

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 7-31-24 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Rachel Rice (NOVA); Christina Arrington (Central); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Sandy Toby (SVDA); Anne Draine (NE); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville) and member Dianne Boyd

Minutes: The minutes from the June meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that the combined balances are \$219,383. This includes deposits for the L program but no expenses.

Membership Report: We currently have 580 members with USDF.

DAL: We lost about \$3100 this year but that's much better than the \$15,000 we lost last year with about the same size show. We saved money with the competitor party and purchasing our own breakfast treats and having a volunteer drive the breakfast cart. We also raised some class fees. A couple of things that we'll be looking at before next year are to try to get the SHAC program sponsored and taking a look at the financials on the breed show- is it making money. Dianne reported that the show ran well- we dealt with the heat by having water at every ring. We had good participation in the challenge classes as well as SHAC. The social media campaign helped.

On-line Educational Dentistry Clinic: Dr. True will be holding the zoom clinic on August 7th at 8pm. The format will be 50 minutes of lecture followed by a question-and-answer period. Signup is available on the website. We currently have 17 people signed up. If this type of program is well received, we can work on some ideas for next year.

Annual GMO Awards: We had two submissions. The board decided to nominate both for different categories for newsletter awards.

Charitable Donations/Sponsorships: Sheli attended Carter Bass' memorial service and reported that the family identified the Dressage Foundation as their choice for donations. Jessie made a motion, seconded by Rachel, that VADA make a \$500 donation in honor of Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Lending Library: Patty Howell, from the Central Chapter, reached out to Nancy Doody with the idea to make the lending library that she runs for Central open to all VADA members. In exchange for volunteer hours, she will absorb the cost of shipping books to those requesting. Some books need to be returned, some do not, and some are rare books that are for review only in person. Nancy will work with Patty to create an online form.

L Program Update: Kat has filled 29 of the 30 slots for participants. She is researching a hotel with a classroom area that is feasible. The format will be one day farm and one day classroom.

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-

Charlottesville- Dressage fundamentals clinic on August 24th at Cedar Creek with Erin Sweeney.

Fredericksburg – Licensed show September 14-15 at Rosemont.

NEVADA – Schooling show series at Edgehill Farm-Aug 6th (evening show), Nikki Vogel clinic August 17th with a schooling show on the 18th judge Joanna Gray-Riddle, September 22nd judge Robyn Nunnally, October schooling show with be at the State Fair with judge AnnMari Ingersoll date tbd, November 10th judge tbd

NOVA – Aug 24-25 Summer Wind Down I and II Licensed shows at Morven Park, Nov 2nd 24 Schooling Show Championship and Fall Show at Morven Park

ShenVADA – They will be holding a clinic with date tbd.

SVDA- Schooling Shows- August 25th at Kelly Coyne Dressage with Annmari Ingersoll judging, Sept 29th at River Birch Farm with Elise Enoch judging, Oct 27th at Airfield with Robyn Nunnally and Kris and Heather Hamilton for Western Dressage. They are also having a Continuing Education Webinar with Joan Darnell on the Collective Marks on Dressage Tests August 27th from 7:30 to 9:30.

SWVADA- Biomechanics clinic with Stacy Pattison August 9th thru 11th at the Alphin Stuart Arena at VA Tech. They are also funding grants to young rides for them to use for educational/show opportunities. Information regarding submissions will be on their website.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday August 29th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas