors.
- 3) Scheduling walk-through more than 10 days in advance. Final advance registration is 5/12. Discussion of early evening options. Becky will obtain a couple of dates from Alliant and poll availability of board/membership to attend. Caryn Vesperman should participate if possible, given timing of her return from down South.
- 4) Discussion of registration activities (Donna Thomas Chair). Those who do not register through Eventbrite or via mail by the closing date will need to pay by cash or check at the door if space is available. Waivers will need to be signed. Those who have paid will be given a colored wrist band – one color for Saturday only, another for Sunday or

Sat/Sun. Will need volunteers to help with checking wrist bands at strategic doors, also during and after lunch.

- 5) Volunteers (Marie Stewart, coordinator):  
Suggestion to circulate signup option to members by email, giving time intervals (but not specific activities) they can sign up for. Activities that need to be covered include managing riders (already designated), poop pickup from arena, monitoring entrances, manning registration. Entrance will open at 0730. Stephanie Severen will be the Master of Ceremonies. Diane Brault will be the event photographer. Volunteers will wear lanyards. Diane Brault brought up T-shirt/hat options which would be approx. \$200 cost. Group elected to proceed with lanyards only.
- 6) Materials needed: Muck buckets and rakes to pick up poop from arena and walkways, Sue will bring cart, muck bucket and rake. Penny will bring a cart. Marty will bring muck bucket and rake. 3x5 cards to pass questions to Laura- Becky has index cards.
- 7) Find out about logistics of emergency care for horse and rider
- 8) Publicity: Hang posters in area barns, facebook, email, and website publicity in process.

#### New Business:

##### Susan Walsh Discussion of Working Equitation Clinic

- 1) She has produced a detailed/formal proposal in collaboration with Beomor.
- 2) Corrections to this proposal: Insurance \$63
- 3) Members were not sure of the advantage to the SW Chapter of Sponsoring this event – We would take on all of the liability and losses. It can be run independently by Beomor given this detailed plan.
- 4) Leadership wanted to see how the SW Chapter comes out financially after the LG symposium before making future commitments.
- 5) No formal vote was taken-consenses was to pass at this time.

#### Other Potential Educational Topics for Future

- 1) Training young horse under saddle
- 2) Bring Meg Williams for a Clinic

Next meeting will be after the LG symposium for a wrap up. Also to discuss possible L.G. volunteer thank you options.

Motion to adjourn: Sue Genin made the motion. Mary Hanneman, second

**Adjournment:** 5:15 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cathy Gallagher, Secretary