

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 01-05-23 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (Charlottesville); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Sherri Booye (C'ville); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Alex Jeffers (Central); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Lisa Beckwith (NEVADA); Anna Simmons (F'burg); Kathleen Kelly (SWVADA) and members Rachel Rice and Diane Boyd

Minutes: Laura Nelson made the motion and Nancy Lowey seconded that we approve the October minutes, and everyone concurred.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that our combined balance is \$195,107. This doesn't count expenses from the banquet or some smaller checks from last year.

Annual Awards Banquet- The date is February 5th from 11 am to 2 pm at the same venue, Greencroft Club in Charlottesville. Registration and payments are online. Nancy Doody has done a wonderful job procuring items for the silent auction. It's going to be great this year. Bring your checkbooks! No credit card payments. Competitors are doing a good job of complying with deadlines for the awards. VIP is almost ready to be sent out by Rachel. Chapters need to send their State Vol of the Year selection to Alison Douglas.

2023 officers: Laura Nelson and Nancy Lowey were the nominating committee and presented the following for the slate of officers: Michelle King for President, Bettina Longaker for Vice-President, Jessie Ginsburg for Treasurer, and Alison Douglas for Secretary. No nominations from the floor. Officers were elected as presented.

2023 Purple Book: Chapters need to submit their information by January 25th to Alison Douglas and Sheli King. This will be the last hard copy of the book.

Shel Gafford Award: Two nominees have been sent out to chapters who need to send Chapter result to Sheli King.

GAIG Regional Survey Form: Diane reported that the management team got excellent reviews. Issues concerning participants were the disparity between the indoor and outdoor arena footing, some facility issues (which are pretty much out of our control), and the night classes running late (only solution would be to limit the number of open class entries). Note to competitors for the GAIG show in the fall- it falls on a parent's weekend for one of the universities so hotel rooms will be at a premium. Book early. Dates for GAIGS are October 5th thru 8th. DAL is July 14th thru 16th.

2023 Youth Team Competition: Will be held in Culpepper June 25th-26th. LVDA is running the show and they are a 501c3 organization. We will loan them our rings. Chapters should decide individually if they want to financially support or let volunteer hours count for Chapter hours. They will not count for VADA.

AOB: Sheli wants to have a big name clinic in 2024. We need feedback for clinicians and venues. The VHC and Old Raptor Farm were mentioned. Lisa Powers brought up the IEA will be having their equitation finals March 11th at Liberty University. Levels don't go above 1st. They need loaner horses and saddles (23 saddles). Please contact her if you can help.

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

Central- Awards banquet will be held January 29th. They also sent out a member survey asking for feedback of how members see the direction of the club and what they want.

Charlottesville- They are planning an “Up the Levels” clinic with Carter Bass for the new tests April 1-2, 2023. 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. April 15th and 16th they have having a MFS clinic with Terry Gallo in Afton. They are planning a Bragdell clinic April 26-27 also in Afton.

Fredericksburg - Awards banquet will be held January 28th.

NEVADA – Awards banquet will be held January 22nd. Upcoming show schedule is being worked on.

NOVA –Planning a judges round table for Feb 20th from 6 to 9 pm with CE credit. The focus will be on the new tests. The clinic is free for judges and L grads with a nominal fee for auditors. Heidi Berry will be running it. On March 18th they will be having a fix a test clinic with Donna Gatchell and a schooling show at Morven on March 19th.

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SVDA- Awards banquet is January 21st. They have 9 schooling shows planned for the year but they will not be part of the USDF schooling show program. Reporting requirements are the issue.

Southwest- They have their annual awards banquet and general membership meeting in conjunction with the Blue Ridge Eventing Assoc at VA Tech on February 26th. They will have an educational forum with a judges panel.

NEXT MEETING March 2nd AT 8pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas