

## VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1-11-24 VIA ZOOM

**Participating:** Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Muffin Smith (SWVADA), Anne Draine (NEVADA); Sandy Johnson-Toby (SE); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Karen Rice (Fred'burg), Katie Kelly (SWVADA); Christina Arrington (Central); and member Diane Boyd

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Jessie reported that the combined balances are approximately \$201,000. That includes some of the year end award expenses. Tina reported that the profit from GAIG was approximately \$60,000. She also said that for regionals this year, the kid's equitation class fee will be going up to \$50 as the USDF has started charging and the fee has to be paid even for scratched rides.

**Membership Report:** Sheli reported we currently have 209 members.

**2025 Clinic:** We will proceed with a Lilo Fore clinic at Morven Park on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2025. An organizing committee will convene in the fall.

**Year End Banquet:** The date is Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Greencroft Club in Charlottesville. January 22<sup>nd</sup> is the final date to submit a reservation. Chapters are encouraged to submit a donation.

**Gafford Award:** Laura Nelson is collecting the chapters votes. They are due back by January 19<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

**2024 Election:** The same board will continue in their current positions for 2024.

**New Business:** As you have your elections for 2025 officers, please make sure you send Alison Douglas the chapter reps, website/newsletter chair and President. Alison also needs the chapter's picks for VADA Vol of the Year for their Chapter.

Nancy Doody reported that the 2024 sponsorships for DAL/GAIG are up and running. There is the same chapter bundle as in previous years.

Sheli will be organizing a committee for the preparation of the electronic version of the Purple Book. There is no hard paper copy this year.

USDF is raising the GMO membership fee by \$1 beginning in December for the 2025 competition 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-** Year end awards banquet will be January 28<sup>th</sup> in Glen Allen. Nutrition clinic January 23<sup>rd</sup> with Doug Leavitt at Oakdale Equestrian Center in Powhatan. The two-day licensed show April 27-28, 2024, will be held at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot.

**Charlottesville-** Year end awards banquet will be February 18<sup>th</sup> at Michie Tavern.

**Fredericksburg** – Year end awards banquet will be January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 Bears & A Goat Brewing Co.

**NEVADA –**

**NOVA** – Judges round table with Lisa Schmidt on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

**ShenVADA** –

**SVDA**- Year end awards banquet will be January 27<sup>th</sup> at Airfield 4-H Conference Center.

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

**NEXT MEETING Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 pm**

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas