

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2-22-24 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Katie Kelly (SWVADA), Anne Draine (NEVADA); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Karen Rice (Fred'burg), Jane Palmer (ShenVADA); Christina Arrington (Central); Rachel Rice (NOVA) and special guests Kathy Rowse, Renee O'Leary and Becky Buehren

Minutes: The minutes from the January meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

L Program: Kathy Rowse and Renee O'Leary gave an overview of their proposal that we host a L Program with session A tentative dates of December 14-15 2024 and Debbie Rodriguez as the clinician. Session B tentative dates of February 8-9, 2025, and Lisa Schmidt as the clinician. Session C tentative dates of March 22-23, 2025, with Kathy Rowse as the clinician. The sessions will be held at Renee's Old Raptor Farm. Kat Sepka would be the organizer. Renee's expressed concerns that we would have enough interest from our members. Nancy Doody will send out a survey to the membership to gauge interest with the range of costs for the three sessions. Hotel recommendations, volunteers and demo riders needed were all discussed. Sheli made the motion to approve the proposal with VADA as the official GMO. Rachel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that the combined balances are approximately \$185,000. This includes all the expenses from the banquet, insurance renewal and the ribbon order for the year. Jessie submitted the financial report from the awards banquet, showing a net expense of \$6800. Our goal for the banquet is that reservation and silent auction income offsets the cost of the facility which it did.

Reservation Income	\$ 3,232.00
Silent Auction Income	\$ 2,743.00
Total income	\$ 5,975.00
Facility Expense	\$ 4,299.51
VIP Expense	\$ 1,659.56
Special Recognitions	\$ 1,878.00
Ribbons Expense	\$ 1,608.42
Awards Expense	\$ 3,145.64
Misc Expenses	\$ 176.71
Total Expenses	\$12,767.84

Membership Report: Sheli reported we currently have 227 members currently with USDF however, Beth has more to submit.

Year End Banquet: Nancy Doody thanked the committee and folks who contributed to the silent auction. Jessie would like any chapter feedback.

Discussion on possible use of the USDF GAIG Grant: Tina spoke to the fact that we receive two grants- \$1000 for hosting, and then another \$1000 after a successful show. She proposed that we use the \$2000 in a way to thank Region 1 for their support of the show and suggested that the Region 1 logo could use an update. There is currently a logo contest so covering the cost of a new logo design might not be needed and the board discussed other ways we could market Region 1. The idea of having some type of giveaway at the next USDF convention was suggested. Tina made a motion, seconded by Jessie, that we earmark the \$2000 for a new logo design (to the extent needed) and any surplus funds be used for a Region 1 giveaway at the convention. The motion passed unanimously.

Purple Book: The majority of the information that was in the Purple Book is now on our website. What is not out there is membership information. The board discussed that the next logical step is to have a meeting with the membership chairs of the chapters to get their input as to the best way and timing to have them submit information that could be found on the website in some sort of password protected mode so that only members have access.

Chapter Grants: Sheli is working on an online form submission process. The board also discussed the current requirements regarding types of activities. Currently, it's very clinic oriented. Sheli will submit a proposal regarding the types of activities we feel the grant should cover and present it to the board at the next meeting.

New Business: Alison brought up the Conflict of Interest form that all board members should be submitting annually and she will be sending one out for the current year.

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- Decades of Dressage Fun Schooling Show March 23rd at Keystone Acres in Chesterfield with Annmari Ingersoll judging, Michael Bragdell clinic April 13-14 at Old Raptor Farm. The two-day licensed show April 27-28, 2024, will be held at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot.

Charlottesville- Hannah Pierucci Schmidt Clinic March 23-24 at Grayson Farm in Scottsville. Longing clinic with Bruno Greber April 13th. The Isabel F. de Szinay Memorial two-day licensed show June 15-16, will be held in Culpepper.

Fredericksburg –

NEVADA –

NOVA – Scribing clinic March 14-17, March 17th Schooling Show at Morven Park, April 6-7 Spring Dressage Competition, May 9-10 Debbie Rodriguez clinic at Windswept Farm, June 8-9 Summer Dressage Show at Morven Park, Aug 3rd schooling show at Morven Park

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SVDA- Schooling show March 24th at Kelly Coyne Dressage with Donna Gatchell judging, April 21st at Seahorse Run with Sandy Toby judging, May 19th at River Birch Farm with Margaret Little judging, June 23rd location tbd with Robyn Nunnally judging, July 7th at Peace Haven Farm with Jane Kelly judging, July

28th at Seahorse Run with Kat Sepka judging, August 25th at Kelly Coyne Dressage with Annmari Ingersoll judging, Sept 29th at River Birch Farm with Elise Enoch judging.

SWVADA- March 2nd, at the VA Tech Arena, they are holding a working equitation clinic with Holly Linz that is open to the public. March 3rd is their banquet.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday March 27th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas