

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 7-30-25 VIA ZOOM

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

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

Treasurer's Report: The combined balances are 207K.

Membership Report: For the year 2025, we have 525 memberships submitted.

VADA Safe Sport Policy Update: We have created a standing rule document that outlines the VADA policy. This leaves two open items, the first being that by October 1st, all chapters should report back to VADA on how they have not only adopted the VADA policy but also how they have communicated that to their membership. The other item, which the committee is still working on, is the policy and procedure that speaks to safe sport training for those who are not USEF members and come in contact with minors. This will be finalized by the end of the year.

DAL Update: Based on the spreadsheet that Tina put together, it looks like we finally made a small profit on the show. Diane reported that we had 125 horses and ran 5 rings. She gives kudos to the VHC and everyone who helped and supported the show. We did test out a change that will also be used for GAIG and that was to put the warmup for Wylie in the ring behind it. The footing in the warmup and Wylie are now the same. The breed show numbers were up this year, and it seems to work well running it in the East Complex. Jessie would like to see the financials on that separately to see if it makes sense from a financial perspective to continue with the same structure and pricing. The footing in the Anderson will be returned to the sand/clay mixture for all our shows as the sawdust did not work well. Jessie had the suggestion that we note in the prize list that schooling for non-compete horses is limited, and the competitors understand that they are limited to specific areas.

GAIG Update: The show opens August 8th and closes September 8th. We are expecting it to be the same size as last year, which means utilizing all 8 rings. The competitors' party will be on Friday night, and the Doggy Costume contest will be on Saturday night. Rachel has signup for volunteers up online and reminds folks that hotel rooms are a separate signup.

Year End Award Committee: Nancy Doody has agreed to chair the committee again and Angela Stanaway will do the awards computations. Everyone on the committee from last year was asked to let Sheli and Nancy know if they will continue. Also, if you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Sheli by August 8th. The date of the banquet is Sunday, February 1st at the Greencroft Club.

New Business:

Nancy Doody is only getting membership updates from three chapters. It is extremely important for all communications with our members, including year end awards information that the membership chairs are submitting spreadsheets. The first tab of the workbook should have the first and last name of ONLY adult members. The second tab should have the email addresses for parents and guardians of junior members. Jessie suggested that chapters include the year end award emails that are sent in whatever

form of communication the chapter uses to contact their members in an additional effort to not miss people accidentally.

Rachel would also like to work with the individual chapter's volunteer coordinator's to ensure that the volunteers that think they have state hours vs chapter hours truly do.

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- The clinic that was schedule for August 2nd on Horsemanship with Christina Bailey at Glamorgan Farm in Doswell has been postponed until the fall. Clinic with Kathy Rowse Sept 20-21 at Saddlebrook Stables in Powhatan, Clinic with Bruno Greber Nov 8 at Oakdale Equestrian Center in Powhatan

Charlottesville- Lauren Sprieser clinic Oct 24-25 at Old Raptor Farm

Fredericksburg – Licensed show September 6-7 at Rose Mount

NEVADA – Schooling Shows: Sunday August 10 (Judge tbd) 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 – August 23-24 two one day licensed shows, November 1 Schooling show and championship

SVDA- 2025 Schooling Show dates: August 24 at Kelly Coyne Dressage (judged by Robyn Nunnally) 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 Wednesday August 27th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas