

MIDWEST DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

MDA December 2025 Board Meeting

Sunday December 21st 2025 · 7 pm

Time zone: Eastern Standard/Detroit

Location: Virtual

Attendees: Valyn Dall, Katie Bratschi, Mykal Roth, Meghan Connolly, Jordan Irwin, Madeline Flynn, Alex Pollack

Not present: N/A

Agenda:

- **Call to Order at 7:07 PM**
 - **President's Opening Comments – Mykal**
 - USDF Convention takeaways
 - Most of the presentations were very similar to last year with some additional information
 - Most of the rule changes are simple
 - Proposed change to take away double bridle for 3rd level
 - Convention has been a large money loss, despite increasing membership fees
 - Region II Meeting
 - Cyber security and insurance liabilities discussed
 - If you collect 4 pieces of personal information you are at risk – but our payments are processed through PayPal which is protected
- Officer's Reports:
 - **Secretary – Katie**
 - October Minutes
 - No changes needed
 - Mykal motions, Madeline seconds, minutes approved
 - November Minutes
 - No changes needed
 - Mykal motions, Madeline seconds, minutes approved
 - DRAFT 2026 Board Meeting Schedule (*Katie to send this out via email to finalize – official list will be in January minutes*)
 - **January:** Virtual @ 9:30 AM; Sunday 1/11
 - **February:** In-person @ 1 PM; Sunday 2/8
 - **March:** Virtual @ 9:30 AM; Sunday 3/8 (Katie Vacation)
 - **April:** Virtual @ 7 PM; Monday 4/6 (Easter)
 - **May:** Virtual @ 7 PM; Monday 5/4
 - **June:** Virtual @ 7 PM; Monday 6/8
 - **July:** Virtual @ 7 PM; Monday 7/6
 - **August:** Virtual @ 7 PM; Monday 8/3
 - **September:** Virtual @ 7 PM; Monday 9/7 (Labor Day)

- **October:** In-person @ 1 PM; Sunday 10/4
 - **November/Annual Membership Meeting:** Virtual @ 1 PM; Sunday 11/8th
 - **December:** Virtual @ 9:30 AM; Sunday 12/6
- **Treasurer – Meghan**
 - October Report
 - No changes needed
 - Mykal motions, Valyn seconds, report approved
 - November Report
 - No changes needed
 - Mykal motions, Valyn seconds, report approved
- Committee Reports:
 - **Membership – Katie**
 - Currently at 9 members for 2026
 - 0 Open, 1 Junior/YR, 8 Adult Ams, 0 Social
 - Katie needs to get Meghan’s MDA card information for USDF membership payments
 - Madeline to work on website payment activity to get sent to Katie for sending out memberships
 - Education – Katie, Mykal & Meghan
 - N/A
 - Marketing – Alex
 - N/A
 - **USDF/GMO – Valyn**
 - Donation basket went well at Convention
 - Had lots of great submissions for GMO awards
 - Valyn has scoresheets to pass along
 - **YEA/Shows – Holly, Meghan & Katie**
 - MDA Rated Show 2026
 - 5/15-17 weekend selected (This is Madeline’s Birthday weekend!!!)
 - Need to book Fairgrounds for this weekend (Alex)
 - Positions
 - Show manager/secretary: Alex
 - Show manager (on-site): Mykal
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Katie
 - Staff Manager: Valyn
 - Ingham County Fairgrounds tack sale 1/17
 - Could be a good chance to check out the fairgrounds
 - Mykal motions to reimburse Alex her USEF fees since she will be getting them to perform show manager/secretary role
 - Unanimous vote of approval
 - Judging
 - Valyn to work on list of good options for R and/or S judges
 - Need two judges for the weekend
 - Technical Delegate

- Need to work on finding someone for this role, a couple local options
- Oak Lane Schooling Series
 - How do we feel about adding their winter show series to MDA qualified shows? Their ring only accommodates Intro and Training/Basic levels (small court)
 - Not this year, but want to work on this for a winter series for the future
- **Newsletter – Madeline**
 - Holly sent former newsletters as templates
 - Wait for after the banquet to send out next edition
 - Can include photos, results, takeaways
- **Communications/Social Media – Madeline & Mykal**
 - All officers send Madeline photo to add to the website for current officers (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary)
 - Madeline got all the emails (treasurer, president, etc.) transferred to all the appropriate people
- **Bylaws & Standing Rules – Jordan**
 - Omnibus changes
 - Need to release the updated changes soon so our membership can see
 - Make sure all the active officers and board members are listed in the bylaws
- Board Nominations – Jordan & Alex
 - N/A
- **Banquet – Alex & Jordan**
 - Katie sent out email blast on 12/21 to 2025 membership
 - Katie to send Meghan the 2025 membership roster excel file
 - Include blurb about not shipping out awards, arrangements need to be made by member or pickup at a designated time/date afterwards
 - Holly is going to print certificates
- **Grants – Meghan**
 - Need to track down the Grant form, not currently in the Drive or Website
- Volunteers – Mykal, Madeline & Katie
 - N/A

New Business:

- **Confirm committee assignments for Valyn & Alex**
 - Marketing – Alex
 - USDF/GMO – Valyn
 - Board Nominations – Alex & Jordan

Next meeting scheduled for January Sunday 11th at 9:30 AM, Virtual.

Motion to adjourn: Katie motions to adjourn, Meghan seconds, meeting adjourns at 8:35 PM.