

SWVADA MINUTES

21 June 2010

Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 21, 2010

At Hollywood's Restaurant

(Come early for dinner!)

The regular monthly meeting of SWVADA was held on Monday June 21 , 2010 at Hollywood's Restaurant, in Roanoke. President Gary Goodale called the meeting to order. Board Members present: Janet Brown, Emily Garbarek, Gary Goodale, Katherine Graman, Marie Klimchuk, Blanche Mahoney, Beckie Mitchell, Pat Nelson, Nan Palmer, Annette Massey Shaw, Tracey Oliver-Smith. Members Absent: Mary McFee, Laura Nelson, Cindy Sours

President's Report: Gary Goodale

Welcome and Introductions

Gary relayed that Lynn Jendrowski will *not* be doing a Freestyle demonstration ride at the Roanoke Valley Horse Show on Thursday evening, June 24th as previously planned.

Gary also relayed that Tammy Nichols and the GHPEC Committee expressed their gratitude to SWVADA for their recent donation of \$500.

Vice-President's Report: (Laura Nelson)

No new business to report.

Secretary's Report:

VOTED to accept the May minutes as posted.

Treasurers Report: Blanche Mahoney

Checking account: \$9557.31 CD: \$3,492.18 Total Assets: \$13,049.49

STANDING COMMITTEES

May Schooling Show

Pat Nelson reported that the show was a success on many fronts; the weather cooperated, there were more than 60 rides (and a waiting list), the rides spanned from Intro level to Prix St. Georges, many new people volunteered and the show cleared over \$650.

June “Fix-a-Test”

Tracey reported that the day went smoothly with eleven entries and three scratches for a total of 8 rides.

July Schooling Show

Blanche reported that we currently only have one entry for the July 10th show. She is in need of volunteers to run the show as well – all positions are currently open.

Clinics: Blanche Mahoney, Sue Halterman

Gary summarized the planning details of the August Clinic with Evelyn Susol scheduled for August 14th at GHPEC. A discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of the 2 day format which included a classroom lecture requiring a large screen TV which presented some challenges given the venue. A two day clinic would also add significantly to the cost. The board expressed concern that the cost may be prohibitive to many of those interested. It was, therefore, agreed to change the format to a one day Fix-a-Test type format while retaining Evelyn as the clinician and encouraging participants who are interested in working on their Freestyles to utilize her expertise in this field.

Gary will contact Evelyn to confirm the changes and clarify fees. Emily will promote the clinic on the website and Gary will promote it via email.

Adult Camp

Marie reported that we currently have 13 people signed up for camp, although deposits have only been collected from 6 people so far. She is planning to contact the people who have already signed up and remind them to send in their deposit in order to preserve their space.

To further market the event, Marie has placed event listings in several newsletters including the other VADA chapters, the RVHA and the VHC; as well as posted flyers in area feed and tack shops.

Publications: Beckie Mitchell

No new business to report.

Webmaster: Emily Grabarek

No new business to report.

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

Gary reminded the board that a decision was needed regarding whether or not we were planning to hold a Licensed Show in 2011, as the deadline for reserving the date with the USEF is in July.

VOTED *not* to renew date and hold a Licensed Show in 2011.

There was some discussion regarding how to handle points accrued in the USDF/USEF “opportunity classes”. It was agreed to table the discussion until after VADA had come to a decision on this subject.

AT LARGE POSITIONS

Awards: Janet Brown

Janet has ordered new numbers as many of those in our inventory have become quite worn.

Equipment: (Bob Whitehurst)

The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing the use of a permanent storage space at GHPEC and selling SWVADA’s storage trailer. The space available at the park would offer twice as much space as the trailer provides. The onetime fee would be \$3,500. Gary will ask the GHPEC committee to consider our recent \$500 donation as part of the payment. It was noted that any funds that the GHPEC committee receives as payment from SWVADA for use of a storage space will be earmarked for footing in Ring 3. Gary suggested that if SWVADA proceeded with this purchase, and if it were to create any shortage in our operating budget, we could assign the proceeds from our silent auction at the annual awards banquet to our own account, rather than donate them to GHPEC as we have in the past. The discussion was tabled to give Board members a chance to consider this option before voting on it.

GHPEC Liaison: (Bob Whitehurst)

No new business to report.

Hospitality: Katherine Graman

No new business to report.

JR/YR: Emily Grabarek, (Mary McFee)

Members of the SWVADA Junior/Young Rider Team that Emily recruited to compete at the USDF Youth Team Competition at Morven Park in Leesburg on July 24-25 have reneged citing a conflict with Pony Club Nationals which are scheduled for the same weekend.

Membership: Pat Nelson

Pat reports that we have added one new member bringing the current total to just over 90 members.

Points: (Robin Jones)

No new business to report.

Public Relations: (Mary McFee), Nan Palmer

No new business to report.

Media Library: Katherine Graman

Katherine announced the arrival of a new DVD for our video/DVD library. It is titled, "Trailer Loading and Problem Solving" with Buck Brannaman.

Southern States Labels: (Cindy Sours)

It was noted that each DVD and video in our library needs to have a label that thanks Southern States for its sponsorship making the purchase of these educational materials possible. Blanche will ask Cindy to comply.

VADA Representatives: Janet Brown and Tracey Smith-Oliver

Tracey reported that the amount of VADA grant money available to SWVADA this year is \$700 which is based on our 2007 membership numbers.

VOTED to split VADA grant money equally (\$350 will be allotted to each event) between the August 14th Clinic and Adult Camp.

VOTED to support the 2010 BLM's by contributing \$200 as a "Daily Level Sponsor".

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Marie Klimchuk, Secretary

