

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 6/09/22 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (Charlottesville); Anne Draine (North East); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA), Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Lisa Beckwith (NEVADA); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Karen Rice (Fred'burg), Muffin Smith (SWVADA), Sherri Booye (C'ville); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Denise Lennon (SWVADA) and member Dianne Boyd.

Minutes: Sheli King made the motion and Anne Draine seconded that we approve the May minutes, and everyone concurred.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that we had \$177K in our treasury. Several chapters have submitted their requests for chapter grants. Chapters please remember that you'll need to do a write up of the event for VADA.

Licensed Shows: Dianne reported that we have procured a new vet for DAL (we don't have to have one on site)- Blue Ridge Equine. We still need to find one for the GAIG show as that vet does need to be on site. The facility will be providing the volunteer/officials lunches but we do need to find a caterer for the competitor party. Nancy Doody reported that overall sponsorships are low. We have chapter sponsorships from SW, NOVA, C'ville, Central and NE. She has 4-5 vendors committed for DAL so far.

Chapter Challenge Exploratory Committee: The committee met and reported that the consensus is to explore the idea of a retreat. The intention of the retreat is to create a bonding relationship and connection between horse and rider. The format of the retreat would be various sessions across three days that participants could pick and choose from. Ideas included massage, yoga, centered riding, spa experience, Cavaletti work, grooming to include stable management and clipping, truck and trailer maintenance, how to effectively back your truck and trailer, working equitation, saddle fitting, and nutrition. The idea was also brought up to have a fun schooling show at the end. The takeaway for the committee members was to find a suitable location. Any members with ideas for sessions or a facility, please contact Alison Douglas or Sheli King.

2023/2024 VADA EVENT: The most logical location is VHC East Complex. We will find out open dates for 2023 and 2024 and then go after a clinician. Possible clinicians- Adrienne Lyle, Sabine Schut-Kery, and Ali Brock. Anyone with other suggestions, please email Tina.

Chapter Updates:

Charlottesville- They are having a Kofford clinic in August and are planning a Bragdell clinic in the fall. They are also planning an "Up the Levels" clinic with Carter Bass for the new tests next year. The clinic will be in Afton and open to everyone.

Fredericksburg - Their LS will be at Rosemount in September and the following weekend a riding clinic with Michael Bragdell.

NEVADA – Starting June 16th, they will be having their Thursday night schooling show series under the lights at Edgehill Farm. They are also having a Janice Mumford clinic July 23-24 at Edgehill.

NOVA -Has LS in August (two 1-day shows) as well as schooling shows in August and November, all at Morven. The August schooling show will introduce new concepts in addition to the traditional show- a 'schooling" schooling show where there will be no ribbons and it won't count towards any award but

riders can be coached throughout the test. There will also be a rising trot division – tests above first level can have riders post vs sit the trot sections. Summer Camp will be held at Frying Pan Park July 27-30. They are having a member appreciation party in July.

ShenVADA -They are having a schooling show on 9/17 and their holiday pageant on 12/3.

SVDA- Will be having schooling shows one a month all summer. They will also have a new test clinic with Debbie Rodriguez next year.

Southwest- Has a schooling show (held jointly with a combined test) on 10-16 at Greenhill Park as well as an upcoming clinic focusing on biomechanics with Jessica B. Harris in August.

New Business: Lisa Beckwith reported that VADA chapters combined have 11 teams competing at the Youth Team Challenge June 25-26. The show will run three rings and include equitation and jr handler (in-hand) classes.

NEXT MEETING July 21st AT 8pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas