

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 8-15-23 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Laura Nelson (SWVADA), Diann Carpenter (NOVA); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Karen Rice (F'burg); Sandy Johnson-Toby (SE); Katie Kelly (SWVADA); Jane Palmer (ShenVada); and members Lisa Powers, and Diane Boyd

Minutes: Laura Nelson made the motion, seconded by Anne Draine, to approve the August minutes. They were then approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that our combined balance is over \$430,000 due to Regional show entries and no show expenses. For the chapters that have submitted chapter grant requests, she will write the checks at GAIG's. Please catch up with her at the show. The need for an online chapter grant submission process was brought up as the manual mail in process is not efficient.

Membership Report: Per Beth Rippel, we have 564 members. She has uploaded 15 more and is awaiting payments on 14 of those from chapters so we should be at 593 at the end of the membership year.

2024 Clinic: VHC has very few available dates. Morven Park has more availability and is holding May 4-5 while Sheli checks with Lilo. We will let Renee know our plans for next year and possibly pair up with her in 2025. The clinic committee will start meeting once we solidify the dates and venue.

DAL Update: Sheli reported the show suffered a loss of \$14,000. There were approximately \$6000 less in entry fees so we need to research further on why we had fewer entries. The facility fee was also \$7000 more than the prior year. The cost of the competitor party doubled so we'll work on changes for next year. Other contributing factors included the increase in travel expenses. Areas that we can investigate are class fees, stabling, party costs, and welcome gifts. Please submit your ideas to the board. We need to promote the show on social media and email blasts.

GAIG Update: Dates are Oct 5-8. We will be running 8 rings with night classes Friday and Saturday. Friday night will be the competitor party and doggie costume contest. We will need to add a third TD and we'll have 16 judges.

Year End Banquet: The date is Sunday, February 4th at the Greencroft Club in Charlottesville. Nancy Doody will start soliciting for silent auction donations at GAIG's.

2024 Purple Book: Sheli's general vision is to publish something online that focuses on our programs as well as year-end forms and requirements without anyone's personal email addresses. Bettina will start looking at this after finals and the USDF convention. Several members have expressed interest in helping. Please contact Bettina if you'd like to be involved.

Chapter Updates: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE SENDING INFO TO NANCY DOODY FOR THE WEBSITE

Central- Oct 21-22 clinic with Nicole DelGiorno at Old Raptor Farm. The two-day licensed show April 27-28, 2024, will be held at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot.

Charlottesville-

Fredericksburg – Nothing else planned this year.

NEVADA – Schooling shows at Edgehill- Oct 29, and Nov 12. They will also have one at the State Fair on September 27th.

NOVA – Schooling Show Championship and open fall schooling show November 4th

ShenVADA –

SVDA- Schooling show on Oct 29 at Airfield Conf Center in Wakefield.

Southwest- October 15 schooling show at Green Hill Park.

NEXT MEETING November 1st AT 8pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas