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**Nominations**

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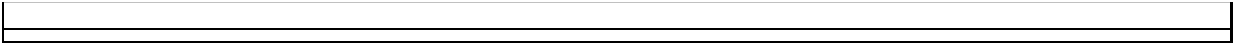
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## 2016 Midwest Dressage Association Schooling Show Awards

\* following the percentage denotes a Certificate of Recognition has been earned

Level	Division	Placing	First Name	Last Name	Horse Name	%	
<b>Introductory Level</b>	Open	Champion	Kriste	Fraser	Nando K	69.042*	
		Jr/Yg Rider	Champion	Brooke	Boger	Rousseau	71.087*
			Reserve	McKenna	Marody	Romeo	67.979*
			3rd	Margaret	Witmann	Noah	65.417*
		4th	Julia	Brines	Beamer	62.750	
	Adult Amateur	Champion	Anna	Szpindor	Brown Horse	67.313*	
		Reserve	Jorge	Prosperi	Abby	65.021	
		3rd	Danielle	Lesnek	The Spotted Menace	65.000*	
	<b>Training Level</b>	Open	Champion	Kim	Nobel	Extra Blazin Lad	76.136*
			Reserve	Lee	Thome	Cronos de Medi	73.939*
			3rd	Barbra	Reis	Vodena	67.780*
			4th	Joan	Henning	Angel Leggs	61.260
Adult Amateur		Champion	Danielle	Lesnek	Anikah	71.963*	
		Reserve	Suana	Klein	Parisian Occasion	70.379*	
		3rd	Valarie	Boatman	MSU Supersticious+	68.712*	
		4th	Anna	Szpindor	Brown Horse	66.785*	
		5th	Jessica	Hanney	Anastasia of KHA	64.287*	
		6th	Suzanne	Zeitman	Designated Frost	64.050*	
		7th	Debra	Hannaford	Jubilee	62.471*	
Jr/Yg Rider		Champion	Brooke	Boger	Rousseau	67.250*	
		Reserve	Carissa	Carpenter	Treasury Renewal	66.894*	
		3rd	McKenna	Marody	Romeo	62.873*	
		4th	Margaret	Wittmann	Noah	59.417	
Novice Horse		Champion	Sylvie	Boesser	Lobito Comes Running	67.372*	
		Reserve	Barbra	Reis	Gentleman Jac	63.386*	
<b>First Level</b>		Open	Champion	Lee	Thome	My Fling	77.907*
			Reserve	Barbra	Reis	Vodena	64.489*
		Adult Amateur	Champion	Valarie	Boatman	MSU Supersticious	68.288*
			Reserve	Jennifer	Moyne	Ephraim	67.229*
			3rd	Sally	Baker	Quirks & Foibles	65.686*
		<b>Second Level</b>	Adult Amateur	Champion	Jill	Heincelman	Goliath
Reserve				Linda	Currier	Top Hat Fuduiciary	59.593
Jr/Yg Rider	Champion		Erin	Boensch	Lords Country Legacy	61.301*	
	Reserve		Kaila	McCormack	Early Artifacts	61.298	



*Is excited to announce*

**SHE'S COMING BAAACK.....**



Terry Ciotti Gallo, Musical Freestyle Clinic.  
May 21, 2017 Sunday  
Visual Equestrian, Fenton, MI  
(details next month).



## 2016 Midwest Dressage Association Recognized Show Awards

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Level	Division	Placing	First Name	Last Name	Horse Name	%	
Training Level	Open	Champion	Lee	Thome	Cronos de Medi	72.256*	
		Reserve	Tonya	Grant	Farica	69.091*	
		3rd	Jessie	Myers	Ferdinand HW	67.319*	
		4th	Allison	Gaughan-McNab	Midwest Politics	65.391*	
	Adult Amateur	Champion	Valarie	Boatman	MSU Supersticious+	70.760*	
		Reserve	Lindsey	Erlane	Geoffrey	68.106*	
		3rd	Jessica	Hanney	Anastasia of KHA	62.156*	
	Jr/Yg Rider	Champion	Katelyn	O'Brien	Scirocco	69.091*	
		Reserve	Carissa	Carpenter	Treasury Renewal	66.970*	
		3rd	Anna	King	Julius 'Czar	65.682*	
	First Level	Open	Champion	Lee	Thome	My Fling	73.680*
			Reserve				
Adult Amateur		Champion	Lindy	Thompson	N' Tempo SSH1	69.780*	
		Reserve	Betsy	Morath	Pierre LWF	68.039*	
		3rd	Valarie	Boatman	MSU Supersticious+	66.863*	
		4th	Lindsey	Erlane	Geoffrey	66.848*	
		5th	Cynthia	Lynn	Sunny Day	66.420*	
		6th	Shari	Wolke	Thistledown's Fahrenheit	65.436*	
		7th	Stephanie	Wangler	Liebchen HH	65.098*	
		8th	Michelle	Davidge	Ek Taj Mahal	63.333	
9th		Kristine	Downs	Ruby Tuesday	62.249*		
Jr/Yg Rider		Champion	Anna	King	Julius "Czar	62.660*	
		Reserve	Katelyn	O'Brien	Scirocco	60.687	
Second Level		Open	Champion	Jessie	Myers	Crescendo	68.865*
			Reserve	Barbara	Sudomier	Kelley Litle Step	66.016*
	Adult Amateur	Champion	Jennifer	Clooten	Knight Raider CRA	66.794*	
		Reserve	Lindy	Thompson	N' Tempo SSH1	65.447*	
		3rd	Betsy	Morath	Pierre LWF	64.390*	
		4th	Shannon	Dempich	Paprika	62.744	
		5th	Michelle	Davidage	Ek Taj Mahal	61.830*	
		6th	Ingrid	Grossberg	Jazzebelle G	61.179*	
	Jr/Yg Rider	Champion	Erin	Boensch	Lords Country Legacy	61.423	

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<b>Third Level</b>	Open	Champion	Leah	Yurasek	DeLuxe Edition	67.521*
		Reserve	Jessie	Myers	Crescendo	64.701*
		3rd	Barbra	Reis	Sonnentag FGF	63.811*
	Adult Amateur	Champion	Michelle	Conrad	Cadiz	70.214*
		Reserve	Linda	Egeland	Fleur Royale	67.758*
		3rd	Martha	Vout	Pik Phigaro	64.654*
<b>Prix St George</b>	Open	Champion	Tonya	Grant	Granaino V	67.456*
		Reserve	Kimberly	Robbins	Memoire	61.140*
	Adult Amateur	Champion	Nancy	Bryant	Handsel*P6*	64.254*
<b>Intermediate I</b>	Open	Champion	Douglas	Puterbaugh	Rolibero	66.184*
		Reserve	Ruth	Hill-Schorsch	Allegro	60.395
	Adult Amateur	Champion	Michelle	Conrad	Polensio	61.563*
<b>Intermediate II</b>	Open	Champion	Ruth	Hill-Schorsch	Allegro	61.096
<b>Grand Prix</b>	Open	Champion	Marie	Domke-DeWitt	Adear	61.300
<b>Freestyle 1st-4th</b>	Open	Champion	Leah	Yurasek	DeLuxe Edition	73.167*
		Reserve	Valarie	Boatman	MSU Supersticious+	69.634*
		3rd	Michelle	Davidge	Ek Taj Mahal	68.322*
		4th	Kimberly	Robbins	Memoire	68.055*
		5th	Barbra	Reis	Sonnentag FGF	68.000*
		6th	Janell	Scherbarth	Alegria	67.300*
		7th	Anna	King	Julius 'Czar	65.478*

### Special Awards

Vi Hopkins Awards Winner	Valerie Boatman	MSU Supersticious +	70.760*
2016 Rosemary Herman Award	Lee Thome	My Fling	77.907*
Jean Brown Memorial Award	Cheryl	Farner	
End of Term Board Members	Ingrid Julie Lisa	Baranski Fleming Howle	
Sonnet Award Winner	Michelle Conrad	Cadiz	70.214*

**Midwest Dressage Association  
Final Meeting Minutes  
OCT 4 2016**

**Meeting Called to order : 7:13 PM**

**In Attendance: Tonya Grant, Will Davis, Lisa Howle, Ingrid Baranski, Allison McNab, Beth Schaub, Denise Gentile Lisa Machala**

**ABSENT: Barb Reis, Shawn Ragsdale, Julie Fleming**

**GUEST: Jill Phinney**

**President's Remarks: Will Davis: Thanks to all board members for their dedication and hard work on special projects this year. We have taken on a lot of projects and doing a lot for members. They are noticing and appreciating what we are doing.**

**Secretary's Report: September minutes were provided via email in advance of the meeting. Lisa Howle motioned to accept minutes as submitted by secretary Machala. Allison McNab seconded motion. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.**

**Discussion on Board business decisions outside of meetings. Concern expressed about topics raised in meetings being decided through emails outside of meetings versus following our agreed upon process. Between the September and October BOD meetings, emails were used to determine the recipient of a professional grant application. The timeliness of the application in September was at issue. Several board members again raised issues and concerns about the how the professional grant program is being administered and communicated as well communicating dismay about decisions being made via emails instead of in a scheduled meeting. Previously this MDA board has agreed that all decisions would be brought up to the entire board at the monthly meetings and the use of Executive Committee decisions would be used sparingly. Only emergency, time-sensitive decisions will be handled by the executive committee. Their decision will be recorded in the next meeting's minutes.**

**Treasurer's report**

**Beginning balance: \$14803.18 Ending Balance: \$14,425.63**

**Ongoing concerns that USDF debits MDA's account without any details. Amounts do not match up with the incoming membership renewals we receive from members. We must have details from USDF.**

**\$31.79 for Adobe creative suites. Why are we still buying this? We need a determination whether this expense is still necessary since we no longer produce a printed newsletter.**

**Ingrid Baranski moved to approve treasurer's report as submitted. Alison McNab seconded motion. Treasurer's report was approved unanimously by voice vote.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**By Laws – Committee (Baranski, Howle, Machala) is still working on them. Plan to have them**

completed in time for presentation to membership and a vote at the January 2017 meeting.

1. **Term Limits-** Currently board of director members may serve 2 consecutive terms and must then step down from the board for a minimum of 2 years. Board discussed pros and cons of retaining and removing the term limit provision from the By Laws. No decision was reached.

2. **Separate document for By Laws – not conjoined with annual directory.** Allison McNab made a motion for a separate printing of ByLaws. It will not be contained in the Annual Directory. Second by Lisa Howle. Unanimous passed.

#### **Year End Awards**

**Draft 4 - added proof insurance – MDA additional insured**

Reviewed and revised Beth's proposal. Additional suggestions were introduced. The question was raised about how to use the 'approved' schooling shows to grow MDA membership. Allow show managers to accept MDA memberships. Some concerns about entrusting independent show managers to handle MDA paperwork. Is there another way to accomplish this? There was no motion for approval, and the 2017 MDA Schooling Show program continues as old business.

In preparation for 2016 Awards, Beth reported the following:  28 championships saddle pads  
 Ribbons through 8 places 68 ribbons all div all class.  Growth in recognized shows.

#### **Year End Award Banquet (Denise Gentile)**

Denise requested help with getting an announcer / MC. She has contacted Tom Bird but received no reply. Will Davis volunteered Tim DeLongchamps to MC.  Allison McNab requested a table for the award she is sponsoring for OTTB.  Lisa Machala requested tables for live and silent auction items and a table for check in of auction items.

Battle of Basket – Celebrity Judges are needed - Dallas Bradbury, Sydney Collier and Tim DeLongchamp were recommended.

Banquet cost per plate is \$26. We are charging \$30  Cut off date is 11/10/16

Last year we had 125 tickets sold. We expect the count to be larger this year.

#### **Annual Membership Meeting –**

Jan 22 – date 1pm  Location - Moose Preserve? Will Davis to call about reserving space.

**Proposed Change to MDA clinician contract/ terms of Agreement - including First Right of Refusal and Protection of MDA's market area.** Motion made by Lisa Howle to table this discussion in the interest of time. Motion seconded by Ingrid Baranski. Passed unanimously. Topic tabled to next meeting as old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Annual Directory - Lisa Machala volunteered to oversee the production of the 2017 Annual Directory.**

**Revisions to the Professional Scholarship Program Guidelines - Allison McNab moved to table discussion of this item to a future meeting in the interest of saving time at this meeting for time sensitive topics.** Motion seconded by Tonya Grant Unanimously approved. Item will be carried over as new business.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Education –**

**Musical FreeStyle / Judges Clinic - budget submitted to USDF for JUDGES CE Musical Freestyle May 20-21 2017. USDF approval still pending. See hand out from Ingrid. Refund policy, rules, etc.... USDF will advertise this for us.**

### **Boot Camp**

- 16 registered – 13 showed up.**
- Instructors: Allison Allen, Val Dean, Sue Ashley, Sherry Nelson,**
- Presenters: Lisa Howle, Lisa Machala, Jeff Felix**
- Rave reviews very happy.**
- \$325 profit**
- Lesson learned - begin and end day with rides speakers around lunch break**
- Closing date earlier to prevent scramble**

### **Pro Clinic**

- Oct 11-12 tues weds**
- Yvonne Barteau – riders = 6 @ \$375 registration**
- Hoping for 10. Still 4 spots – Yvonne \$2300 for two days**
- Pam Wrona is hosting Yvonne and student for event.**
- Recognize Pam bouquet**

**Awards Banquet - previously discussed in old business**

**Membership / Video Library - No Report**

**Professionals Advisory - No Report**

**Newsletter/ Website - No Report**

**Marketing /Sponsorship -**

- Marketing / Sponsorship will develop a proposal for sponsorship for the 2017 awards. This will be incorporated into the larger MDA sponsorship proposal. Will work with Year End Awards committee to ensure correct amounts and common objectives that help the overall organization.**

- Tribute Partners Program submitted \$301.75 in proof of purchase for redemptions.**
- Working on getting program ads and donations for Awards Banquet.**
- MDA's enrollment in the Kroger Community donation program is pending IRS declaration letter.**

**Wearables / MDA Store - Will have a booth with wearables at the SportHorse Saddlery Used Tack Sale in October and the MDA Awards Banquet in Nov.**

**Volunteers - The Jean Brown Award winner has been determined based on greatest number of hours donated to MDA. Lisa Machala requested a copy of the 2016 volunteer hours roster for record keeping.**

**Nominations - We have four BOD members whose terms end in 2016. They are Julie Fleming, Lisa Howle, Ingrid Baranski and Beth Schaub. Beth has agreed to run for a second term and we require three more candidates to fill the remaining vacancies. We also need these candidates to be current MDA members and to provide a biographical statement to publish to the membership in December.**

**SECRETARY'S NOTE TO BOARD: As membership chair, Julie Fleming conducted the election process last year. Who is going to handle the election this year? Members must add their MDA member number to their vote, and these numbers must be confirmed against the current membership roster. This will require discussion at the November meeting.**

**Banquet - This topic was previously covered in old business.**

**Historian - No Report**

**Next meeting - as determined in January 2016, the board agreed to schedule MDA board meetings on Sundays during the off season. Beginning in November, our meetings will be the first Sunday of the month. Our next meeting is Sunday, November 6th at 1 pm at McPhee's Restaurant in Ortonville.**

**Allison McNab moved to adjourn meeting. Motion was seconded by Beth Schaub. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.**

**Minutes recorded and submitted by**

**Lisa Machala**

**MDA Secretary**

**I am so very thankful for the professional grant money from MDA for education. I was able to ride with my favorite clinician of all time, Patrick Burssens from Wellington, Florida. The clinic was held this spring at lovely Rattlewood Farm and hosted by Will Davis II.**

**As always, Patrick did not disappoint! He is so very knowledgeable and I think one of the most clearly understandable teachers in regards to the essence of what we do and why. He keeps it simple because it is. As humans we tend to complicate things and as Dressage riders this transfers in the way of micro managing, in every conceivable way, the use of our aids and in becoming a bit too intense mentally.**

**The simplicity of actual riding is buried in all of this junk and the horses are confused and confounded because we are not clear. My biggest take away may seem like a small thing. But it's actually EVERYTHING. Have a clear plan. Design your ride. The horse makes no decisions. What I love is Patrick may have riders that are not super solid, for example ; loose in the stirrups. He doesn't focus on EVERYTHING. He sees what is not right and helps the rider get the horse right. He lets it go if their legs are weak, this takes hours of riding to fix and instead he calmly has them ride their horse correctly. UP INTO THE HAND! Not down below the saddle with their head. He never focuses on the head. He helps the riders ride the back end. The horses always end up round and up hill. This is why I stopped riding in other clinics and I have done my share. Riding the horse down into the ground is not conducive to dressage. Long and low is for young just broken horses.**

**Stretching cannot be taught. It must be the result of a correctly ridden uphill horse that is thru and coming up to meet your seat.**

**You have all read many articles on how to do exercises and tons of technical explanation of the aids which confuse students by encouraging we trainers to ride from the ground and try like hell to keep up with how quickly and skillfully the combination of the aids must be used! We overwhelm our riders. We give them too much information. Instead of telling them every half halt and every application of a leg for a leg yield, Patrick will emphasize we should look to our letter and get there. Your body will figure out how and you are then muscle and body learning instead of trying to think fast enough (which is impossible) "left leg , right rein, left leg right rein, leg a little further back, less half halt its interfering with his gait..."**

**No. You look at your spot and you get there. Your body will figure out how.**

**Patrick makes so much logical sense to horses that they all do very well! Add to this his profound knowledge as an Olympic coach and hard working trainer of many great horses in Wellington with a long history of doing so, and the result is refreshing, quiet, simple, horse first teaching. I always teach with a far greater calm and understanding after riding with him. My knowledge is growing with every clinic! This is more important to me then anything! I have been riding with Patrick for over 15 years now on three of my own and several students horses.**

**Over the years I have learned and embedded many "Patrickisms". Like "bring the hind feet closer to the nose" , "down transitions should be like a plane landing, back landing gear first lifting the nose" , "push the saddle". " it's not how big the steps are its the quickness" " when you say canter he should say Yes Ma'am". "You are a dance team, but someone has to lead and that**

should be you". And my personal favorite "whatever the horse wants to do, do the opposite" this really helped my to ride slow horses very forward in warm up, and speed demons slow in " little Trot".

But I have a new favorite. He was telling a rider she must not leave her position ever. Any out of alignment body parts should be corrected! This one was born as she was attempting to bend her horse in a shoulder in and how she was struggling to keep her position upright and therefore use her seat bones correctly and to check herself on it.

"If you're leaning over to the left to see the left eye, that tells you stuff "

Gave Will and I a chuckle.

Oh. One last impressive detail. Patrick loves to teach EVERYONE! At his level as a former Olympian and an Olympic coach, I find this to be endearing. He WILL improve the students riding and take the time to explain what they should be feeling and why.

I feel the biggest benefit of all of my riding with him, is that I teach like him in my humble way!

Thanks MDA!  
Sincerely,  
Cheryl Farner



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## Midwest Dressage Association Board of Director Nominees

### **Debbie Hannaford**

Hello, my name is Debbie Hannaford and I have a son and daughter along with five beautiful granddaughters. I have been in the accounting field for 30 years and am currently employed full time. My riding career began about 5 years ago and I am presently pursuing Dressage. I participated in my first recognized show at Waterloo this past August and really enjoyed it. I became a member of MDA last November and plan on actively promoting the organization.

### **Pamela Morrison**

I started my life with horses at a very young age. I was a horse crazy kid and started riding lessons at age 11. By age 12 I knew I wanted to grow up to be a horse trainer. So I did! I had some great mentors that encouraged me to get an education in business if I was going to own my own horse business. I received my degree from Michigan State University studying Agricultural Business Management and Equine Studies. After school I started teaching hunter/jumper riding lessons right away along side of working full time as an Office Administrator. After leaving the typical 9-5 job, I was able to really start focusing on riding and training horses as well as teaching. I traveled around the Midwest and Florida showing and teaching. I grew my business into a farm of 25 horses in Ann Arbor, MI which consisted of boarding clients, lesson horses, and personal sale horses. I ran day to day activities, managed staff, rode client training horses, sales, teaching, and showing. I also took care of all my own Bookkeeping and expense tracking. Now with a family, I no longer have my boarding and training farm. I am focused on a new business of helping the Equine Professional with their bookkeeping. I also have an amazing young warmblood horse I bred myself that is just an absolute joy to bring along. I know my education, skills, and lifetime experience in the equine profession will be an asset on the board of the Midwest Dressage Association.

### **Beth Schaub**

I have been a long term member of MDA since it's early beginning. I have participated at their schooling shows, volunteered as a scribe and helped in any other capacity that was needed.

In the fall of 2013, I began to attend MDA's board meetings and decided to run for the board in 2014. My committee job was to assist Carolyn VanCise with the Annual Awards Program. With her sudden passing, I took over the role completely. I am pleased to see the number of awards presented each year increasing along with the number of shows that provide our members a platform to earn the scores necessary to participate in the Awards Program.

I have demonstrated how important I feel it is to attend a majority of the board meetings, along with MDA's activities. I was a member on the committee that helped develop the very beginning of the "boot camp" idea along with the beginning of the essay program. I am very pleased and proud to be a member of MDA's board and to be a part of the growth and development of new ideas that are benefitting our members.

### **Nancy Bryant**

I would like to introduce myself to those of you that may not know me. My name is Nancy Bryant and I am interested in a position on the 2017 Midwest Dressage Associations Board of Directors. I am currently a USDF L Program graduate, so many of you have ridden in front of me if you attend schooling shows, and I hope you were able to take something positive away with you as I do enjoy judging. I am also working to obtain the necessary requirements for my USDF/USEF small "r" judge title. I currently love/own/ride/compete my Trakehner Gelding, Handsel, who I showed PSG this last season. We are adding a Freestyle to our repertoire for next year and that will add another level of fun to our showing careers.

I first became a member of the MDA back around 1983 with the USDF programs held at Violet Hopkins Farm in White Lake Michigan, it was great to have that ground breaking teaching and training available to us at such a close proximity year after year. I also became active with the MDA and was a Board Member for over 14 years holding many positions including Membership Chairman at the end of my ten-year. Along with Lee Landy, my membership predecessor, we implemented the first computerized data base for the MDA and, as the computer world advanced, I created a Excel database to track members and allowed the MDA to group email members regarding upcoming events and renewal reminders, etc. That program has probably also been over hauled and improved since with the implementation of the Internet and Facebook. As with many other equestrian organizations there have been difficulties maintain membership numbers as of late and the MDA is not alone in their struggles. At its peak the MDA had over 600 members and was the largest GMO's in the United States Dressage Associations Region 2. I would like to work with the MDA board and its members to help build us up again and make the MDA a stronger voice in the dressage and equestrian community.

## **Midwest Dressage Association Professionals Grant Program**

This Grant program has been established to assist those who are professional members of the Midwest Dressage Association meeting the following requirements in furthering their education in the following area's teaching, training, and judging.

The MDA board of directors shall set aside from the general fund the sum of \$1,500.00 (three grants of \$500 each) at the beginning of each calendar year for the sole purpose of being awarded in the form of Qualified Grant Money to those Applicants meeting the following requirements:

A minimum of 2 years consecutive membership (in good standing) with the Midwest Dressage Association

4 hours of volunteer time documented with the MDA within the 12 months preceding the filing of a grant application

A letter of recommendation from one student

A letter of recommendation from a professional horseperson - (Trainer, Instructor or Judge)

Approved educational opportunities would include the following:

All clinics, seminars, and educational programs offered and or sponsored by the following Midwest Dressage Association, the United States Dressage Federation, United States Equestrian Federation. And those educational opportunities brought before and approved by the MDA Board of directors on a case by case basis.

Maximum grant to be awarded to any one person shall be limited to \$500.00

\* Board may approve any grant request for less than the applied for amount.

No one person can receive more than one grant per calendar year.

Should said recipient fail to attend specified event all grant moneys are to be refunded to Midwest Dressage Association within 30 days after the date said event.

Additional funds may be placed and or added to the Professional Grant Fund through donations, fund raisers, etc.

- Terms & Conditions subject to change on an annual basis.

## Midwest Dressage Professional Grant Work Sheet

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A letter of Recommendation from Student

Students contact information Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

A letter of recommendation from a professional Horseperson  
(Trainer- Instructor or Judge)

Sponsors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the educational event:

How does this event help you achieve your riding goals?

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- All requests should be filed 60 days prior to the event date, to ensure the MDA Board has time to review requests. Thank you.

Please Mail completed work sheets / requests to:

Will Davis II  
9518 Brookway Ct.  
Goodrich, MI 48438

Contact # 810 287 2011

The Midwest Dressage Association &



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The Midwest Dressage is participating in the fund raising program developed by Tribute Feeds. To get involved collect Tribute proofs of purchase from Tribute feed bags and mail them to us. We will receive:

- \$.25 for each bag proof of purchase
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Please forward your Tribute Horse Feed proof of purchase (off of the bags) or photocopies of invoices for bulk Tribute purchases. If you are submitting photocopied invoices, please black out any sensitive information like name, phone, and credit card info.

Submit proof of purchase tags to:

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### **What is AmazonSmile?**

**AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.**

### **How do I shop at AmazonSmile?**

**To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.**

### **Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?**

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**Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.**

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**On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.**

### **Can I change my charity?**

**Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity, sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account."**

### **What charities can I choose from?**

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### **How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?**

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## Calendar of Events

### December 2016

6 - MDA Board Meeting at the ComebackInn, Highland MI. - CANCELLED

### January 2017

8 - MDA Board Meeting at the ComebackInn, Highland MI.

22 - MDA Annual Meeting at the Fairfiled Inn & Suites, Fenton, MI

28 - Fix a Test Clinic at Groveland Equestrian Center. Call Vanessa Smith at 248-459-5515 for more information.

29 - Dressage Schooling Show at Brilliant Reflection Farm, Ortonville MI. Intro thru Second Level and Western Dressage Tests. No show clothes required. Go to [www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com](http://www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com) for prize list and entry form or call Barb at 248-670-9031

### February 2017

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### May 2017

6 & 7 - Janet Foy Clinic at Brilliant Reflection Farm, Ortonville, MI. Auditors welcome. Visit the website for information and forms: [www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com](http://www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com)

13-14 - Wyn Farm Dressage Schooling Show. Information at [www.wynfarm.com](http://www.wynfarm.com) or contact Ilaria Elli at 734-883-4500 or [synfarmshowseries@gmail.com](mailto:synfarmshowseries@gmail.com)

20 - USDF Continuing Education Clinic sponsored by MDA

21 - MDA Freestyle Clinic with Terry Gallo - see ad in newsletter for more information.

### June 2017

10-11 - Wyn Farm Dressage Schooling Show. Information at [www.wynfarm.com](http://www.wynfarm.com) or contact Ilaria Elli at 734-883-4500 or [synfarmshowseries@gmail.com](mailto:synfarmshowseries@gmail.com)

**July 2017**

8-9 -Wyn Farm Dressage Schooling Show. Information at [www.wynfarm.com](http://www.wynfarm.com) or contact Ilaria Elli at 734-883-4500 or [synfarmshowseries@gmail.com](mailto:synfarmshowseries@gmail.com)

**August 2017**

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**September 2017**

9-10 - Wyn Farm Dressage Schooling Show. Information at [www.wynfarm.com](http://www.wynfarm.com) or contact Ilaria Elli at 734-883-4500 or [synfarmshowseries@gmail.com](mailto:synfarmshowseries@gmail.com)

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**Midwest Dressage Association**  
**Membership Application**  
 December 1, 2016 - November 30, 2017

**Membership Information:**     Renewal (MDA #): \_\_\_\_\_     New Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_    DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
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For additional Horse/Rider Combinations, please use a separate piece of paper.  
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**Rider Status:**     Open     Adult Amateur     Junior/Young Rider (*Must be under 21 as of 12/1/2016*)  
*If a rider status is not selected, applicant will be considered as Open for all MDA purposes including year-end awards. Adult Amateur status is limited to riders who meet the guidelines of USEF GR808.*

**Professionals Only: I would like to be listed in the MDA Directory with the following services:**  
 Boarding Facility     Training Facility     Trainer (will travel)     Judge     Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member these services apply to: \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="radio"/> Mastercard <input type="radio"/> Visa Credit Card # _____ Expiration: ____ Zip Code ____ CVV# ____	<b>TOTALS:</b> Adult Amateur/Open (\$51)    \$ _____ Junior/Young Rider (\$41)    \$ _____ Family Members (\$21 each addtl member) \$ _____ Credit Card use Fee (\$2.50)    \$ _____ <b>I would like to donate to (tax deductible), please indicate amount.</b> <input type="radio"/> MDA Annual Awards    \$ _____ <input type="radio"/> MDA Educational Clinics    \$ _____ <b>TOTAL PAID</b> \$ _____
<input type="radio"/> I <b>DO NOT</b> want my information printed in the MDA directory	Please make checks payable to <b>Midwest Dressage Association</b> and mail to the <b>MDA Membership Coordinator, Julie Fleming, at 9480 W. Grand River Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836.</b> PayPal payments may be sent to <a href="mailto:MidwestDressage@gmail.com">MidwestDressage@gmail.com</a> -Please indicate member name in notes section. PayPal payments may take several days to process. Membership Applications may be e-mailed to <a href="mailto:judgejulie33@aol.com">judgejulie33@aol.com</a> if PayPal or Credit Card method of payment is being utilized.
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