

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 10-22-24 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Christina Arrington (Central); Anne Draine (NE); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Megan Irby (F'burg); Angie Stanaway (NEVADA); Rachel Rice (NOVA); Sandy Toby (SVDA); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville); Muffin Smith (SWVADA) and member Dianne Boyd

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: No update. GAIG financials aren't completed.

Membership Report: We currently have 601 members with USDF.

USDF Convention: The dates are December 5th - 8th in Houston. Sheli will carry the VADA proxy. Information regarding the agenda can be found on the USDF website.

Region 1 Meeting: The zoom call will be Nov 14 at 7:30. Information about the call can be found on the Region 1 website. You do not need to be a delegate to attend the meeting, all are welcome to participate.

GAIG Wrap up: Sheli thanked everyone who helped make the show a success. Awards participation was at 75-80% across the board, including Sunday. The weather was super. Tina was told by the competition management council of USDF that Region 1 was complimented for having the best run DSE classes of all 9 regions. Regrettably, one of our long time scorers passed away, Sandy Rokosz, who will be sorely missed. Diane also thanked everyone. We had minimal issues. Nancy Doody said the awards area ran smoothly. Rachel thanked all her wonderful volunteers.

Year End Awards Banquet: Nancy Doody gave an update that the kickoff meeting is the 28th of October. It will be very similar to last year. Deadline is December 1st for awards submission. The date is February 2nd at the Greencroft. Chapter reps please remind riders to submit pictures with their awards submissions. Chapters also need to submit their volunteer hours to Joanne Collins.

Lilo Fore Clinic: It will be held May 3-4 at Morven Park. There will be a min 8 riders max 10. Riders interested will submit an application that includes a video of a test at the level they are riding. We hope to get representation thru the levels among the different chapters. The clinic will be auditor oriented. The price for auditors will be the same for VADA and Region 1 GMO members. We need volunteers to help run and collect auditor applications. We are hoping to get Lilo to come early and do some judges' training on Friday- more info on that to come.

L Program: Sheli received an update email from Kat and everything is on track. A question was asked about providing free auditing to board members. Sheli brought up this goes against 501c3 rules about giving benefits to certain members. Sandy Toby made the motion, seconded by Anne Draine that we decline the idea. The motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Doody also wants to remind the chapter membership chairs to continue to send her new member information so she can add them to the directory.

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- The juniors are holding several fundraisers in November, info on the website.

Charlottesville-

Fredericksburg – Debbie Bowman clinic October 27th at Hillcrest Farm.

NEVADA –Last schooling show is November 10th judge tbd

NOVA – Nov 2nd 24 Schooling Show Championship and Fall Show at Morven Park

ShenVADA – They will be holding a clinic with date tbd.

SVDA- Schooling Shows- Oct 27th at Airfield with Robyn Nunnally and Kris and Heather Hamilton for Western Dressage.

SWVADA-

NEXT MEETING Wednesday November 20th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas