

SWVADA MINUTES

19 July 2010

Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 16, 2010

At Hollywood's Restaurant

(Come early for dinner!)

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

President's Report: Gary Goodale

Welcome and Introductions

Gary congratulated all the SWVADA members who competed at Dressage at Lexington.

Vice-President's Report: Laura Nelson

Laura reported that the contract for the August Fix a Test with Evelyn Susol has been updated and finalized to reflect the change in format.

Secretary's Report:

VOTED to accept the June minutes as posted.

Treasurers Report: Blanche Mahoney

Checking account: \$10,347.88 CD: \$3,492.18 Total Assets: \$13,840.06

STANDING COMMITTEES

July Schooling Show

Blanche reported that we had 49 rides and showed a modest profit. It was also noted that there was a dearth of volunteers from the general membership. Most of those who volunteered to work the show were board members. A discussion ensued regarding the on-

going challenge of getting members to volunteer. It was noted that the PVDA has an on-line publication that gives detailed job descriptions of every volunteer job needed to operate a show. Gary suggested that we look into producing something similar for our own members.

Clinics: Blanche Mahoney, Sue Halterman

The August 14th clinic with Evelyn Susol, now known as the “Fix a Test With a Beat” currently has 5 entries.

The question of whether we are charging an office fee for Fix A Tests (as we do for paperwork for shows) was posed. It was determined that we had not been charging a fee but should do so.

VOTED to charge the same office fee for Fix-a-Tests as shows.

Adult Camp: Marie Klimchuk

Marie reported that we currently have 15 people signed up for camp. Deposits have been collected from 8 people thus far. She is planning to send out a letter and the registration form by August 1st to people who have already signed up, and to remind those who have not already sent in their deposit to please do so before August 15th.

Tracey reported that Schleese Saddlery will not be available for a saddle fitting clinic that weekend as they will be at the WEG's. Blanche said that she will ask David Young if he is available.

Publications: Beckie Mitchell

Gary posed the question of publishing the next omnibus on-line. Some concerns were expressed regarding members privacy. Options discussed included omitting some of the information such as the membership list, or limiting access with a password for members.

Webmaster: (Emily Grabarek)

No new business to report.

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

AT LARGE POSITIONS

Awards: (Janet Brown)

No new business to report.

Equipment: (Bob Whitehurst)

Blanche reported that Bob is in the process of getting an estimate on the value of our storage trailer so that it may be offered for sale.

GHPEC Liaison: (Bob Whitehurst)

Gary reported that she is still waiting to hear from the GHPEC Committee on whether they will allow us to apply our recent \$500 donation to our lease on the storage room.

Hospitality: Katherine Graman

Katherine spoke with Mark Anderson, the owner of Hollywood's Restaurant, about hosting the Annual Awards Banquet. Mark is interested in providing this service. Katherine and Mark will discuss it further to see if it is financially viable for both SWVADA and Hollywood's.

JR/YR: (Emily Grabarek), Mary McFee

No new business to report.

Membership: (Pat Nelson)

Gary reported that we have 3 new members.

Points: (Robin Jones)

Robin has posted the current schooling show standings on our website.

Public Relations: (Mary McFee), Nan Palmer

No new business to report.

Media Library: Katherine Graman

No new business to report.

States Labels: (Cindy Sours)

Cindy has not yet collected enough labels to redeem.

VADA Representatives: Janet Brown and Tracey Smith-Oliver

Tracey took part in a teleconference on July 8th and relayed the following information:

VADA has a combined balance of \$106,699.06. The finance committee is currently studying how best to invest the funds.

VADA currently has 833 members which is down from last year. It seems that every chapter has experienced a decrease in membership, probably due to the poor economy.

Lilo Fore is being sought to teach the 2011 clinic.

There was a spirited discussion regarding the new opportunity classes and whether VADA and its chapters should allow scores earned in such classes to be eligible for year-end awards. No definitive conclusion was reached.

OLD BUSINESS

Gary led a discussion regarding the question of opportunity classes and whether SWVADA should allow scores earned in these classes to count toward our year end awards. These classes were designed to introduce new riders and/or horses to the experience of a Licensed Show without the expense of all the USDF/USEF membership fees. These classes are so new that ramifications are now surfacing and questions need to be addressed. For instance, is there a limit on how many times one can show in opportunity? Should there be rules re: cross entering (entering opportunity and open at the same show)? VADA is looking for input from the chapters and what they plan to do. A few other concerns were voiced including:

It is unfair to competitors who have paid the membership fees to allow all the benefits (ie: eligibility for year-end awards) of USDF/USEF membership to those who have not paid.

If eligibility for year-end awards is extended to non-members what incentive would there be to become a member?

VOTED not to accept scores from opportunity classes for SWVADA year-end awards.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Marie Klimchuk, Secretary

