

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 3-02-23 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Kathleen Kelly (SWVADA); Karen Rice (Fred); Sandy Monolo (NEVADA), Annette Hildabrand (ShenVADA); Diann Carpenter (NOVA) and members Rachel Rice, Lisa Beckwith, and Diane Boyd

Minutes: Laura Nelson made the motion and Anne Draine seconded that we approve the January minutes, and everyone concurred except Annette Hildabrand who abstained.

Treasurer's Report: Via email Jessie reported that our combined balance is \$183,622. This includes all the banquet expenses and the Purple Book. The banquet had an income of \$4,923 with \$2,573 coming in from the silent auction. The Year End expenses were \$10,614 leaving a net expense for the program of \$5,691.

General Chapter Matters: Sheli discussed the fiduciary responsibilities of the board members to protect the assets of the club as well as providing financial transparency to our members. She encouraged any chapter who needed guidance in this regard to reach out so other chapters could share their experiences with various account tracking and show financial reporting programs. Also discussed was a common term to be used by all chapters for members who join multiple chapters. One is their primary and the other is an affiliation membership. Sheli will review the by-laws to see how membership is described and whether any other changes are needed and report back.

Annual Awards Banquet- Feedback from Nancy Doody and others who attended and were on the call was positive. The committee will be meeting sometime in March for a wrap up and start planning for next year. Nancy Doody is the committee chair and anyone interested in joining the committee should contact her.

2024 Purple Book: We are forming a committee to brainstorm how to put together the online format, talk about security, etc. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Sheli. As with any committee, this counts towards volunteer hours. Diann Carpenter and Nancy Doody have already volunteered.

2024 Clinic: This is another opportunity for members to join a committee and earn volunteer hours. Those interested should contact Sheli. First order of business is to establish a date and a facility.

DAL Update: Dates are July 14-16. Dianne Boyd reported that we have an onsite vet confirmed, and awards and hospitality will once again be outside in the same location as last year. The breed show judge will be Kristy Wysoki and she's working on securing the other judges.

GAIG Update: Dates are Oct 5-8. Dianne reported that she's working on securing the officials; some of whom will be new to us. She has already gotten Bill Warren. VHC has no plans to upgrade the northern arena so it will again be schooling. New this year is that freestyles will be split by division. She also told us that the show falls on a parents weekend so make sure all your members know to book hotel rooms early as they will be in short supply.

AOB: The Region 1 meeting is March 9th. If you are a GMO/PMO rep, please be on the call. Voting for the locations of the Region 1 Championship (does NOT have to be hosted by a GMO) and the CBLM (does have to be hosted by a GMO) will take place. Laura Nelson asked how other chapters handle

schooling shows that are at farms in the area but not run by the local chapter when members of a chapter like to participate and perhaps use the scores for local chapter awards. Chapter reps discussed how their individual chapters handle.

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

Central- Clinic with Bruno Greber March 11th at Oakdale Equestrian Center. Decades of Dressage Schooling Show on March 18th at Saddlebrook.

Charlottesville- They are having an “Up the Levels” clinic with Carter Bass for the new tests April 1-2, 2023. The first day will be for levels 1-4 and the second day will be FEI. The clinic will be in Afton and open to everyone. April 15th and 16th they have having a MFS clinic with Terry Gallo at Stave Mill Farm in Esmont. They are also having a Michael Bragdell Clinic at Afton Stables April 26-27.

Fredericksburg – They are planning a clinic with Jane Kelly date tbd.

NEVADA – They are going to have 9 schooling shows this year and upcoming clinics with Nancy Lowey and Jane Kelly.

NOVA – On March 18th they will be having a fix a test clinic with Donna Gatchell and a schooling show at Morven on March 19th. Licensed show on April 8th. June 10-11 is their Summer Dressage Festival. July 26-29 is their dressage camp.

ShenVADA – They are having a clinic April 22 at Lighthouse Farm with Rose Pellasic.

SVDA- Schooling show March 26th at Pleasant Ridge in VA Beach. Also upcoming schooling shows April 23, May 21, June 18, July 9, July 30, Aug 27, Sept 24 and Oct 29.

Southwest- On April 23rd and June 4th they are having schooling shows combined with BREA at Green Hill Park.

NEXT MEETING April 18th AT 8pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas