

SWVADA MINUTES

15 August 2011

Next Meeting: Monday, 19 September 2011

At Hollywood's Restaurant

The regular monthly meeting of SWVADA was held on Monday, 15 August at Hollywood's Restaurant in Hollins. President Gary Goodale called the meeting to order. Board Members Present: Gary Goodale, Mary Kafura, Blanche Mahoney, Annette Massey Shaw, Meredith McGrath, Beckie Mitchell, Elizabeth Narehood, Tracey Smith Oliver, Cindy Sours. Board Members Absent: Marie Klimchuk, Katherine Graman, Carlee Howe, Laura Nelson, Nan Palmer, Judy Westenhoefer. Members/Guests Present: Candi Hylton.

President's Report: Gary Goodale

- Sarah Tweedie is compiling current standings for year end awards. Scanned and e-mailed copies of dressage tests are acceptable. Beckie will correct Sarah's address on the web site. Event Managers: Please submit volunteer hours to Sarah.
- Due to her work schedule, Nan Palmer will be unable to serve on the Board next year. However, she will continue to serve as Membership Chairperson.

Vice President's Report: (Laura Nelson)

- No Report

Secretary's Report: (Marie Klimchuk)

- VOTED to accept July Minutes as posted.

Treasurer's Report: Blanche Mahoney

- Checking Account: \$ 5120.48; CD \$3546.63
- To Deposit: VADA Grant of \$800; Clinic Entries: \$550
- Additional Clinic Expenses: \$24

COMMITTEES

August Clinic: (Laura Nelson)

- (From Laura): "Harriet Peterson instructed 10 riders from Training Level to PSG. Most riders worked on basics like controlling the shoulders and making the horses straight and carrying themselves. This was achieved by improving lateral suppleness through bending and yielding to the inside and then the outside leg, spiraling in and out on the circle, frequent changes of bend and direction at the walk and the trot, turns on the forehand and on the haunches. There were a few mini-miracles and all horses improved."
- The speaker system was very helpful and a number of auditors turned out to benefit from the lessons. Laura reported that riders are asking for more clinics. Suggestion was made to announce names, horses, level of training for interest of auditors.

Adult Camp: (Marie Klimchuk)

- Currently 12 paid campers. Openings still available. Will need 15 to break even.

Ed Sunday: Meredith McGrath

- Meredith, Gary, Laura, Blanche, and Mary have been discussing guidelines for future Ed Sunday. Need to make every effort to use local talent. Can bring in one nonlocal if this fits the budget. Gift cards and limits discussed. VOTED to limit gift/card to \$25. Also VOTED to reimburse gas expense for presenters if requested at the current IRS rate, including SWVADA members. (Current rate is now 55.5 cents/mile.)

Webmaster: Beckie Mitchell

- Discussed what should be listed on the website calendar. Dressage related only? Or include other horse related events? No policy established as of now.
- Suggested that the schedule for rides at Adult Camp be posted on the website for auditor information.
- The phone number of event managers will be posted on the website to facilitate communication with the public.

Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Narehood

- Requested photos from the July show to post in the next newsletter.

Green Hill: (Bob Whitehurst)

- Discussed footing and the new drag. Rings need to be dragged for clinics as well as shows. Blanche will check with Tammy Nichols re: dragging schedule.

Horse Shows: Gary Goodale, Blanche Mahoney, Beckie Mitchell

- At the end of the competition season, Gary will compile some statistics in order to review current show schedule, clinics, etc so the Board can determine future schedules and what works best in terms of dates and types of offerings to members.

Awards: Annette Massey Shaw

- We have 33 complete sets of ribbons for horse shows. Will need to order year end awards.

VADA: Gary Goodale, Meredith McGrath, Tracey Smith-Oliver

- VOTED to be a daily class sponsor at the VADA fall show, as SWVADA has done in the past. Exhibitors party costs \$1000 and will be hosted by the Horse Center this year in conjunction with a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark VADA's sponsorship of the horse show office. VADA will end the chapter basket auction, but the silent auction will continue at the year end banquet. Each chapter is asked to donate a door prize. Looking at Shenandoah Crossing Resort in Gordonsville for the banquet location.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Meredith McGrath and Gary Goodale for Marie Klimchuk, Secretary