

## ENYDCTA Board Meeting 01/02/2023 Minutes

Present: President- Joy Black  
Vice President- Jeff Lindberg  
Recording Secretary- Joshua Powell  
Corresponding Secretary- Vickie Hurewitz  
Treasurer- Jennifer Saunders  
Piaffe Flyer Editor- Alyson Worthington  
Volunteer Coordinator – Laura Stulberger (absent)  
Member-At-Large - Margie Hutchison  
Member-At-Large - Denise Film  
Webmaster (Volunteer) -Peter Tkaczy

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The meeting was opened.

J. Powell and V. Hurewitz gave an update on the winter programs:

### January 2023

Allan Hamilton, MD will present to the club on 1/21/2023 via Zoom. Dr. Hamilton is a neurosurgeon and author of “Zen Mind, Zen Horse.

### February 2023

Carol Vischer, DVM, MS, DIP.ACVM will give a talk on horse gut health and take questions from the audience on February 5<sup>th</sup> at Dover Saddlery.

Krystal Wilt, Dressage Trainer & L judge at Cherry Ridge Dressage will give a talk on the new 2023 USDF dressage tests. Dover Saddlery February 19<sup>th</sup>

### TBD

Sarah Geikie FEI (C) and USEF (S) judge will hold a clinic – facility & date not yet identified.

### March 2023

Margie Hutchison USEF “r” Eventing Judge and USEA ICP Level 2 Instructor will hold an event, topic TBD – this will happen in the first part of the month

Jennifer MacDonald, DVM will hold a demonstration and talk on equine chiropract care and acupuncture. Date and time TBD.

### April 2023

Marcia Kulak, trainer at Kulak Equestrian topic & date TBD

## New Business

### Treasurer's Report

December started the financial year, which showed an expected loss. Details of the report are archived. Highlights of the report are:

Revenue related to membership renewals and associated GMO dues are on target with previous years.

There were two donations towards the purchase of a dressage arena.

The club renewed its Wild Apricot software.

A motion was made to accept the report it was seconded and carried.

### Banquet and Dates

The timeline is short to acquire ribbons for end of year awards and it was discussed moving it to December. There were concerns about conflicts with USEF and USDF national meetings. Historically, the banquet was in January. This issue was tabled.

### Board Development

There was discussion that the ENYDCTA board is small and heavy on officer positions and light on Member at large positions (MAL).

Joy proposed that we add 2 more (MAL), Margie suggested adding 4. A motion was made, seconded, and was carried to add 4 new MAL positions.

Jen shared that our officer positions are not traditional offices in non-profits boards. A motion was made to move these current officer positions (Piaffe Flyer, Volunteer Coordinator, and Corresponding Secretary) to MAL seats and have 4 officer positions – President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary). A motion was made, it was seconded and carried. The board will now consist of 4 officers and 9 MAL seats.

A discussion around board member attendance was had. The board agreed to not have a mandatory attendance of members but will encourage attendance and discuss this with new board members. Barriers to attendance was also discussed. It was agreed that Zoom meetings are the most convenient method of meeting, but it was also agreed that 1 or 2 meetings in person at restaurant would boost morale. All agreed.

It was also noted that most boards do not elect officers and board members through club membership, rather the existing board members voting for officer seats and board membership. A motion was made to have officers elected only by the board, it was seconded and carried.

Currently, ratification of changes requires a super majority of the entire membership to make changes. A motion was made to change this to a simple majority of those members who vote by a deadline. It was carried.

Jen led a discussion plan on succession planning that would advance existing officers to take the next higher role i.e., VP would become the President. There was also discussion on previous president would become a MAL position automatically and also creating the role of board member emeritus.

There was discussion about archiving non-members and inactive membership to avoid charges with Wild Apricot. The solution is to cull the list. Joy will look for someone to clean this up.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Meeting Amendment via Email 1/4/2023. The board neglected to make a motion and vote on creating an honorary board position – Member at Large Emeritus, which would be an honorary position that recognizes previous members of the board and their contributions. A motion was made via email, it was seconded and was carried.

*\*note – all meetings are recorded by an audio device.*