

SWVADA MINUTES

18 April 2011

Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Monday, May23, 2011

At Hollywood's Restaurant

(Come early for dinner!)

The regular monthly meeting of SWVADA was held on Monday, April 18, at Hollywood's Restaurant in Roanoke. President Gary Goodale called the meeting to order. Board Members present: Gary Goodale, Emily Grabarek, Katherine Graman, Marie Klimchuk, Blanche Mahoney, Meredith McGrath, Laura Nelson, Annette Massey Shaw, Tracey Smith-Oliver, Cindy Sours. Members Absent: Carlee Howe, Beckie Mitchell, Elizabeth Narehood, Nan Palmer, Judy Westenhofer. Guests present: Bob Whitehurst.

President's Report: Gary Goodale

Welcome and Introductions.

Gary announced that Judy Westenhofer is recovering from back surgery. Marie updated the board on her condition. Gary will contact Holly to find out if Judy will be recovered enough to officiate at the May schooling show, and Laura will look into hiring a replacement in the event that Judy is not available.

Gary thanked Emily for setting up a SWVADA Facebook fan page.

Gary reported that Elizabeth did do some research into the Food Service/Health Certificate issue, but the outcome is still uncertain. The pros and cons of taking a proactive approach vs. the "don't ask, don't tell" policy were discussed. Ultimately, it was decided that Emily would contact Roanoke County and ask if soliciting donations for food rather than selling would allow us to be in compliance of the regulations and negate the need to acquire a Health Certificate.

VOTED to have Emily contact Roanoke County to ask about the "donation loophole".

[NOTE: The day after the meeting Emily contacted the County Health Department and was told that regardless of whether you charge a fee or solicit a donation for food, you must apply for a Health Certificate. Emily relayed this information to the Board via email and added that she was led to believe the application process was relatively simple.]

Gary passed around a copy of the email from Brook Hill Farm thanking SWVADA for their recent donation.

Gary announced that the VHC will be hosting a series of dressage schooling shows and will forward more information to the membership as it becomes available.

Vice-President's Report: Laura Nelson

In the event the Judy is unable to judge the May show a discussion ensued about whether or not to get a licensed judge vs. an "L" graduate to officiate. It was decided that a licensed judge was preferred, but that it may not be possible to secure one at this late date. Laura will try to find one.

Secretary's Report: Marie Klimchuk

VOTED to accept the March minutes as posted.

Treasurers Report: Blanche Mahoney

Checking account: \$5,891.55 CD: \$3,546.63 Total Assets: \$9438.18

Blanche reviewed some of last month's expenditures.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Educational Sunday: Meredith McGrath

Meredith reported that this year's event was \$172 over budget. She also informed the Board that VA Tech will not be available as a venue for next year's event. Laura will contact Dave Linker to confirm that VA Tech will not be able to host next year. Meredith will look into some alternative sites such as Flannagan's Stable in Christiansburg and Stone Bridge Farm in Fancy Hill.

The Educational Sunday Committee has agreed to meet via email and phone calls to plan the 2012 event.

April 2nd Fix-a-Test: Annette Massey Shaw

Annette reported a very full and eventful day in spite of the cold wet weather. The clinic turned a profit of \$243.72.

Annette recapped an emergency situation that involved a fall from a horse that warranted a call to EMS. This situation brought up some questions regarding protocol in the event of an

emergency at GHPEC. Annette suggested that we have some written guidelines in place that detail “what to do” and “what not to” do in such an event. She also questioned why the phone at the park is not in service.

Annette cited the need for clarification regarding the policy that gives SWVADA members first priority for rides, as currently the Omnibus only states that ride time slots are filled on a first come, first serve basis. After a brief discussion it was agreed the SWVADA members should, indeed, have priority on both first and second rides when space is limited and that next year’s Omnibus will state this policy.

April 16th Schooling Show: Blanche Mahoney

Blanche reported only one cancellation due to changing the date of the show because of inclement weather. The show had just over 30 rides with a loss of \$115.00

Adult Camp: Marie Klimchuk, Laura Nelson

Marie has completed work on a brochure advertising the camp and will begin to distribute at shows, clinics, tack shops, etc.. She looked into the cost of having the brochures professionally printed but found it was not financially feasible. Therefore, she requested reimbursement for the cost of a print cartridge as she plans to use her home computer to make copies. The board agreed to reimburse her.

Marie reported that she is still looking for someone to volunteer to organize the gift swap at camp.

Publications: (Beckie Mitchell)

No new business to report.

Clinics: Laura Nelson

No new business to report.

Webmaster: Emily Grabarek

Emily reported that she is relocating to Pennsylvania and that she will no longer be able to attend the meetings. She offered to continue to service the website until the Board can find a replacement. Gary will announce the opening to the general membership via email.

Horse Shows Committee: Gary Goodale, Blanche Mahoney, (Beckie Mitchell)

Gary posed the question of whether a "Friends of SWVADA" membership entitles discounted show fees. After a brief discussion, it was decided that it does not. It is a non-competitive membership.

Gary also posed the question, "If people come to school at GHPEC during one of our shows and are not GHPEC members, should we collect their coggins and charge an office fee?" After much discussion it was agreed that people who arrive to school, but not compete at the show, must be members of the park and have their coggins with them. Furthermore, it was agreed that it is not SWVADA's responsibility to collect coggins from non competing riders.

Gary reported that the October 1st schooling show still needs a manager and secretary.

AT LARGE POSITIONS

Awards: Annette Massy Shaw

Annette reported that she will need a count after the May schooling show in order to order more ribbons.

Equipment: Bob Whitehurst

Bob agreed to check on the rings after the April schooling and Pony Club shows.

Bob will ask Tammy about the leaking roof in the storage room at GHPEC.

GHPEC Liaison: Bob Whitehurst

Due to on-going problems with a water leak some pumps have been shut off and there has been some confusion about whether it is OK for show management to turn them back on for the show. And if so, which ones? Bob will speak with Mark Courtright for clarification.

GHPEC has purchased a new tine harrow drag for ring maintenance.

A matching funds grant to help add footing to the 3rd ring has been applied for through the VHIB. If awarded the total amount allocated for footing would be \$10,200 as \$5100 has already been raised by the GHPEC committee.

Hospitality / Banquet: Katherine Graman

No new business to report.

JR/YR: Emily Grabarek

Gary reported that there were some Junior riders competing at the April schooling show.

Membership: (Nan Palmer)

Gary reported for Nan that a few more memberships have come in.

Points: (Sarah Tweedie)

No new business to report.

Public Relations: (Nan Palmer)

No new business to report.

Media Library: Katherine Graman

No new business to report.

States Labels: Cindy Sours

No new business to report.

Newsletter Editor: (Elizabeth Narehood)

Gary reported that Elizabeth is planning to publish the next edition of the E-News Salute within the next week.

VADA Representatives: Tracey Smith-Oliver

Tracy announced that VADA is making a proposal to host the Region One Adult Clinic with Lilo Fore. If awarded, the VHC is under consideration as a centrally located venue accessible to all of VADA's many members.

Tracey reported that the next VADA teleconference is scheduled for May 11th.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Klimchuk, Secretary

