

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12-19-24 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Christina Arrington (Central); Anne Draine (NE); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Megan Irby (F'burg); Angie Stanaway (NEVADA); Rachel Rice (NOVA); Sandy Toby (SVDA); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville); Anna Simmons (F'burg); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Katie Kelly (SWVADA) and members Dianne Boyd and Nancy Lowey.

Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that the combined balances are 2565K, which includes all the income from the L program and some of the expenses, but not all of them. The estimated final income from the GAIG will be approximately \$45K, with \$267K in income and \$220K in expenses.

Membership Report: For the 2025 year, we have 105 memberships submitted. Chapters- please remind your members that the membership year starts December 1st and chapter coordinators please send your membership lists to Beth Ripple and Nancy Doody in a timely manner.

Year End Awards Banquet: Nancy Doody reported that the final awards for riders to review are on the website with the 22nd the deadline to choose prizes. She asks that people refresh their browsers to get the latest information.

Lilo Fore Clinic: It will be held May 3-4 at Morven Park. There will be a min 8 riders max 10. Riders interested will submit an application that includes a video of a test at the level they are riding. The application will be live January 1st on the website with a due date of February 15th for submissions. The rider selection will be announced around the middle of March. Nancy Doody will be tracking auditors.

L Program: Sheli thanks Kat for doing an amazing job as the first session went exceptionally well.

Winter Zoom Education Session: Rachel will be putting together a lecture by Gwen Ka'awaloa focused on providing first aid with items typically already available at your barn.

USDF Convention: There were several excellent educational presentations including "You Be the Judge" with Janet Foy and Mike Osinki, Rider Biomechanics with Joan Darnell, and a discussion on the future of the sport with Eliza Sydnor Room, Reese Koffler Stanfield and George Williams. The "You be the Judge" session was a preview of an on-line training program that will soon be available to judges and riders. This was George William's last convention as president. He is succeeded by Kevin Reinig. Tina reminded everyone that finals will be a week earlier in 2025 to be held at the World Equestrian Center in Ohio.

VADA Safe Sport Initiative: Sheli talked about what we at VADA would like to adopt as policy at the Region 1 meeting and they were very receptive. She was asked to come up with a plan for our rollout as a GMO and what we will require chapters to adopt. Sheli presented the following motion to the VADA board on our call:

That the VADA pass as a standing rule a VADA Safe Sport Policy containing the following requirements:

-The VADA and all of its Chapters shall adopt the USEF/US Center for SafeSport Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAP) and post these policies in prominent locations, including the club's website and/or Facebook page and by displaying MAAP posters at all club sponsored activities and events.

- That all VADA and Chapter members who can reasonably be expected to come into contact with a minor take the USEF/US Center for SafeSport Safe Sport training on an annual basis. If any individual who is identified as needing training is not a USEF member, the VADA will reimburse such individual the cost of a USEF Subscribing membership upon submission of proof that they have successfully completed the required SafeSport Training.

Anne Draine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Implementation and rollout plans will be formulated over the next several months.

New Business: Sheli reminds us that the USDF convention will be back in KY for 2025 to be held the week after Thanksgiving.

Nancy Lowey and Laura Nelson have graciously agreed to be the nominating committee for the 2025 election of officers. Please send nominations to them by January 10th. As a reminder to chapters, board reps should be chosen by December 31st. The election results will be announced at our next meeting.

Chapters will be receiving the slate of nominations for the Shel Gafford Memorial Award shortly with their vote due back by January 15th.

Nancy Doody also wants to remind the chapter membership chairs to continue to send her new member information so she can add them to the directory.

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- Annual banquet January 19th.

Charlottesville- Biomechanics and riding unmounted clinic with Stacy Pattison April 11-13 2025 at Old Raptor Farm Lauren Sprieser clinic May 24-25 2025 at Old Raptor Farm

Fredericksburg –

NEVADA – Annual banquet January 26th.

NOVA – Annual Judges' Roundtable with Lisa Schmidt (S) at Ida Lee Rec Center in Leesaburg February 17th, Annual member and volunteer party February 23rd 2 day schooling show at Morven Park March 15-16 2025, Spring Licensed Show April 5-6 2025, Midweek May Meet Licensed Show May 7 2025

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SWVADA- Annual banquet February 8th Educational Sunday February 23 2025 at VT.

NEXT MEETING Thursday January 23rd at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas