

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 10-16-25 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (C'ville); Alison Douglas (Central); Angie Stanaway (NEVADA); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Katie Kelly (SWVADA); Hannah Bowers (F'burg); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville); Sheryl Wyatt (NE); Anne Draine (NE); Megan Irby (F'burg) and member Dianne Boyd

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

Treasurer's Report: The combined balances are 267K. The financials for GAIG are not complete. Sheli asked the group to think about things we can do to give back to both our VADA members as well as Region 1 as a discussion point for our next meeting. She also wants to talk about raising the amount of chapter grants for 2026. She brought up the 2027 clinic- do we want Lilo or another clinician? She'll reach out to VHC for availability of the East Complex.

Membership Report: For the year 2025, we have 540 memberships submitted.

VADA Safe Sport Policy Update: Sheli reported that most of the chapters have adopted the protocol and if there is a chapter that has not, please send her an email explaining how you plan to comply. The next step will be to agree as a board on the protocol implementation and tracking as well as the reimbursement process. Also please submit to Sheli your club members who worked on this for volunteer hours.

GAIG Update: Dianne gave the board her recap. She said it was a wonderful show with huge participation from several regions. We ran a total of 8 rings, of which 5 were used for Championship classes. She hasn't gotten any feedback from USEF but there were no big issues that she knows about. The one area we continue to struggle with is finding an adequate number of volunteers and we should think about a way to incentivize them. Tina reported that we have 70 competitors from this show that will be going on to compete at finals, with not everyone who qualified going. Sheli thanked everyone who helped, supported, and competed.

GM Representatives for USDF Convention: The board reviewed the standing rule proposal regarding selection of recipients, attendance expectations and repayment requirements that was circulated before our meeting. Sheli made the motion, seconded by Anne, that VADA reimburse the President, 2 GM voting delegates, and 2 wildcard spots, \$500 each as a stipend for expense reimbursement. We would like to get more members participating. We still have one wildcard spot available. Anyone interested please contact Shelli by October 26th.

Year End Award Committee: The date of the banquet is Sunday, February 1st at the Greencroft Club. The committee's first meeting was held earlier this week. They finalized the timetable for the awards submission and review process. Angie Stanaway will oversee compiling the results using Google Docs. There will be an eblast sent out with the deadlines and links. Chapters- please make sure Nancy Doody has your latest membership. Laura Nelson asked about recognizing any Century Riders during the banquet. If your chapter had any this year, please let Nancy Doody know.

New Business:

Laura Nelson has agreed to handle the Shel Gafford nominations again this year. Chapters reps please discuss at your next board meetings and remind folks that you can nominate someone outside of your chapter. Nominations are due in the middle of December.

If anyone would like to join the call, the Region 1 Zoom Meeting will be November 6th at 7pm. Information can be found on the Region 1 website.

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- Horseman ship clinic with Christina Bailey Oct 26 at Glamorgan in Doswell, Clinic with Bruno Greber Nov 8 at Oakdale Equestrian Center in Powhatan

Charlottesville- Lauren Sprieser clinic Oct 25-26 at Old Raptor Farm in Louisa

Fredericksburg –

NEVADA – Schooling Shows: Sunday Nov 2 (Judge tbd)

NOVA – November 1 Schooling show and championship

SVDA- 2025 Schooling Show dates: Oct 26 at the Airfield 4-H Conference Center – this is the Championship Show (judged by Kat Sepka, Elise Enoch) Nov 23 at White Acre Farm (judged by AnnaMari Ingersoll)

SWVADA-

NEXT MEETING Wednesday Nov 19th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas