

SWVADA MINUTES

19 April 2010

Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Monday, May, 17, 2010

At Hollywood's Restaurant

(Come early for dinner!)

The regular monthly meeting of SWVADA was held on Monday, April 19, 2010 at Hollywood's Restaurant, in Roanoke. President Gary Goodale called the meeting to order. Board Members present: Janet Brown, Gary Goodale, Katherine Graman, Marie Klimchuk, Blanche Mahoney, Mary McFee, Beckie Mithcell, Pat Nelson, Nan Palmer, Annette Massey Shaw, Cindy Sours. Members Absent: Emily Garbarek, Sue Halterman, Laura Nelson, Tracey Smith-Oliver. Guests present: Kim Ellis.

President's Report: Gary Goodale

Welcome and Introductions.

Gary noted that the USDF will be raising their membership rates for 2011. The Participating Membership will be \$75, (it is currently \$62) and GMO Membership will increase from \$17 per member to \$25.

Vice-President's Report: Laura Nelson

No report.

Secretary's Report:

VOTED to accept the March minutes as posted.

Treasurers Report: Blanche Mahoney

Checking account: \$8,417.41 Savings account: \$0 CD: \$3,492.18 Total Assets: \$11,909.59

Blanche provided copies of our 2009 tax returns prepared by Ginger Edwards of Steve Waller and Associates for the Board to review and approve. VOTED to approve the 2009 returns.

Blanche also distributed copies of the Claims Reporting Procedures per our new Insurance Policy with the Schroeder Group.

Blanche is planning to meet with Ginger Edwards this weekend to review the accounting program format and budget for this year.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Educational Sunday: Laura Nelson

Gary reported for Laura that Educational Sunday was, according to feedback from attendees, “the best ever”. Judy Westenhofer and Morgan Dillard –Harris were especially well received. There was also a suggestion made that the Legal Seminar be made a permanent part of this program.

Clinics: Blanche Mahoney, Sue Halterman

Annette reported that the April 3rd Fix –a-Test had 15 rides including many Pony Club riders, who enjoyed the format and expressed interest in participating in future Fix a Test Clinics.

Blanche reported that the August 14th Freestyle Clinic with Evelyn Susol will be held for one day only and most likely be scheduled as individual lessons.

Publications: Beckie Mitchell

No new business to report.

Webmaster: Emily Grabarek

Gary reported that Emily is continuing to restore information to the website. It was noted that Board members should be listed on the website with links to their email accounts.

Horse Shows Committee: Gary Goodale, Sue Halterman, Blanche Mahoney, Mary McFee, Beckie Mitchell, Pat Nelson

No new business to report.

AT LARGE POSITIONS

Awards: Janet Brown

Janet has already delivered the ribbons for the May show. She may need to order a few more ribbons for the rest of the season.

Equipment: Bob Whitehurst

Due to the high cost of insuring the storage trailer (over \$400 per year), Gary suggested that the Board consider purchasing a permanent storage space at Greenhill Park and sell our trailer. Gary has already discussed this with the GHPEC president, Tammy Nichols, who will in turn discuss rates and availability at the next GHPEC Board meeting.

GHPEC Liaison: Bob Whitehurst

No new business to report. The GHPEC April meeting has been postponed to May.

Hospitality: Katherine Graman

No new business to report.

JR/YR: Emily Grabarek, Mary McFee

Mary reported for Emily that there was no interest among JR/YR's for a SWVADA social and the event was therefore cancelled. Feedback from this group, however, revealed that they are interested in being assigned stalls together at shows. Mary will make sure that they are stalled together at our May schooling show. A brief discussion followed regarding both attracting and retaining this demographic.

Membership: Pat Nelson

Pat reports that we currently have 76 regular members and 10 life members.

Points: Robin Jones

No new business to report.

Public Relations: Mary McFee

A suggestion was made to list our events on the Virginia Horse Journal website and other similar sites that provide free listings.

Media Library: Katherine Graman

Due to the popularity of the Groundwork Clinic by Morgan Dillard Harris at Educational Sunday, it was suggested that we look into ordering some Clinton Anderson DVD's for our library.

Southern States Labels: Cindy Sours

No new business to report.

VADA Representatives: Janet Brown and Tracey Smith-Oliver

Tracey had to forego attending our meeting because the VADA teleconference was scheduled for the same time slot.

NEW BUSINESS

Camp 2010

Marie reported that the projected budget is complete and the fee for camp this year will be \$650. The opening date is June 1st, at which time interested participants may send in a non-refundable deposit of \$200 to reserve their space. The board discussed the idea of giving campers who send in their total tuition before August 15th a discount of \$25.

The dinner venue is still undecided, but it has been confirmed that the Rockbridge Hunt Club is **not** available. Marie will contact Jan to discuss options.

A volunteer is still needed to manage the gift swap. This job can be as simple as making sure all participants bring a gift or as elaborate as arranging for corporate sponsors to donate items.

Marie is still looking for complimentary clinicians such as saddle fitters, massage therapists, etc..

OLD BUSINESS

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Marie Klimchuk, Secretary

