

DHD&CT MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2026

**(DHD & CT Membership Meetings are regularly scheduled for the
2nd Thursday of EVERY month)**

Attending: Anne Vliegenhart, Krysta Wright, Cynthia Lord, Barbara Nagle, Laurie Young, Lindsey Rosado, Ann Hill, Virginia Tucker, Montana Zito, Jessica Fleming, Lindsay Aviles, Rosalee Leonard

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY:

Responsible Party: Annie

- Email Wickham Park to get available show dates for January, February, March, April, and May 2027.
- Provide the obtained 2027 show dates to Barbara before the next meeting.

Responsible Party: Barbara

- Follow up with Wickham Park to determine the rules regarding food sales and other fundraising activities. Communicate those rules to Virginia.
- Send Lindsey Costume Contest details
- Finalize the prize list for the October show and send it to Annie for posting on the Wix website.
- Work with Becky to get the online entry system up and running and tested for the October show.

Responsible Party: Lindsey

- Post Costume Contest details to Facebook Group.

Responsible Party: Krista

- Double check and pay Wickham Park for the October show if not already paid.
- Transfer funds out of Paypal account.

Responsible Party: Laurie

- Count the remaining volunteer ball caps and tote bags and provide the number to Barbara.

APRIL MINUTES: Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of July 31, 2026:

RJ Account: - \$3,960.60

Paypal Balance - \$5,884.11

Krysta will transfer the Paypal balance to RJ (Raymond James) account.

OLD BUSINESS

Readiness for October Show

Show Date: October 18

<i>Judge</i>	<i>Opening Date</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>
Trisha DeRosa	September 24	October 8

Key Volunteers:

- Show Manager: Barbara Nagle
- Show Secretary: Sandy Gillespie
- Volunteer Coordinator: Montana Zito
- Judges Hiring Agent: Lynne Everest
- Gloria Kanungo will purchase class ribbons
- Laurie Young will supply 1st place class prizes and costume contest winner prizes
- Pony Tails 4-H Club would like to partner with DHD & CT to execute this show

Standard ring goes first.

The board approved Painted Horse Rescue as the beneficiary for the show.

Barbara was tasked with verifying Wickham Park's rules regarding food sales for the Ponytails 4-H Club's fundraising activities.

Costume Contest Categories:

- **Perfect Pair Award:** Recognizing the horse and rider team whose costumes complement one another to create the most cohesive, coordinated, and memorable presentation.
- **Creatively Unbridled Award:** Celebrating the most imaginative and original costume design, showcasing exceptional creativity, innovation, and attention to detail.
- **Judges' Choice Award:** Presented to the entry that stands out for its overall impact, charm, entertainment value, or unique qualities that capture the judges' attention.
- **Best Supporting Character Award:** Awarded to the best costume worn by a participant **without a horse**, including spectators, family members, trainers, grooms, volunteers, or other attendees who join in the fun.

The Board approved awarding all four categories in both morning and afternoon sessions to ensure fairness and give more opportunities to different groups of participants. Laurie will provide the prizes for the eight awards needed.

Costume Judges are Ann Hill, Lindsey Rosado, Katrina Zito.

The Board approved restricting the Prix Caprilli class registrations so riders CANNOT compete in both the Introductory level and Training level classes.

The group discussed volunteer recognition and decided to use existing volunteer gifts (ball caps and tote bags) rather than incur new costs. Rolling over October volunteer hours to 2027 will be discussed at a later date.

Committee Updates

The group discussed committee activities during summer break, noting limited progress due to the break period, with only Ann and Barbara making some updates to their respective committees. Committee members will make an effort to reconvene and restart their committee work

NEW BUSINESS

2027 Activities Planning

The group discussed the challenges of running a full show series in 2027 due to volunteer shortages and considered options like standalone shows or a smaller series. The Ponytails 4-H club representative and BEC riders present at the meeting expressed interest in a show series with year-end banquet and awards ceremony.

Jessica noted that the academic heads at Viera High School are interested in identifying opportunities for youth to accumulate volunteer hours as they are required for some scholarships. Jessica volunteered to facilitate communication with the academic heads. This is a potential pool of resources for jobs that do not require horse show skills or experience.

Annie will secure potential event dates from Wickham Park for January through May for further discussion at the September meeting. If the Board ultimately supports a show series, every effort will be made to avoid conflicts with BEC events.

Call for 2027 Board of Directors Nominations

The President made the first call for BOD nominations. Positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board Member At Large. A description of the duties of each of these positions can be found in the ByLaws (Article X) on the website (<https://www.dancinghorsesdressage.com/membership>).

All positions are available and the current Board encourages all members to consider filling a Board position. New ideas and new perspectives are always welcome and encouraged.

BRAGS/REWARDS

Virginia noted that the Pony Tails 4-H Club participated in the July State 4-H Horse Show with great enthusiasm. They had a great experience and look forward to doing it again in 2027.

NEXT MEETING: September 10 at 7:00PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Nagle

IMPORTANT EVENT DATES

Event	Date	Location
October Halloween Benefit Dressage Schooling Show	October 18, 2026	Wickham Park

COMMITTEES/VOLUNTEER ROLES

Volunteer Roles	Member(s)
Show Manager	Barbara Nagle
Show Secretary	Sandy Gillespie
Volunteer Coordinator	Montana Zito
Judges Hiring Agent	Lynne Everest
Show Awards Purchasing Agent	Gloria Kanungo
Wickham Park Liaison	Sandy Gillespie
Mailchimp Manager	Cynthia Lord
Wix Web Master	Anne Vliegenthart/Laurie Young (backup)
Performance Awards Chairperson	Laurie Young
Social Media Manager	Lindsey Rosado
Volunteer Recognition Committee	Laurie Young, Montana Zito, Virginia Tucker
Virtual Show Opportunity Committee	Anne Vliegenthart, Laurie Young, Ann Hill, Montana Zito, Virginia Tucker