

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 8-15-23 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Alison Douglas (Central); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Laura Nelson (SWVADA), Diann Carpenter (NOVA); Muffin Smith (SWVADA), and members Rachel Rice, and Diane Boyd

Minutes: Laura Nelson made the motion, seconded by Nancy Lowey, to approve the June minutes. They were then approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that our combined balance is \$161,981.25. She also mentioned that chapters should make sure that their checks have the legal name of the chapter (i.e., not just VADA), to make it easier to identify when she and other payees receive funds. Jessie also brought up the reminder that, for this year, there is a supplemental \$400 for Chapter Grants. To qualify, the chapter should submit an article summarizing the teaching points/highlights of the clinic. It is recommended to assign or solicit one or more volunteers to do this before the clinic so that they can be attentive and take notes and photographs for this purpose. Please submit the article and photos to Jessie Ginsburg, with the name and address of the person who should receive the check and cc Nancy Doody so she can post the article and photos on the website.

Membership Report: Our official membership with USDF is currently 547 members.

2024 Clinic: Sheli has learned that Sabine Shut Kery is waiting to figure out her show dates for 2024 before she commits to clinics as it will be an Olympic year. In light of this, the board discussed having another clinician for 2024 and contacting Sabine for 2025. Lilo Fore was brought up as a possible clinician. Tina will check with VHC for available dates.

DAL Update: Sheli reported that the show lost money this year. The final number will be shared at the next meeting. There were several contributing factors including a decrease in entries and thus fees, and an increase in general expenses overall. She has several ideas regarding generating more revenue which she will share at a later date.

GAIG Update: Dates are Oct 5-8. Dianne reported that everything is on task. We will be restricting some of the warmup areas to championship classes. All the FEI classes except for freestyles will be in the DD. All the freestyles will be inside, and awards will be upstairs in the coliseum as usual.

Year End Banquet: Nancy Doody reported that visits were made to other venues, and they were not feasible. The committee held a meeting and proposed that we remain at the Greencroft Club, which the board agreed with. The date will be Sunday, February 4th.

USDF Convention: This year's convention is in Omaha, NE from November 29th thru December 2nd. Tina reported that there will be more educational forums in the agenda this year. Also, all the council chairs are up for election. Based on our current membership, we will have 2 GM delegates and they will be Jessie and Diann Carpenter. Alison made a motion, seconded by Nancy Lowey, that we give each VADA PM/GM delegate a stipend of \$500 towards expenses. With Sheli and Jessie abstaining, the motion carried. For clarification, VADA elects the GM delegates based on membership and the PM delegates are elected on the USDF website from the Region. We only reimburse PM delegates that are VADA members.

Donations: Sheli opened a discussion regarding lending the VADA rings to the Youth Competition next year as there has been a change in management and the show will be in Rosemont, which is logistically challenging for Tina. Also, it will no longer be affiliated with a GMO. It was suggested that perhaps the Fredericksburg and Charlottesville chapters could lend their rings instead. As Sheli briefly mentioned in our last board meeting, she also wants the executive board to formulate donation policies and guidelines. We will have a meeting after the GAIG show in the fall.

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

Central- Oct 21-22 clinic with Nicole DelGiorno at Old Raptor Farm. The two-day licensed show April 27-28, 2024, will be held at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot.

Charlottesville-

Fredericksburg – Their licensed show will be Sept 9-10 at Rosemont. It's the last qualifier for GAIGS and the next to last for CBLM. Entry information is available on horseshowoffice.com.

NEVADA – Sept 16th clinic with Nikki Vogel at Sandy Monolo's farm. Schooling shows at Edgehill- Oct 29, and Nov 12. They will also have one at the State Fair – date tbd.

NOVA – Aug 26-27 two one day licensed shows at Morven.

ShenVADA –

SVDA- Schooling shows- Aug 27 at Kelly Conye's farm in Virginia Beach, Sept 24 at River Birch Farm in Courtland, and Oct 29 at Airfield Conf Center in Wakefield.

Southwest- October 15 schooling show at Green Hill Park.

NEXT MEETING September 21st AT 8pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas