

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11-19-25 VIA ZOOM

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that our 2024 taxes are filed and our combined balances are 232K.

Membership Report: For the year 2025, we had 540 memberships submitted. The 2026 roster is now up on the USDF website so chapters are encouraged to get membership lists to Beth as early as possible so they can be processed by her and USDF. Also remember to provide Nancy Doody with the membership information she needs from each chapter. Nancy would like an update by March 1, 2026, for the year 2026 and then monthly thereafter.

VADA Safe Sport Policy Update: Sheli reported that all the chapters have adopted the protocol. The board previously agreed on the protocol implementation and tracking as well as the reimbursement process. Christina is going to work on a spreadsheet that we want used by the chapters so that we have a uniform reporting process.

GAIG Update: Tina reported that we had 269K in entry income, 7400 in sponsorship income and approximately 226K in expenses leaving us with roughly 51K in income. VHS fees are slated to increase next year, for example stalls are going up \$10. Dianne is going to go through the contract and detail out the cost increases. Tina felt that although the DJ at the competitor party was an additional cost, it increased participation. Jessie brought up that the Breed Show at DAL never makes money and that the region should understand that if they want it to continue, they need to support it, and we need to emphasize that we are continuing to host the show to service the region.

Year End Award Committee: The date of the banquet is Sunday, February 1st at the Greencroft Club. Nancy Doody reminded the reps to take back to their chapters the deadline for awards submissions which is December 1st, and with all award placings finalized on Dec 16th. Members who are planning to attend the banquet should register early as seating is limited and once it's full, we will have to turn people away. Nancy also brought up the Shel Gafford Award and reminded everyone that the deadline for submissions to Laura Nelson is December 14th. Laura will be collecting them and will then send out the submissions to the chapters to vote on by December 16th. Each chapter must then report their chapter's selection by January 15th. Rachel still needs volunteer hours from SW and NE. Also, a reminder that the chapters' submission for VADA State Vol of the Year from their chapter is due to Alison Douglas by January 12th.

2026 Officer Elections: For our January board meeting, we will need the new chapter reps to be present for the vote to elect new VADA officers. We will be sending a communication to the current chapter reps to see if we have any interest in running for an officer position.

New Business:

During the call, there was a discussion regarding how we use our funds to support our members, the region, juniors, etc. Jessie volunteered to work on a master plan that we can use going forward. Alison

volunteered to help her. The conversation was spurred by not only the amounts we use for Chapter Grants (Jessie is going to work on a proposal for our next board meeting) but also a request for support for a grassroots clinic series for juniors throughout the region that Heather Escobar would like support with.

Jessie mentioned that the USDF has a data feed available in excel that has what VADA members have won in 2025. If any chapters are interested, Alison can help pull their membership out of the file if you contact her.

Sheli brought up for discussion the time our meetings start next year. Do we like 7:30 or do we want to stay at 8? We will discuss it further at our next meeting.

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.

SVDA- 2025 Schooling Show dates: Nov 23 at White Acre Farm (judged by AnnaMari Ingersoll)

NEXT MEETING Wednesday Dec 17th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas