VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11-18-2026 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (C'ville); Alison Douglas (Central); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Hannah Bowers (F'burg); Christina Arrington (Central); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Nancy Doody (C'ville), Angie Stanaway) (NEVADA), Rachel Rice (NOVA), Eleszbeth McNeel (C'ville), Anne Draine (NE), Megan Irby (F'burg), Katie Kelly (SWVADA)

Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting will be approved via email.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that our combined balances are 205K. There is still some work to do on the financials for the shows, and we'll have that for the next board meeting. The current balance is up 35K from prior year. Our 2025 taxes have been filed.

VADA Safe Sport Policy: Reminder from Christina that Dec 1st is the deadline to update your 2026 activity. Please double check your chapter information.

USDF Convention: Our GM delegates are Jessie and Rachel, with Nancy Doody as the wildcard. Sheli asked for feedback about a proposed change that would make PM delegate terms change from one year to two years. Tina shared the thoughts behind that change are to get delegates more involved and provide more input than just the BOG. Members are encouraged to email Sheli with their thoughts so she has an idea how to vote representing the consensus of our members.

Year End Awards Banquet: The banquet is February 21st at the Greencroft Club in Charlottesville with a snow date of the 28th. Nancy will be sending eblasts with further information and deadlines. Reservations will open on the 16th of December and close on February 17th. We have a max capacity of 100 so register early to secure a spot. Regarding awards- the application deadline is Dec 1st. The preliminary standings will be available for review between the 11th and the 15th. Award selection will then be available between the 16th and 21st. Chapters, please make sure you've sent your volunteer hours to Rachel and Alison will need your state volunteer of the year.

2027 Board Reps: Per the by-laws, three reps from each chapter shall be elected by 12-31. If you have four, one must be listed as an alternate as only three can vote. Please send Alison your new officers and board reps once you've had your elections (including email address).

2027 State Officers: Our January meeting will start with an open member meeting as required by our by-laws. We will be electing new officers. Sheli has reached her term limit, so she is not able to be president. To be eligible, you must be an officer or chapter rep as of 12-31. Anyone interested in running for Pres, V-Pres, Treasurer or Secretary, please contact Laura Nelson by January 8th. She will collect the results and send them to Sheli and Alison.

New Business:

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: The youth team is holding a fundraising photo shoot mini sessions on November 28-29. Please see the website for more information. Two one day licensed shows April 24-25 2027 at Deep Run Hunt Club.

Charlottesville:

NEVADA:

Fredericksburg:

NOVA: March 13, 2027 Fix A Test Clinic, March 14th Schooling Show with Peggy Pariso, April 10-11 Spring Licensed Show with Amy McElroy and Natalie Lamping, May 5 Midweek Licensed Show with Alison Head

SVDA:

SWVADA:

NEXT MEETING Tuesday December16th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas