

## VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11-1-23 VIA ZOOM

**Participating:** Sheli King (VN); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Muffin Smith (SWVADA), Diann Carpenter (NOVA); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Karen Rice (F'burg); Sandy Johnson-Toby (SE); Katie Kelly (SWVADA); and member Diane Boyd

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Jessie reported that the combined balances are approximately \$206,000.

**Membership Report:** Per Beth Rippel, we have 564 members, which is down 30 from the prior year.

**2024 Clinic:** Sheli reported that Lilo Fore is not available and brought up the possibility of pairing with Olivia and the series of youth clinics (from the flyer). The issue will be tabled till the next meeting when we'll have more information.

**GAIG Update:** Dianne reported that we had good feedback, despite the late nights and the vendors were happy. A big thank you from the board to everyone who helped make this very large show a success.

**Year End Banquet:** The date is Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Greencroft Club in Charlottesville. Nancy Doody has sent out an eblast with deadlines and links and will send updates as appropriate. December 1 is the deadline for award submittal which is entirely online. Lunch will be a BBQ buffet- adults \$40 and children under 10 \$18 with all payments through paypal. The same procedures for checking year end award results and volunteer hours for VIP will be used this year as well.

**Gafford Award:** Nominations are open and are due to Laura Nelson by December 8<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is free to nominate, it doesn't have to be a chapter and while chapters may submit nominations, they are not required to do so. The award is based on sportsmanship and volunteerism. Once the nominations are complete, Laura will send them out to the chapters who will then submit their vote.

**New Business:** Nancy Doody asked if any other chapters were increasing their membership fees for the new year as Charlottesville will be. No chapters on the call indicated that they were. Alison brought up best practice for a waiver that all chapters could utilize for activities that aren't affiliated with the USEF/USDF, i.e., clinics, etc. Dianne Boyd encouraged everyone to look at the language in the USEF waiver as it's comprehensive. Christine Arrington redid Central's based on the USEF and input from Tina. It is attached to the minutes if any other chapters would like to use. Nancy Doody brought up that she has received Chapter Grant write ups from several chapters and reminds everyone that they go to Jessie to be approved first. We will work on an online process for grant submissions for next year.

**Chapter Updates: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE SENDING INFO TO NANCY DOODY FOR THE WEBSITE**

**Central-** Nov 19<sup>th</sup> unmounted vet clinic at Saddlebrook in Powatan. 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** – Clinic with Donna Gatchell at Clark Equestrian in Louisa on Dec 2nd

**NEVADA** – Schooling show at Edgehill Nov 12th

**NOVA** – Schooling Show Championship and open fall schooling show November 4th

**ShenVADA** –

**SVDA-**

**Southwest-** Cavaletti clinic at Greenhill Park in Salem with Tracy Smith-Oliver on November 18th

**NEXT MEETING December 6th AT 8pm**

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas