



Central New York Dressage & Combined Training Association *Board of Directors Meeting Minutes*

Promoting dressage and eventing as art and sport through competitions, clinics, and educational activities.

Meeting Details: Monday, February 9, 2026; 6:30p virtual link: meet.google.com/mkv-ghft-hnx

6:30pm Secretary's Report & Meeting Minutes from January

Treasurer's Report (Brianna-excused) \$12,543.46; detailed reported attached.

Membership Report (AJ) - 59 CURRENT MEMBERS

Ongoing:

- Media & Communications- no update
- Refund Policies for Shows and Clinics - AJ (attachment) –
 - Finalized and attached to minutes
- Proposed draft of Year-End Summary Report to Membership - AJ (attachment)
 - Format and language approved to fill in treasurers report
- Horse Show Manager Update -
 - All prize lists are ready to be uploaded; reviewed class prices
 - May - Show and Tell - \$50 for members, \$65 non-members, office fees \$10
 - Members \$30, non-members \$40; office fee \$15
 - Officials Training - [Amy Bittner](#) - Amy interested in getting Cognito training, used for secretary duties. Show manager will handling this for this competition year.
 - Ribbons - discount with Hodges for orders placed by 2/15. Aimee confident that we have plenty in stock and if needed, buy new center buttons to repurpose ribbons

New Business:

- I. Request to consider virtual show scores toward year end awards - Jessica
 - A. For year end awards, judges must be "I" or better. Virtual shows typically have "S" judges.
 - B. Other GMO's allow one virtual score to be applied towards year end awards, we can also consider a division specifically for virtual awards
 - C. Jessica will draft proposal for board to vote
- II. WCNY Sunshine & Horses LLC Open Show Series may be interested in collaborating with CNYDCTA
 - A. MacKenzie will reach out to see if we can collaborate. Alex suggested providing them our sponsorship brochure that we created last year.
- III. Year End Award requirement - Alex: completed edits for Year End Awards requirements. They will be provided for review, to be finalized at the next meeting. Propose lowering minimum score from 60% to 57%. Discussion about limiting horse/rider combination to 1 level (highest level?). Other

GMO's limit horse/rider combination to winning award to only 1 season, Jessica will put together an overview of what the other GMO's are doing for board to review and compare.

Discussion included how to increase participation in year end awards, is it the awards program or requirement for volunteer hours. Discussion included brainstorming on volunteer opportunities and communication of opportunities that aren't just CNYDCTA events.

1. Jessica benchmark other GMO's will draft a member survey for volunteerism.
2. Decision that significant changes to award and volunteer requirements will be held for 2027 competition year.

- IV. Nancy Novak is interested in hosting 1-2 dressage clinics as a CNYDCTA club event. Aimie will send Nancy information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

- V. Next meeting March 9th at 6:30pm

Final – 2/9/2026

- **Refund Policy for Schooling Shows**

- Refunds will be given, minus the office fee, if prior to the closing date.
- For refunds after closing date, please provide medical documentation (horse or rider).
Refund, minus the office fee will be returned.

- **Refund Policy for Clinics**

- Filling clinic spots is critical for our club to host a successful event. If you need to scratch, we ask that you find a substitute rider. Full refunds will be given if you find a substitute to fill your slot.
- If no substitute is available prior to close date, refunds will be given minus \$10.00 service fee. If scratching after the closing date without providing a substitute, the club reserves the right to withhold refund.
- Send refund requests to membership@cnydcta.org.

Board:

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