

## VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 6-29-23 VIA ZOOM

**Participating:** Sheli King (VN); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Sandy Toby (SVDA); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Anna Simmons (F'burg), Laura Nelson (SWVADA), Jane Palmer (ShenVADA), and members Rachel Rice, Lisa Beckwith, and Diane Boyd

**Minutes:** The June minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tina reported that our combined balance is \$184,426. but she hasn't moved the Paypal funds from DAL over yet so that amount will increase. She has also almost finished setting up a credit card payment feature with authorize.net that will allow competitors to pay for entries using a credit card through Horse Show Office. The advantage of this is we are not charged a fee for refunds, and it will also allow us to accept credit card payments at the show grounds.

**Membership Report:** Sheli will have an update at our next meeting.

**2024 Clinic:** Sheli reported that Renee O'Leary has not heard back from Sabine Shut-Kery's team regarding any available dates. Sheli thinks we might need a Plan B if Sabine's dates don't work and plan for her in 2025.

**DAL Update:** Dates are July 14-16. Dianne Boyd reported that everything is ready to go. Nancy Doody reported that there are still a couple of chapters that she has not received sponsorship payment from. We have eleven vendors committed to coming.

**GAIG Update:** Dates are Oct 5-8. Tina has updated the prize list and Nancy Doody will be posting on our website.

**Year End Banquet:** Nancy Doody reported that the sub-committee met and discussed the feasibility of relocating to another facility and moving the venue around the state each year. Sheli did a mileage study using the locations of the banquet attendees this year, but she pointed out that what we don't know is who didn't attend because of the distance. Nancy D, along with others in the group, will be visiting potential venues over the next couple of months.

**USDF Convention:** This year's convention is in Omaha, NE from November 29<sup>th</sup> thru December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tina reported that there will be more educational forums in the agenda this year. Also, all the council chairs are up for election. Based on our current membership, we would have 2 GM delegates. We open this up first to the executive board and then the rest of the board members. If you have an interest in attending as a GM rep, please contact Sheli or Tina. Historically, VADA has given the PM/GM delegates a stipend which we will vote on at the next board meeting. Nancy Doody offered to handle the Chapter Basket.

**AOB:** Tina brought up that this year we will have two VADA members traveling to Michigan to compete at NAYC- Ella Escobar and Sienna Rowe. The Region 1 kids hold an online auction to raise funds to offset their expenses. Tina will put a link on the Region 1 website as well as the VADA website. Funds earned this year will go to next year's competitors and this year's competitors have the funds from last years auction. Rachel brought up the sponsorship packages available and Tina made the motion that we do the \$800 package for the team weatherproof jackets that will have our logo on them. Alison seconded

the motion and it passed unanimously. As an aside, Sheli brought up that since we are a 501c3, we should brainstorm an overall strategy for all of our donations.

Rachel also brought up that she volunteered at the Region 1 Youth Competition in Culpepper and that it was well run with three rings, good judges, and lots of team spirit. Lisa said that we had several VADA teams and that next year it will be held at Rosemont. Lisa is now the zone president (MD to FL) of the IEA (Interscholastic Equestrian Assoc) which has members from fourth thru twelfth grade. They will be holding a regional competition at Averett University in Danville.

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

**Central-** July 29-30 clinic with Emily Donaldson at Chestnut Oaks, Oct 21-22 clinic with Nicole DelGiorno at Old Raptor Farm. The two-day licensed show April 27-28, 2024, will be held at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot.

**Charlottesville-** July 9 clinic with Lisa El-Ramey at Old Raptor Farm

**Fredericksburg** – They are working on putting together a clinic with Jane Kelly in August.

**NEVADA** – Sept 16<sup>th</sup> clinic with Nikki Vogel at Edgehill Farm. Schooling shows at Edgehill- Oct 29, Nov 12, July 20, Aug 3 and Aug 17. They will also have one at the State Fair – date tbd.

**NOVA** – July 26-29 is their Dressage Camp at Frying Pan Park with Jim Koford and Debbie Rodriguez. Aug 5 schooling show at Morven Aug 26-27 two one day licensed shows, also at Morven.

**ShenVADA** –

**SVDA-** Schooling shows- July 9 at Willow Creek in Suffolk, July 30 at Seahorse Run in Suffolk, Aug 27 at Kelly Conye's farm in Virginia Beach, Sept 24 at River Birch Farm in Courtland and Oct 29 at Airfield Conf Center in Wakefield.

**Southwest-** August 12-13 clinic at VA Tech with Stacy Pattison. October 15 schooling show at Green Hill Park.

**NEXT MEETING July 27th AT 8pm**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas