IDCTA Board Meeting
Minutes for February 23, 2025

Attendees (representing a quorum (a quorum = at least 6 board members + 2 officers)):

Amy, Angelika, Carrie, Cindy, Eric, Katie, Lil, Martina, Michael, Molly

Missing: Ashlee, Brittany, Cecelia, Emma, Mary Jo

Meeting via Zoom started at 7:03 p.m.:

- Minutes from January 19, 2026 (Martina moved to approve the minutes with no changes, Lil seconded);
- Financial report – Michael:
  - ➢ Reviewed net profit from the banquet and most recent expenses;
  - ➢ Illinois State Tax Exemption – received a letter asking detailed information about what we do and a financial statement showing income and expenditures; Cindy will send a response;
- Eventing Committee – Eric:
  - ➢ Movie night on February 7 at Stonehedge showing vintage three-day long formats sponsored by Sentinel Feed – everyone who attended wants to join IDCTA – Eric will follow-up;
  - ➢ March (21 or 28) movie and lecture night – biomechanics of the horses jump; Trilogy saddle will sponsor lunch;
  - ➢ April (4, 11 and 18) Tune-up clinic - Grids (gymnastic jumping course) at Stone Hedge Farms;
- Dressage – Angelika Coghlan
  - ➢ Reviewed the IDCTA Banquet in January 2026 – good event, good food, have some suggestions;
  - ➢ Recognition of IDCTA member/competitors at schooling shows – Jennifer Triumph is drafting a potential process;
  - ➢ Martina Mertens investigating plaques as prizes for IDCTA members
  - ➢ Pony Club – Molly attended conference – probably not a good resource for recruiting;
  - ➢ IDCTA social events at horse shows outside of IDCTA Summer Dressage Show;
  - ➢ Molly and Carrie will check to see if we can have a booth (wine & cheese party? or a cart with coffee and donuts?) at dressage regionals;
- Virtual Horse Shows – Amy:
  - ➢ The 2nd show (January) is complete – 4 barns competed;
  - ➢ 21 entries (5 western dressage and 16 dressage);

    - ➢ Barn champion – North Star Equestrian;
    - ➢ Barn Reserve Champion – Frontenac Farm;
    - ➢ Low attendance compared to 2025, due to low temps;
    - ➢ The next show starts on March 13;
    - ➢ We are making about half as much profit vs. last year because the show secretary raised her prices; suggestion to raise the ride rates for next year;
- Membership and Recruiting – Carrie: current membership is 169;
    - ➢ Carrie sent out an email about renewing your membership on February 12 which resulted in more renewals;
    - ➢ We need to start making calls to prior members in mid-March to renew;
    - ➢ Angelika will call trainers to renew;
- Schooling Show Recruiting – Martina Mertens – will order more stickers;
- Year-end Banquet 2026 – Cindy:
    - ➢ Board agreed to hold the 2027 banquet at the same place – Cindy will get them to hold a date for next January;
    - ➢ No additional feedback or improvement suggestions beside those from the Dressage Committee;
    - ➢ We made a net profit of $750;
- New Item – FEI Youth Clinic – fall of 2027 - USDF Sponsored – opportunity to host a youth clinic with USDF – board wants to pursue;
- New Item – Potential zoom for early April with Gilly Slayter on behavior modification and reinforcement – they wanted to charge $75, but Molly convinced them to do it for free;
- Link to Sidelines article on Brittany: https://sidelinesmagazine.com/dressage/britt-burson-pirouetting-on-the-prairie/?srsltid=AfmBOoruvvP0Ul2K3WDoPtPz7f346EqeBUo-zbjU0WyJTcfulOIq3LPp
- Next meeting: April 20, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 (Angelika moved to adjourn and Lil seconded).