

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1-23-25 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Christina Arrington (Central); Anne Draine (NE); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Angie Stanaway (NEVADA); Rachel Rice (NOVA); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Carolyn Briggs (F'burg); Hannah Bowers (F'burg); Lisa Powers-Freeze (NEVADA); Lori LaFave (NOVA)

Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting were approved with two abstentions for members who were not at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The combined balances are 240K. Sheli brought up that without the VHC, we would not be able to hold these large shows, and she feels that we should make a donation. She will work with a member of their team to come up with ideas and give an update at our next meeting.

Membership Report: For the year 2025, we have 193 memberships submitted. Chapters- please remind your members that the membership year starts December 1st and chapter coordinators please send your membership lists to Beth Ripple and Nancy Doody in a timely manner. Beth has not received any 2025 membership submissions from NEVADA and SWVADA.

Year End Awards Banquet: Nancy wants to thank everyone who donated to the silent auction. Attendance has closed and we are at capacity.

Lilo Fore Clinic: It will be held May 3-4 at Morven Park. The rider applications are on the website, and we are not looking at the applications until the closing date to get proper representation between levels and chapters. The application deadline is February 15th. We've applied for a \$1000 grant from USDF. The auditor fee will be \$35 per day or \$60 for both days and includes lunch and snacks. The auditor form is under development. We are working on a location for Lilo to do a Judge's education session including a light dinner late afternoon on Friday which will be open to L grads and judges only. Everyone else can audit.

Winter Zoom Education Session: Rachel will be putting together a lecture by Gwen Ka'awaloa focused on providing first aid with items typically already available at your barn. We are targeting to have this in February.

VADA Safe Sport Initiative: We are going to establish a working group with one member from each chapter to develop implementation, reporting and documentation. Within the next two weeks please send your chapter's choice for representation to Alison Douglas.

USDA Horse Activity legislation update: They have amended the Horse Protection Act. Up until recently it primarily focused on gaited horses, however it now encompasses all horse activities. We have to report our activities as of Feb 1. The USEF has reached out to try to get a 60-day extension to better understand the requirements. For licensed shows, the USEF will provide the information to the USDA. We are trying to understand if we will have to report our schooling shows and possibly clinics.

Donation for the 2025 Youth Team: Sheli made a motion, seconded by Anne Draine, that we sponsor the ice cream social \$400 again as we did last year. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Nancy Doody would like to have a zoom meeting with the membership chairs of the chapters to go over the protocols for submission and updates. She also wants them to submit an additional sheet with the contact information for parents of juniors so she can add to the constant contact list and ensure they are aware of our events/awards. She'd like to have the meeting in late February.

Tina brought up that every chapter needs to make sure that on the form, we make sure that it states if the membership is for anyone under the age of 18, we cannot have the child's email address, we must have a parent.

Sheli read Kat's financial report after the first session, and we are under budget. Profit from the session was \$4600 and was budgeted to be around \$2000.

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- March 8-9 Debbie Rodriguez Clinic at Saddlebrook Stables in Powhatan

Charlottesville- Biomechanics and riding unmounted clinic with Stacy Pattison April 11-13 at Old Raptor Farm - George Williams Clinic July 26-27 at Stave Mill Farm in Esmont-Lauren Sprieser clinic Oct 24-25 at Old Raptor Farm

Fredericksburg –

NEVADA – 2025 Schooling Show dates: Sunday April 13 (Judge April Rivers) Sunday May 11 (Judge Jeslyn Vaughn) Sunday June 15 (Judge tbd) Sunday July 20 (Judge tbd) Sunday August 10 (Judge tbd) Sunday Sept 21 (Judge tbd) Wednesday Oct 1st at the State Fair (Judge AnnMari Ingersoll) Sunday Oct 19 (Judge tbd) Sunday Nov 2 (Judge tbd)

NOVA – Annual Judges' Roundtable with Lisa Schmidt (S) at Ida Lee Rec Center in Leesburg 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, Midweek May Meet Licensed Show May 7 2025 June 7-8 Summer Dressage Festival Licensed Show

ShenVADA –

SVDA- 2025 Schooling Show dates: March 23 at Kelly Coyne Dressage (Judge Margaret Little) April 13 at Seahorse Run (Judge Donna Gatchell) May 11 at Gryphon Run (Judge Kat Sepka) May 25 at Seahorse Run (Judge Elise Enoch) June 22 at White Acre Farm (Judge Wanda Escobar) August 24 at Kelly Coyne Dressage (Judge Robyn Nunnally) Sept 21 at River Birch Farm (Judge Sandy Toby) Oct 26 at the Airfield 4-H Conference Center – this is the Championship Show (Judge Kat Sepka, Elise Enoch & Robyn Nunnally) Nov 23 at White Acre Farm (Judge AnnaMari Ingersoll)

SWVADA- Annual banquet February 9th Educational Sunday February 23 at VT.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday February 25th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas