

WDAFL Board Meeting
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th, 2026
7:00 PM Zoom Conference call

President Amanda Kopak called the meeting to order at 7:06

In attendance: Amanda, Brenda, Carmen, Kristin, Allie, Diane, Joanne and Jamie.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the January Annual meeting and the final December minutes, previously emailed to the board, were reviewed. Joanne made the motion to approve the minutes; Carmen seconded it, and the motion was passed.

Treasurers' Report: The January report, and the income and expenses from the State show, previously emailed to the Board, has been approved. Joanne made a motion to approve the report, and Amanda seconded it; the motion was then passed.

Brenda advised that she filed the state registration renewal with the new board members. The board needed to file for new liability insurance and were assigned a new agent. Equine insurance is difficult to locate so the options are low, we will keep it as planned and not attempt to shop around. The D and O, with Fidelity is due in February.

Rider Medal Program Changes Discussion

The group discussed changes to the Rider Medal Program in response to new tests being added by WDAA, including a level 6 and an advanced walk/trot division. Amanda proposed adding a new Rider Medal level for levels 5 and 6, while excluding the advanced walk/trot division from the Rider Medals but including it in the High Point program. Jamie and others clarified that the advanced walk/trot division would be a separate division rather than a stepping stone between intro and basic levels, primarily for amateur and junior riders who cannot canter. The group agreed to wait until WDAA finalizes the rules for this new division before making any changes to their programs.

Equestrian Program Awards Expansion

The group discussed adding new divisions and awards for their equestrian program. They agreed to add a walk/trot division, as it would not cost them anything to offer it. The group also discussed implementing a freestyle award program, with plans to offer pins or bars as recognition. They decided to mimic their current medal program for the freestyle awards, requiring two scores per level. Amanda volunteered to draft guidelines for the new awards,

which the group will vote on at a later date. They agreed to table the discussion on adding awards for levels 5 and 6 until December, when the new tests become available.

Freestyle Medal Program Implementation

The group discussed implementing a freestyle medal program, agreeing to mimic their existing rider medal program with 6 scores total, 3 from each level, and requiring scores from 3 different judges. They decided to start the program in January of the current year.

Committee Roles and Score Changes

The board voted to accept freestyle scores from January 1, 2026 forward, and agreed to promote this change on their website. Joanne will continue to lead the education committee and reach out to potential members, while Jamie will oversee the hospitality committee and coordinate with the sponsorship committee for fundraising. Allie volunteered to handle the World Show auction basket each year, and Amanda will lead the sponsorship committee with Jamie, Diane, and April Hardeman as members.

Committee Assignments and Event Planning

The board discussed committee assignments and agreed to establish quarterly membership meetings, potentially moving them from Sunday evenings to weeknights to improve attendance. Allie proposed creating promotional materials for WDFL, which Joanne and Jamie agreed to collaborate on, including rack cards with QR codes. The board appointed Jackie as head of the show committee, with Jamie, Jeanette, and others to join the show committee. They also discussed adding a youth/junior board component and increasing involvement with 4-H programs. Brenda will handle the 990 tax filing and post card.

The next board meeting will be on Sunday, March 1st, 2026, at 7:00 PM

The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:14 PM. Brenda made the motion to adjourn, and Carmen seconded