

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 8-29-24 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Christina Arrington (Central); Anne Draine (NE); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Megan Irby (F'burg); Katie Kelly (SWVADA); Angie Stanaway (NEVADA); Anna Fox (F'burg); Sandy Monolo (NEVADA) and member Dianne Boyd

Minutes: The minutes from the July meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that the combined balances are approximately \$228,000. This includes some GAIG income including the \$1000 grant from USDF. It also has all the L program income and no expenses.

Membership Report: We currently have 592 members with USDF. If we can get 600 members, we will be able to have three GM delegates at the USDF Convention.

USDF Convention: It's in Houston in early December. Any board members interested in going as a GM delegate? Sheli will be going as a PM delegate. If no board members are interested, we will open it up to chapter members. It will involve going to the meetings. Reach out to Sheli if you want to go.

GAIG Update: Dianne reported that everything is on track. Danny will be doing the breakfast cart, volunteer lunches and perhaps the party. The party will be a pasta bar. She also attended a meeting with USDF that they have with all the regional championship show organizers. They have relaxed some requirements for the DSE semifinals intended to simplify and make it more competitor friendly. Nancy Doody reported that we have 11 confirmed vendors. We also have 15 in kind sponsors including Finish Line who have donated \$10K in product and will be at the show. All the awards on the awards table have been procured with donations. She also has some monetary sponsorships. Fredericksburg, NEVADA and Shen Valley have not responded to her emails regarding chapter donations.

Online Dentistry Clinic Recap: Tina thanked everyone who made it possible and thought it was a wonderful presentation. Nancy Doody has made an educational page on our website, and it is available for everyone who did not get a chance to join the zoom meeting to watch it. Sheli would like to continue this type of program and is soliciting volunteers and topics. We do already have one that we'll probably do in the winter with Rachel Rice spearheading. Nancy Doody reported that 50% of the attendees provided feedback on a survey with all 10's.

New Business: Sheli discussed that the USDF fees are increasing this December. GMO membership will be going from \$24 to \$25 and family membership from \$10 to \$12. She has some ideas how VADA can help chapters offset, which we will talk about at a later date. Tina reported that the fee to make a ride a qualifier has jumped from \$15 to \$20 and the USDF non member fee (paid at a show) will go from \$35 to \$55. From a marketing perspective, we need to push the advantages/benefits of being a GMO member. Nancy Doody also wants to remind the chapter membership chairs to continue to send her new member information so she can add them to the directory.

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- Emily Donaldson Clinic at Chestnut Oaks October 5th-6th

Charlottesville- Meet and Greet with George Williams and Ann Gribbons discussing the Olympics Saturday Sept 7th at Mt. Idna Farm from 5:30 to 8pm.

Fredericksburg – Licensed show September 14-15 at Rosemont.

NEVADA – Nikki Vogel clinic on September 21st with a schooling show on the 22nd Robyn Nunnally is the judge. Fix a Test clinic with Nancy Lowey on October 19th. October schooling show will be at the State Fair on October 2nd with judge AnnMari Ingersoll. November 10th judge tbd

NOVA – Nov 2nd 24 Schooling Show Championship and Fall Show at Morven Park

ShenVADA – They will be holding a clinic with date tbd.

SVDA- Schooling Shows- Sept 29th at River Birch Farm with Elise Enoch judging, Oct 27th at Airfield with Robyn Nunnally and Kris and Heather Hamilton for Western Dressage. They are also having a Continuing Education Webinar with Joan Darnell on the Collective Marks on Dressage Tests August 27th from 7:30 to 9:30.

SWVADA- Schooling show Oct 20th at Greenhill Park in Salem

NEXT MEETING Tuesday October 22nd at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas