

SWVADA Board Meeting Minutes

19 December 2011

Members Present: Gary Goodale, Meredith McGrath, Blanche Mahoney, Mary Kafura, Judy Westenhoefer, Laura Nelson, Marie Klimchuk, Tracey Smith-Oliver, Annette Massey-Shaw, Cindy Sours, Bob Whitehurst, Candi Hylton

Members Absent: Penny Hawes

President's Report: Gary Goodale

The next edition of our E-Newsletter, edited by Penny Hawes, will be published in early January. It will include information on the Banquet (February 12) and Educational Sunday (March 4). Members are encouraged to send articles/information to Penny.

Vice-President's Report: Meredith McGrath

Our scheduled October 6th Schooling show conflicts with the FarmVet/USDF Adult Clinic featuring Lilo Fore to be held in Danville, VA October 6-7, 2012. The schooling show date has been changed to September 22.

One of the duties of the VP is to contract judges for our shows. Meredith passed around a chart listing area judges ("r", "R", and "S") who have indicated their willingness to judge at our schooling shows. The information included fees which varied widely.

Secretary's Report: Mary Kafura

The November 2011 minutes were approved as posted.

The board meeting minutes go through the following process. A draft is sent to Gary who distributes them to all board members for additions and corrections. Additions and corrections are sent to the secretary. Amended minutes are sent to the webmaster for posting. Formal approval of the minutes is done at next board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Blanche Mahoney

Blanche distributed a copy of the monthly financial report. Board members were required to sign a Conflict of Interest form. Our CD matured earning \$26.68 interest. Blanche reminded all members that whenever SWVADA pays an individual \$600 or more, a 1099 form must be filled out because SWVADA is a non-profit organization.

Checking Account: \$7687.76 Certificate: \$3573.31 Total Assets: \$11,261.07

Committees

Camp – Marie Klimchuk, Laura Nelson Camp dates will likely be September 27-30. Flanagan Stables has been asked to submit a proposal for the SWVADA Adult camp in the hope that costs would be lower. Selection of camp clinicians was discussed. Suggestions

for camp clinicians should be sent to Laura or Marie. Although camp is the most expensive SWVADA undertaking each year costing \$10-12,000 these expenditures are offset by tuition fees paid by the participants and grant monies from both the Dressage Foundation and VADA. The financial goal for these camps is to break even. Most years we have met this goal.

A *Violet M. Hopkins Grant* from The Dressage Foundation of up to \$1500 helps with costs. If the camp breaks even or makes money, half of the grant is declined.

Clinics - Laura Nelson Send clinic ideas to Laura. Our possible clinic dates are: June 16, July 7, and August 11.

Educational Sunday - Meredith McGrath, Mary Kafura Date will be March 4. Discussion deferred to the January board meeting.

Webmaster - Beckie Mitchell Please email any updates to Beckie as soon as possible.

Green Hill Park - Bob Whitehurst Bob reported that ½ inch of footing will be added to Ring 3. A contract for ring dragging has gone out for bid. A culvert is to be added to the road trailers use to enter/exit the park. The work is planned for a weekday but has not yet been scheduled. GHP has applied for matching funds with Roanoke County for landscaping improvements. Please send your suggestions to Bob.

Equipment – Bob Whitehurst There were questions regarding the location of the harrow/drag .

Omnibus Editor – Beckie Mitchell Omnibus deadline is February 15. The cost of printing and mailing the omnibus is \$232. All omnibus information except membership names and addresses is currently on line. We charge shows to be listed in our Omnibus. We need to reconsider this listing policy and perhaps charge for printed copies of the omnibus.

Awards – Annette Massey-Shaw Annette proposed new ribbons for year end awards. These are 18” red/white/blue tri-color rosettes at a cost of \$4.40 per ribbon, a savings of about \$3 per ribbon. There were no objections.

Horse Shows – Gary Goodale, Blanche Mahoney, Beckie Mitchell Meredith agreed to join Gary and Blanche on this committee.

Hospitality – Blanche volunteered to serve.

Junior/Young Riders – Remains open (no chair). Meredith reported that VT Equestrian Club members would love to ride in our dressage shows but are not permitted to bring Tech owned horses. Many of these young riders would love to ‘catch ride’. We need to connect these riders with members who need an exercise rider. Perhaps a notice on the website or in our E-Newsletter is in order.

Membership – (Nan Palmer) There are currently 24 paid members, one ‘friend’, and 10 life time members. It is important to understand that VADA grant monies for educational purposes (camps, clinics, Educational Sunday) are based on a chapter’s paid membership.

Public Relations – Mary volunteered to serve.

Points – (Sarah Tweedie) No report.

SS Labels – Cindy Sours No report.

EN ews Letter Editor -(Penny Hawes) No report.

Media Library– Judy will take over this position from Katherine Graman.

VADA Representatives - Tracey, Meredith and Gary have agreed to continue serving on this committee. The deadline for the purple book is January 15. VADA will offer prize money to chapters holding licensed shows (\$50 /\$30 /\$20) up to \$5000/year. Also new is a proposed show for VADA members only called the “VADA Member Chapter Challenge”.

Old Business – Laura presented a proposal that BREA and SWVADA share Green Hill Park on April 21. This would be a dressage schooling show for SWVADA and a horse trial for BREA. SWVADA would hire its own judge. Two rings would be needed for dressage (one small, one large). The warm up area would be on grass. Several possible problem areas were discussed (vehicle parking, grass warm up, facilities and logistics) but the main area of concern was the unknown insurance costs and liability. The Horse Show Committee will serve as a liaison with BREA in exploring the possibility of a joint show. BREA’s awards banquet and meeting is January 15. We look forward to hearing from them on these issues.

The May 26 show date is firm. Judges available for this show date were discussed per Meredith’s chart of judges and their fees.

The normal cost of hosting a schooling show at Green Hill Park is \$525 (\$400 rent, \$51 insurance, \$50 ribbons), plus judges fees. Fix –a-Tests use the Danish ribbon system which is based on the rider’s score (Blue 60% or higher, Red 50-59%, White 40-49%) so ribbon costs vary.

The next SWVADA Board Meeting will be held at Hollywood’s Restaurant on Monday, January 16 at 7 PM. All are invited to join us for dinner beforehand.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kafura, Secretary