

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 9-03-25 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Angie Stanaway (NEVADA); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Katie Kelly (SWVADA); Rachel Rice (NOVA); Hannah Bowers (F'burg); Lori LaFave (NOVA); Christina Arrington (Central) and member Dianne Boyd

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: The combined balances are 264K. This is an inflated number as we have entry monies from GAIG coming in without the offset of expenses.

Membership Report: For the year 2025, we have 532 memberships submitted.

VADA Safe Sport Policy Update: Sheli shared the updated draft for the chapter SS reporting protocols. She asked Jessie to explain the thought process behind paragraph 2f of the protocol, which provides for VADA to reimburse the chapters a fee to cover the additional duties this program is imposing on them. Sheli asked the reps take the draft back to their chapters for feedback and to provide any feedback received at our next meeting so that the protocol can be finalized well before the effective date of 1/1/26.

DAL Update: Not everything is finalized but it looks like we made between 2 to 4K profit on the show. Big help was Nancy Doody getting the classes with prize money sponsored. The pizza party is also cost effective and popular.

GAIG Update: The show closes on September 8th. We are expecting it to be the same size as last year, which means utilizing all 8 rings. Last year we had 1005 rides. There will be a pasta party for competitors, complete with gluten free options. Nancy Doody reported that we have 6 vendors as of now and she's got about 10K in product donations for prizes. Rachel has signup for volunteers up online and we still have a lot of opportunities. Chapters, please share on your Facebook pages. Tina mentioned that the last day to declare for US Finals is Wednesday October 1st with entries closing on the 11th.

GM Representatives for USDF Convention: Based on our current membership, we have 2 spots for GMO delegates at this year's convention in Lexington, KY the first week in December. The protocol for filling these spots is asking the executive board, then the rest of the board members and then opening it up to members. We must have this completed by October 31st. We will be donating a nice big gift basket this year as it doesn't have to be shipped.

Year End Award Committee: The date of the banquet is Sunday, February 1st at the Greencroft Club. The committee's first meeting will be October 15th.

New Business:

Laura Nelson has agreed to handle the Shel Gafford nominations again this year. Chapters reps please discuss at your next board meetings and remind folks that you can nominate someone outside of your chapter. Nominations are due in the middle of December.

Nancy Doody would like to thank all the membership chairs who sent her the information she requested last time.

**Chapter Updates: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE SENDING INFO TO NANCY DOODY FOR THE WEBSITE.
It's free advertising for any shows and clinics you're holding.**

Central- Clinic with Kathy Rowse Sept 20-21 at Saddlebrook Stables in Powhatan, Horseman ship clinic with Christina Bailey Oct 26 at Glamorgan in Doswell, Clinic with Bruno Greber Nov 8 at Oakdale Equestrian Center in Powhatan

Charlottesville- Lauren Sprieser clinic Oct 25-26 at Old Raptor Farm in Louisa

Fredericksburg –

NEVADA – Schooling Shows: Sunday Sept 21 (Judge tbd) Wednesday Oct 1st at the State Fair (judged by AnnMari Ingersoll) Sunday Oct 19 (Judge tbd) Sunday Nov 2 (Judge tbd)

NOVA – November 1 Schooling show and championship

SVDA- 2025 Schooling Show dates: Sept 21 at River Birch Farm (judged by Sandy Toby) Oct 26 at the Airfield 4-H Conference Center – this is the Championship Show (judged by Kat Sepka, Elise Enoch & Robyn Nunnally) Nov 23 at White Acre Farm (judged by AnnaMari Ingersoll)

SWVADA- Oct 19 schooling show in conjunction with BREA at Green Hill Equestrian Park

NEXT MEETING Thursday October 16th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas