



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, May 11, 2026; 6:30p; Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3324050156?pwd=XG2oDfl3HrzvweWki8BkTQPJ2GuInL.1&omn=83884162335>

Meeting ID: 332 405 0156

Passcode: CNYDCTA

6:30pm Secretary's Report & Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2026 – approved with modification to attendees

Treasurer's Report (Brianna) – Current balance = \$12,921.77

Membership Report (AJ) – Membership – up to 80 members (several new members! 😊).

Morgan horse group inquired about joining our club – per USDF there are several options for them so their points can count.

Ongoing:

- Media & Communications – Aimee reached out to Alex to get Northfield show on our website. Board requesting another person to have access and training to assist with timely web site updates.
- Horse Show Manager Update – Mackenzie
 - Show and Tell – 15 rides starting at 9:30a. Late entry pending, volunteers – may need a couple more. Trisha is show manager. Linda has list from AJ of membership and contacts to solicit for more volunteers.
 - Ribbons – plenty of ribbons but need first place ribbons. Suggestion: use older ribbons to make first place ribbons with possibly ordering center streamer that says first place. Board agrees.
 - Informal Show June 21st, Tanglewood
- Discussion to refine refund language - AJ

To All - regarding our boilerplate policy below, please note the \$15.00 deduct from an entry fee in the case of a scratch prior to the close date.

 - 1) Should the verbiage say "up to and including the Close Date"?
 - 2) Should we add the \$15.00 deduct to the second part regarding scratches AFTER the Close Date?
 - 3) and fix the underlined typo
 - 4) If the Horse Show Coordinator decides to accept Late Entries for a given show, should there be a Late Entry Fee? \$10.00? \$15.00?

Refunds: may be given prior to the closing date minus the \$15 office fee. Refunds after the closing date may be given with proof of a medical certificate (horse or rider), which must received by management within 7 days of the show date.

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Scratches must be received by email to show manager by day of show and refunds after the closing date may be given with proof of a medical certificate (horse or rider), which must received by management within 7 days of the show date.
- Empire State Virtual Dressage Finals – Jessica
 - Two shows pinned for WNYDA and CNYDCTA. ENYDCTA has one coming up, ~\$1,000 in donations!

- Year-end Banquet – Aimee & Trisha
 - Request meeting to get committee started. Amy will also participate to support the silent auction.
- Year-end Award Requirements for 2027 – Jess
 - Jess to send out Google survey with various options to our members to solicit their input and feedback.
- Fundraising – Jess/Tricia
 - Jess to summarize suggestions for board to consider

New Business:

- CNYDCTA 4-H Outreach – Bringing Dressage to You – Jess
- WNY dressage offering program for July. Jess is reaching out to various CNY 4H clubs to introduce programs. Generalized support received from the CNYDCTA board.

This initiative directly supports CNYDCTA's mission to foster interest and understanding of dressage through educational opportunities for both horse and rider, while also strengthening collaboration with local groups engaged in equestrian activities.

The goal of this outreach program is to bring accessible, introductory dressage education to 4-H participants and other local youth and community groups. This would help build foundational knowledge, encourage participation in dressage, and create a pathway for future involvement in CNYDCTA programs and events.

Proposed educational offerings may include:

- Clinics on how to run a dressage show
- Overview of essential show roles (scribe, runner, parking, scoring, show manager)
- Instruction on setting up a dressage ring, including small vs. standard arenas
- Guidance on how to ride a dressage test
- Introduction to Western Dressage
- Opportunities for very low-key, schooling-style dressage shows
- Education on proper presentation of horse and rider for shows and clinics
- Introduction to Working Equitation

This program would expand CNYDCTA's reach within the community, support youth education, and promote long-term engagement in the sport.

Next meeting June 8th, at 6:30pm via Zoom

Board:

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