

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 8-27-2026 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (C'ville); Alison Douglas (Central); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Hannah Bowers (F'burg); Christina Arrington (Central); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Nancy Doody (C'ville), Angie Stanaway (NEVADA), Sheryl Wyatt (NEVADA), and member Dianne Boyd

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

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that our combined balances are 234K. This includes income from GAIG's without the expenses.

VADA Safe Sport Policy: Reminder that by March 2027, chapters should start the new year of submissions. Christina will provide the form as well as the names of all the individuals who filled the listed positions, along with the date of their Safe Sport training.

GAIG Update: The theme for the competitor's party on Friday will be Firehorse with a Chinese menu. There will be a cash bar and a DJ. Saturday evening will be the Doggy Costume Contest. USDF has a new award this year- the Youth Regional Merit Award. This is for kids 13 and under who are competing in regional championship classes at Training and First Level. Champion and Reserve will be awarded for the highest scores. There will be an awards ceremony with ribbons and prizes. It's being sponsored by D4Kids- who will also be at our show as a vendor. We are still in need of volunteers- please reach out to Rachel.

Submissions for GMO Award Nominations: We did not have any chapter submissions. We did submit the VADA website. The deadline for nominating volunteer of the year is August 31st, and this doesn't have to be approved by VADA, however, please give Sheli a heads up if you are nominating someone.

USDF Convention: We need GM delegates. The convention is in Louisville, KY starting on December 3rd. Those interested please contact Sheli.

New Business:

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: Lonesome Dove volunteer days Sept 4-5, Patrick Tigchelaar Clinic Sept 19-20 at Saddlebrook Farm, Debbie Rodriguez clinic October 17-18 at Saddlebrook Farm

Charlottesville: Schooling show September 13th at Grayson Farms Judge Nicky Vogel

NEVADA: Schooling shows at Edgehill Farm- September 20 Judge Elise Enoch, September 30 Judge Annmari Ingersoll (tentative State Fair), October 18 Judge Lorraine Evans, November 1 Judge April Rivers. Registration for all of these is on www.competeeasy.com.

Fredericksburg: Licensed show Dressage At Rose Mount will be held September 5-6

NOVA: On behalf of NOVA, Jessie thanked VADA for the chapter grant that they used for the Aug 21 Lilo Fore Judge Education Classroom Session. It was well attended with 26 judges and 10 auditors. Jessie volunteered to help other chapters with the format if they are interested in hosting the same sort of forum. Nov 7-8 Schooling Show and Schooling Show Championship

SVDA: Schooling Show Schedule- September 20 at Riverbirch Farm Judge Jane Kelly, October 31 Championship Show at Airfield 4-H judge tbd, Nov 7-8 Fall Clinic and general membership meeting with Carol Bishop and Ingrid Martin's Farm and Briar Glen Academy.

SWVADA: Schooling show at Green Hill Park on September 27

NEXT MEETING Thursday October 8th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas