IDCTA Board Meeting
Minutes for April 20, 2026

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

Amy, Angelika, Brittany, Carrie, Cecelia, Cindy, Emma, Katie, Lil, Martina, Michael, Molly

Missing: Ashlee, Eric, Mary Jo

Meeting via Zoom started at 7:04 p.m.:

- Minutes from February 23, 2026 (Amy moved to approve the minutes with no changes, Angelika seconded);
- Financial report – Michael:
  - ➢ Current balance is $11,039, after paying $1,039 for insurance; so far we have a $975 gross profit from the virtual shows;
  - ➢ Illinois State Tax Exemption – received a letter asking detailed information about what we do and a financial statement showing income and expenditures; Cindy sent a response – in the end our application was denied;
- Eventing Committee – Emma (for Eric):
  - ➢ Trail ride join-up app – opportunity to build/promote community;
  - ➢ Cece is working with barns in the schooling program to open their barn to allow haul-ins to ride their cross country course (to gain experience and provide income stream to barns);
  - ➢ Fox Valley would be open to hosting an IDCTA event (eventing clinic or show);
  - ➢ April (4, 11 and 18) Tune-up clinic - Grids (gymnastic jumping course) at Stone Hedge Farms – only 1 participant;
- Dressage Committee – Angelika:
  - ➢ Medals for schooling shows champions – will table until next year;
  - ➢ Memorial horse show on May 2 for Barry Frisk;
- Virtual Horse Shows – Amy:
  - ➢ The 4th show is complete – 5th show is starting;
  - ➢ 6 people are eligible for championship;
  - ➢ 112 participants last year vs. 80 for this year, so participation is down (could it be the judges?);
  - ➢ March show barn champion – Polly Hall's barn;
  - ➢ March show barn reserve champion – North Star Equestrian;
  - ➢ We will make a lower profit vs. last year because the show secretary raised her prices, we bought ribbons and we have lower participation; we need to raise the per ride cost for next year;

    - ➢ Should we offer divisions (open, AA, JR/YR?) like schooling shows (financial impact is neutral)? After discussion, board agreed to offer divisions, like schooling shows;
    - ➢ We can determine our own judges – email Amy suggested names (including 4 Western Dressage judge (due to our qualification with WDAA));
- Membership and Recruiting – Carrie: current membership is 180 (vs. 212 in 2025);
    - ➢ We need to start making calls to get former members to renew;
- Schooling Show Recruiting – Martina Mertens – first show is in 3 weeks - Barrington mini event and May 31 for dressage at the Fox Valley Saddle Association;
- Year-end Banquet 2026 – Cindy:
    - ➢ Board agreed to hold the 2027 banquet at the same place – Cindy will get them to hold 1/23/27;
- June Dressage show – Molly:
    - ➢ 1 judge dropped out so Molly will hire a replacement judge;
    - ➢ Will reduce complexity by not having the lead-line class, the demonstration or stall decorations;
    - ➢ Will continue the wine/cheese party on Friday night after the freestyles;
    - ➢ Will continue to have dinner on Saturday night with the same caterer (Kevin) as last year – Sara will be in charge of this;
    - ➢ Will continue to offer raffle;
    - ➢ Need someone to recruit volunteers – Angelika and Emma have volunteered;
- New Item – FEI Youth Clinic – fall of 2027 - USDF Sponsored – opportunity to host a youth clinic with USDF – board wants to pursue – discuss at May's meeting;
- Next meeting: May 18, 2026

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