

## VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 6-26-24 VIA ZOOM

**Participating:** Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Rachel Rice (NOVA); Christina Arrington (Central); Katie Kelly (SWVADA); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Sandy Toby (SVDA); Sandy Monolo (NE); Anna Fox (Fred) and member Dianne Boyd

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Jessie reported that the combined balances are approximately \$235K. This includes deposits for the L program and some money from DAL but no expenses so it's higher than usual.

**Membership Report:** Sheli to update.

**DAL:** The closing date is July 5<sup>th</sup>. Entries are lower than we would like but Tina has been contacted by a couple of trainers who have yet to submit. Dianne reported we will continue doing email blasts to generate interest in the SHAC and Challenge Classes. We will be having a Pizza Party on Saturday night. Also, any last-minute sponsorships need to have their information in for the program by July 5<sup>th</sup>. She's concerned about the hot weather, and we might have to adjust class times to start earlier and have a midafternoon break with classes in evening. Nancy Lowey reported that we have 7 committed vendors and 3 she's waiting on to get the final paperwork. Nancy Doody reported that we have \$8K in "in-kind" prizes for the awards table and \$15K in monetary donations which includes all the prize money for the money classes. She will have competitor and horse goodie bags. Rachel is in desperate need of volunteers for Sunday- particularly Sunday afternoon.

**On-line Educational Dentistry Clinic:** Dr. True will be holding the zoom clinic on Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. The format will be 50 minutes of lecture followed by a question-and-answer period. Signup is available on the website. We had 16 people signed up before the email blast went out.

**Website Update:** Nancy Doody has added the requested page that lists upcoming events. They are also still in the calendar.

**Carter Bass Memorial:** Information has been sent out in an eblast and is also available on the website. It will be July 8<sup>th</sup>. The family has asked that those coming please RSVP, so they have a headcount. Not only will we be doing the high score breed show award at DAL, in her honor, but we will also be dedicating the year end Born in the USA Breed Show award to her.

**Annual GMO Awards:** Sheli discussed that the USDF website (main page all the way to the right under GMO Services) lists the criteria for all the various awards. Members interested in nominating or submitting for any of the awards should submit to Alison Douglas by July 22<sup>nd</sup> so that the board can review and submit to USDF by the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Please make sure that your submissions meet all the criteria listed.

**Charitable Donations/Sponsorships:** Five ideas were discussed with three being passed and two tabled for further consideration. The three we discussed and voted on were:

- 1) \$1000 donation to sponsor the NAYC team jackets. Tina made the motion, seconded by Rachel. Motion carried.

- 2) \$500 donation as seed money for next year's Youth Team with the caveat that they will have the show next year. Sheli made the motion, seconded by Rachel. Motion carried. Post meeting update- All- Jessie contacted the show manager, Jen Koch, about plans for holding the show next year. She said that she hoped to hold it but there were still a few moving pieces, and nothing was 100% at this time. Therefore, the executive committee decided that we tell Jen of our plan to donate the \$500 as seed money, but not until the 2025 plans are finalized.
- 3) Bring Lilo Fore in a day early at our May clinic to do a judges education session that we will host for all licensed judges and L grads in Region 1 at the same cost we would charge our GMO licensed judges and L grads. Sandy made the motion, seconded by Alison. Motion carried. We will begin working on the details.

The other two ideas that we tabled for further discussion were contributions to the VHC and Dressage Foundation.

**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-**

**Fredericksburg** – Licensed show September 14-15 at Rosemont.

**NEVADA** – Schooling show series at Edgehill Farm- July 16<sup>th</sup> (evening show) judge Wanja Gerlach, July 30<sup>th</sup> (evening show) judge Donna Gatchell, August 19<sup>th</sup> judge Joanna Gray-Riddle, September 22<sup>nd</sup> judge Robyn Nunnally, October schooling show with be at the State Fair with judge AnnMari Ingersoll date tbd, November 10<sup>th</sup> judge tbd

**NOVA** – Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> schooling show at Morven Park, Aug 24-25 Summer Wind Down I and II Licensed shows at Morven Park, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 24 Schooling Show Championship and Fall Show at Morven Park

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

**SVDA**- Schooling shows - July 28<sup>th</sup> at Seahorse Run with Kat Sepka judging, August 25<sup>th</sup> at Kelly Coyne Dressage with Annmari Ingersoll judging, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at River Birch Farm with Elise Enoch judging, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30.

**SWVADA**- Biomechanics clinic with Stacy Pattison August 9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> at the Alphin Stuart Arena at VA Tech.

**NEXT MEETING Wednesday July 31st at 8 pm**

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas

