

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 8/18/22 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (Charlottesville); Anne Draine (North East); Alison Douglas (Central); Lisa Beckwith (NEVADA); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Sherri Booye (C'ville); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Alex Jeffers (Central); Jane Palmer (ShenVADA); Anna Simmons (Fred); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); and member Dianne Boyd.

Minutes: Anne Draine made the motion and Sherri Booye seconded that we approve the June minutes, and everyone concurred.

Treasurer's Report: Tina reported that we had \$109K in our treasury. There are still a few items from DAL that need to be reconciled. DAL had sponsorship money of \$3585 plus the \$6000 Peta Jean Wylie donated for the Maestro Cup. The facility alone was \$42,473.

DAL Wrap-up: Dianne reported that we had good participation in the SHAC. There was good participation in the awards ceremonies with riders using the saddle pads they won. Debbie Rodriguez was there to present the Trainers Award to Lauren Sprieser. Sheli had feedback that the breed show competitors liked the move of location from the coliseum to the back barn.

GAIG: Diane reported that we will need more stewards as physical equipment checks are mandatory again. We will also need to control the warmups to ensure that they are limited to people warming up for classes. We will have the Doggie Costume Contest again this year. The competitors party will be Friday night (Taco Bar) up in the mezzanine. Participation in awards ceremonies is still optional. Having the horses dressed in advance really helps them run faster and smoother. We will not need gatekeepers. There is a rule change for next year making gatekeepers optional i.e., up to show management. Please volunteer. There is a link on the VADA website with a form or you can email Rachel at volunteervada@gmail.com.

Chapter Challenge Exploratory Committee: The committee will be sending a survey out to members in September asking for feedback regarding the types of events they'd participate in, how far they are willing to travel and how much they are willing to spend.

2023/2024 VADA EVENT: The most logical location is VHC East Complex. We will find out open dates for 2023 and 2024 and then go after a clinician. Possible clinicians- Adrienne Lyle, Sabine Schut-Kery, and Ali Brock. Anyone with other suggestions, please email Tina.

USDF Convention: Convention is November 30th through December 3rd in Lexington, KY. We need GMO reps for the convention and that also means you are the rep for the Region Meetings until November of next year. We currently have 557 members, which allows us two reps. If we get to 600 members by September 1, we can send three reps. **CHAPTERS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS HAVE SUBMITTED ALL NEW MEMBERS TO BETH RIPPLE IMMEDIATELY SO WE CAN TRY TO GET TO THAT 600 MEMBER NUMBER.**

New website: Nancy Doody has given us a brand-new website. Check it out. Same address. Contact her with any suggestions you have.

Chapter Updates:

Central- Schooling show at Chestnut Oaks November 5th, Bruno Greber clinic November 20th at Old Raptor Farm in Louisa

Charlottesville- They are having a clinic September 7th at Old Raptor Farm for the residents of the Colonnades Senior Living Community. They are also planning an “Up the Levels” clinic with Carter Bass for the new tests April 1-2. The first day will be for levels 1-4 and the second day will be FEI. The clinic will be in Afton and open to everyone.

Fredericksburg - Their LS will be at Rosemount September 10-11 and the following weekend 17-18 a riding clinic with Michael Bragdell. They are also planning a yoga clinic on horseback for some time in October.

NEVADA – September 1st will be the last of their Thursday night schooling show series under the lights at Edgehill Farm. They are having a schooling show on September 18th and another at the State Fair September 28th.

NOVA – Two one day licensed shows August 27-28. Their schooling show championship will be November 5th.

ShenVADA -They are having a schooling show on 9/17 at Cedar Creek. Nancy Lowey will be the judge. And their holiday pageant on 12/3.

SVDA- Will be having schooling shows one a month all summer. They will also have a new test clinic with Debbie Rodriguez next year.

Southwest- Has a schooling show (held jointly with a combined test) on 10-16 at Greenhill Park.

NEXT MEETING September 29th AT 8pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas