

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11-20-24 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); 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); Sandy Monolo (NE); and members Dianne Boyd and Nancy Lowey.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that the combined balances are 265K, which includes all the income from the L program but not the expenses. We are still working on final GAIG income.

Membership Report: We finished the year with 601 members with USDF. The 2025 membership roster for USDF is now available. Chapters- please remind your members that the membership year starts December 1st.

Year End Awards Banquet: Nancy Doody gave an update that we've had the kickoff committee meeting with another meeting schedule for this Sunday. The banquet format will be very similar to last year. Deadline is December 1st for awards submission. The tentative date for the final list that will be distributed is December 16th, with award winners able to choose their prizes at the end of December. The banquet 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. There was a request from a member that we split MFS awards by level which the committee reviewed and concluded that there were not enough entries per level to warrant the split. They came back to the board with the suggestion that instead of that, we split all the schooling show awards between open and amateur (i.e. three levels, jr/yr, amateur and open) which would include MFS. Jessie made the motion that the level split start with the 2025 competition year and the motion passed unanimously.

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. Lilo has agreed to do a judges education session on Friday afternoon. It will be open to L grads, L candidates, and licensed judges as participants but will also be open to members to audit.

L Program: Sheli received an update email from Kat and the first session is full with 30 participants and a long waiting list. There are currently 28 auditors signed up with more coming in the mail, so we anticipate it will fill quickly with no walk ins the day of.

VADA Safe Sport Initiative: Sheli, Jessie and Tina, all of whom were at a lecture at last year's USDF convention on the subject, talked to the board about what they learned and what they feel should be VADA's policy. Sheli encouraged everyone to go out to the USEF website and read the policy regarding interaction with minors which she feels the VADA and all chapters should adopt. As this is the beginning of the discussion, please email Sheli and Alison with your questions, concerns, and suggestions which we will capture and summarize for future board discussions. Some of the areas to be discussed are who would be required to take the training and how VADA would reimburse those who we feel should be required to take the training but are not USEF members.

New Business: The year end awards committee is asking that we be allowed to increase the cost of the VIP prizes by \$10 each. Rachel made the motion, Laura seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Nancy Lowey and Laura Nelson have graciously agreed to be the nominating committee for the 2025 election of officers. Please send nominations to them by January 10th. As a reminder to chapters, board reps should be chosen by December 31st.

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- Annual banquet January 19th.

Charlottesville- Biomechanics and riding unmounted clinic with Stacy Pattison April 11-13 2025 at Old Raptor Farm Lauren Sprieser clinic May 24-25 2025 at Old Raptor Farm

Fredericksburg –

NEVADA – Annual banquet January 26th.

NOVA – Annual Judges' Roundtable with Lisa Schmidt (S) at Ida Lee Rec Center in Leesaburg February 17th, Annual member and volunteer party February 23rd 2 day schooling show at Morven Park March 15-16 2025, Spring Licensed Show April 5-6 2025, Midweek May Meet Licensed Show May 7 2025

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SWVADA- Annual banquet February 8th Educational Sunday February 23 2025 at VT.

NEXT MEETING Thursday December 19th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas