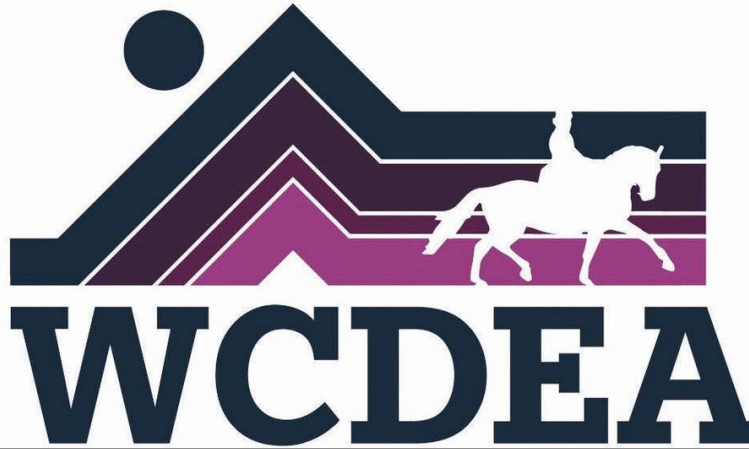


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Whatcom County Dressage and Eventing Association

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[www.wcdea.org](http://www.wcdea.org)

### Next General Meeting

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NEXT MEETING:

**March 21**

**Dinner at 6:30,**

**Meeting at 7:00**

**Round Table Pizza**

**Clubhouse** 1145 E Sunset  
Dr, Unit 135, Bellingham

As always 15% off orders  
placed day before  
360-671-6305 or online

### Who is WCDEA?

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This dressage and eventing (& working equitation) club is an all-volunteer group of local horse enthusiasts committed to furthering our knowledge of our disciplines and providing equestrian-related educational and competitive opportunities in the local area.

Greetings!

We had an enthusiastic club planning meeting on February 15th. (See the minutes below.)

There were lots of great ideas, and folks stepped up to help. Here are the events that are in the works:

**April 27:** Cavalletti clinic at Patty Yust's

**June 9th:** Working Equitation clinic at Misty River with Kim Roe

**July 13/14:** WE clinic and show at Sunset Park

There will be lots more information to follow via emails, Facebook and the WCDEA web site.

There were lots of other ideas, which are hopefully being followed through on by various members.

The March meeting has room for an educational offering, contact me if you want to organize.

This is the club doing what it does best—providing a framework for activities.

Happy riding, *Carol Landt*

## WCDEA Club Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)

February 15, 2024  
Round Table Pizza  
Call to order 6:58pm

Attendees; Carol Landt, Lynn Salas, Robin Probst, Deirdra Dong, Robbie Harris, Jenny Styer, Emily Vander Haak, Michelle Bennet, Kate Simmons, Michelle Becker, Kelly O'Toole, Marilyn Hagen

Publish minutes and newsletter

Approved meeting minutes from Nov: Michelle motioned, Robbie seconded, all approved.

### **Treasurer report- Lynn**

Checking \$3,487.85

Savings \$4,154.75

Website fee- last year \$64.80. 2024 increase to \$207.36 due Feb 25

2024 membership income \$306.11

Insurance- Last year \$697. 2024 TBD, due March 24. Deirdra to forward emails to Robin for Sunset and Parks requirements.

### **Brief recap of 2023, lots of events**

Many were successful, some canceled due to lack of interest, shows were minimally attended

### **Words from the prez:**

Every year we come to the end of the year and we need new board members and no one steps up. Bylaws capped board members to a two-year term. Ideally, we would change out 2 board members each year for continuity.

-Sustainability? Now we are scrambling to keep the club going. Why is no one stepping up?

Suggestions- Kate said, writing up job descriptions, it appears that board members must do their "job" in addition to running all the club events. We need to publish the board member roles.

-Ensure people know that it's not expected that the board members run all the clinics, shows, etc.

-The culture is changing and people are less involved. Used to be easy to fill board member positions because members knew they each needed to take a "turn."

### **Old Business:**

-We've got lots of support and resources for members to host events if they want.

-Develop committees: Hospitality committee, awards committee to make it easier for members to host events to make the task less daunting. Committees would be responsible for handling some of the tasks, such as awards inventory, go to events, plan judges lunches, etc.

-Whats so awesome about the club? Kate thinks the club fills a really important role to be a stepping-stone for people to learn about dressage, young riders, new show experiences. More affordable. Important for us, in our messaging, that we let them know that we are welcoming and encouraging for new riders, members and first show experiences. Robin loved that it was more affordable, not as fancy or expensive. She loved the friendships built and community. We don't need to offer anything fancy but do need to fill the need of schooling show opportunities.

-Newsletter suggestion- List board members and website

-Should we change the bylaws of the terms of board members?? Should we lengthen the terms they are allowed to partake? 4 years? 6 years? Need to vote at the next meeting to change the bylaws regarding board member terms.

-Carol reminded members that board meetings are open to members. Let Carol know if you are interested in attending and she will include you board meeting emails with dates, times and locations.

## **New Biz-**

Robbie and Viki- are organizing events;

**June 9 at Misty River Ranch WE with Kim Roe.** MR is not charging a fee, but would like one rider spot July 13/14 at Sunset Farm Park WE clinic and Show. Kim Roe agreed to be EOH judge. Still need a dressage judge. Nicol is a maybe, she might be busy. Need to check with Birthe and Kim Barber.

Forming committees- In the works...

**Hospitality committee-** As well as Beth Brannian, Jenny Styer, and Michelle Bennet.

**Awards -** Kelly O'Toole

Robbie reminded that WCDEA needs to submit an event submission form to Whatcom Parks with event dates. \$100 covers unlimited events at Sunset Park.

**Survey-** Will send out email to all club members with link and link in newsletters.

## **What educational events do members want to see?**

Colic talk with Dr. Sauter- Robin or Kate to reach out about possibility May or Fall?

Emergency First Aid- Deirdra to reach out and schedule March or April?

Saddle fitting clinic- Deirdra to reach out to Hannah.

Western saddle fit clinic- Michelle Bennet to ask Back County members for suggestions

Paint your pony- At the children's museum (free) in Skagit? with Emily. Emily will also look into locations in Whatcom too. Sept or Oct (After August is best for Emily)

## **Riding opportunities**

Cavaletti clinic- Carol, Michelle, and Marilyn to plan. April?

Liberty Clinic w/ Juliette- Deirdra to reach out

Dressage Clinic with Garyn- Michelle will ask

Jumping Clinic at Paige's? Unsure of club interest. Kate and Michelle willing to help if club is interested.

Dressage schooling shows in late June and Sept? at Sunset. Carol?

Carol motion to adjourn, Robbie seconded, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Whatcom County Dressage and Eventing Association is run by an all-volunteer group of horse lovers and riders. And as such, we would love your input on what you would like to see the club offer in 2024! Please help us by filling out this [survey](#) to help ensure we tailor our events to you, our members!

Per the WCDEA Bylaws:

### Article IV. Board of Directors

#### Section 1. Definition

The board of directors shall consist of four elected Officers and an unspecified number of Volunteer Committee Chairs to administer the affairs of the Club. Officers shall be voting directors. Committee Chairs shall be non-voting directors, except as allowed under Article II, sec 3a, pertaining to matters put before the general membership. **The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall policy and direction of the Club. The Board of Directors receives no compensation other than reasonable expenses incurred as a result of carrying out their respective duties.**

#### Section 2. Officers

The primary governing body of the Club shall be the Officers and shall consist of the following positions elected by the membership:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

#### Section 3. Term Limits

Each officer position may be held for a maximum of two consecutive years by any one member.

### Article VII. Duties of Officers

All duties listed below are the responsibility of the specified officer, however, the officer may delegate the task to another individual. The duties listed below are not the only tasks of the individual officer, rather they are meant as a guideline.

1. President
  - a. Prepares the agenda for and presides over all meetings, both general and board.
  - b. Acts as the primary representative of the club
  - c. Assigns tasks and deadlines to be met by other board members as necessary
  - d. Ensures the club succeeds by doing what it takes to get the task completed.
  - e. Identifies club needs
  - f. Responsible for seeing that the other board members are fulfilling their roles and taking action (ie:delegating tasks) if another board member is unable to fulfill their obligations
2. Vice President
  - a. Assumes the duties of the President in his/ her absence.
  - b. Arranges for the location and content of the monthly general meetings
  - c. Coordinates & manages annual & event insurance
  - d. Performs other duties as may be assigned by the President
3. Secretary
  - a. Records the minutes of all meetings, both general and board.
  - b. Maintains the official record of attendance at all meetings
  - c. Preserves the written and other records of the club
  - d. Attends to all correspondence for the club
4. Treasurer
  - a. Handles all financial transactions as approved by the officers
    - i. Receipts to go with reimbursements (or email agreement for clinicians/judges)
    - ii. Provide event organizers with budget sheet, collect after event

- iii. Break down deposits in register (member dues, event income etc)
- b. Maintains club funds in any and all accounts as approved by the officers
- c. Keeps all financial affairs up to date
  - i. End of each year (outgoing treasurer)
    - 1. Check register/transactions for prior year
    - 2. Balance sheet for checking and savings
    - 3. Savings transactions for year
    - 4. Income statement for year
      - a. Breakdown of events income/expenses
    - 5. Ending balance
  - ii. Beginning of each year (incoming Treasurer)
    - 1. Start new check register with current starting balance - note any discrepancies
    - 2. Provide monthly balance sheet at meetings
    - 3. Conduct internal audit of prior year
- d. Provides a report of balances in the account(s) at the monthly general meeting
- e. Provides a detailed accounting of expenses and income for the monthly newsletter
- f. Provides a "net income/ loss" accounting of shows/ activities for the monthly newsletter

## **Board Members 2024**

Carol Landt – President

Robin Probst – Vice President

Secretary – Deirdra Dong

Lynn Salas – Treasurer.

Jo Rochester – Website

Kim Roe – Newsletter Editor

## Sunset Farm Park

Do you know that Whatcom County has an extensive horse park?

Sunset Farm Park is an all-volunteer effort provided by Friends of Sunset Farm. The Park offers:

- All-weather outdoor arena
- Wooded trails
- Seasonal cross-country course with obstacles from Grasshopper to Training Level
- Water element and bank jump (seasonal)

*The park is at 7981 Blaine Road, Blaine, 98230*

The Friends of Sunset Farm, a non-profit organization, was formed for the purpose of providing assistance to the Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department in order to support, maintain and fund-raise for the Whatcom County public equestrian park known as "Sunset Farm Park."



The Parks Department has had a very limited budget for Sunset Farm for a number of years, and is only able to provide a minimum of mowing around the parking area and the porta-potty.

**All other maintenance and improvements are provided for through the Friends of Sunset Farm.**

You can view more information about the park at the Whatcom County Parks website.

WCDEA hosts regular clinics and schooling shows at the Park. Keep an eye on the Park's FaceBook page and Website for real-time updates and happenings.

# Whatcom County Dressage & Eventing Association



## 2024 Membership Application **\*\*Complete & Submit for New & Renewing Members\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ New member \_\_\_ Renewing member

\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Adult Amateur \_\_\_ Trainer \_\_\_ Professional

Volunteer areas: \_\_\_ Events \_\_\_ Board/Programs \_\_\_ Outreach \_\_\_ Wherever needed!

Description	Cost/year/person	Qty	Total
WCDEA Membership - includes full membership in the WCDEA, voting rights in WCDEA affairs (for members 18 years of age and older), reduced rates for WCDEA sponsored activities, and email delivery of the monthly newsletter	\$20		
Additional Family Members - must reside at same address, list names here:	\$10		
PayPal Transaction Fee (per person ONLY if paying with PayPal)	\$1		
		TOTAL	

Make checks payable to WCDEA. Memberships can also be paid via PayPal ([whatcomdressageandeventing@gmail.com](mailto:whatcomdressageandeventing@gmail.com)). If using PayPal, please include the following, so we can match your application to your payment:

PayPal ID/Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment/Transaction #: \_\_\_\_\_

**New & Renewing Members, mail completed application (and check if applicable) to:**

Lynn Salas 2600 Om Ln. Bellingham, WA 98226

The Whatcom County Dressage and Eventing Association (WCDEA) is a not for profit organization founded in 1984 for the promotion and education of dressage and eventing for enthusiasts in Whatcom County and surrounding areas.