

## **SWVADA MINUTES**

16 May 2011

Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 20, 2011

At Hollywood's Restaurant

(Come early for dinner!)

The regular monthly meeting of SWVADA was held on Monday, May 16th, at Hollywood's Restaurant in Roanoke. President Gary Goodale called the meeting to order. Board Members present: Gary Goodale, Katherine Graman, Carlee Howe, Beckie Mitchell, Blanche Mahoney, Meredith McGrath, Elizabeth Narehood, Laura Nelson, Nannette Palmer, Annette Massey Shaw, Tracey Smith-Oliver, Cindy Sours. Members Absent: Emily Grabarek, Marie Klimchuk, Judy Westenhofer.

### **President's Report: Gary Goodale**

Welcome.

Gary informed the Board that upon graduation, Emily Grabarek will be relocating to Maryland to take the position of working student for Felicitas von Neumann-Cosel. The Board wishes Emily the very best in her new, exciting endeavor. If anyone is interested in completing Emily's term, please contact a board member.

With Emily's departure there is a need for a webmaster. Beckie Mitchell will meet with Emily and consider the possibility of assuming that position.

Gary announced that the VHC is organizing a new schooling show series, "Dressage with a View." While the Board is excited and pleased that there will be more schooling show options for local competitors, there is concern over the lack of judging credentials for some of the officials listed on the initial prize list. Only scores obtained from USDF L graduates and USEF Dressage judges will count toward year end awards for SWVADA/VADA. Gary will send an email reminder to members that when riding at a schooling show not organized by SWVADA, competitors should check the USDF website to make sure the judge(s) has the required credentials

### **Vice-President's Report: Laura Nelson**

Laura reported that Judy Westenhofer will not be able to serve as a clinician at the SWVADA Adult Camp in October. Discussion ensued about other possible clinicians. Laura will follow up on the suggestions and let the Board know about the replacement clinician. Camp enrollment opens soon!

**Secretary's Report: Gary Goodale for Marie Klimchuk.**

VOTED to accept the April minutes as posted.

**Treasurers Report: Blanche Mahoney**

Checking account: \$6008.51 CD: \$3,546.63 Total Assets: \$9555.14

Blanche reported that there was little activity in the accounts this month. She has received the insurance bill for the contents of the building - rings, etc. The total bill dropped from \$444 to \$248 as we no longer have the trailer to insure. There was discussion about the pro's and con's of maintaining the cost of the insurance for the contents. The Board voted to continue insuring the contents of the building.

Blanche completed the paper work to acquire the health permit to have food at the May 28 SWVADA schooling show. There has been no response from the Health Department. The Board decided to go ahead and offer food (Jan Keener) at the show.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Educational Sunday: Meredith McGrath/Laura Nelson**

Laura spoke with Dave Linker at Virginia Tech and there is a good possibility that SWVADA will be able to schedule the 2012 Educational Sunday program at the Alphin-Stuart Arena. She will follow through with VT to secure the date. Meredith shared the short article and wonderful photo (thanks, Alice Alley) that appeared in the Virginia Horse Journal. There was discussion about possible programs for next year.

**May 28 Show: Cindy Sours/Beckie Mitchell**

Cindy relayed that volunteers are still needed. Blanche, Cindy, and Beckie will set the ring up on Friday. Meredith will provide flowers and candy for the show. Beckie reported that entries are coming in at a good pace and the closing date isn't until Wednesday, May 18. Ride times will be posted on the website.

**June 18 Fix-A-Test: Nan Palmer**

No report at this time.

**Clinics: Laura Nelson, Cindy Sours**

No report at this time.

**Adult Camp: (Marie Klimchuk), Laura Nelson**

Laura reported that Judy Westenhoefer will not be able to be a clinician for Camp. Suggestions were made for other clinicians. Laura will contact people and report back to the board.

Laura has not yet received contract confirmation from the facility, but is working to obtain that.

June 1st is the opening date for campers to enroll.

**Publications: Beckie Mitchell**

No report at this time

**Webmaster: (Emily Grabarek)**

Emily will be relocating after graduation from Virginia Tech. She is willing to maintain the site until a replacement is found. Beckie Mitchell will meet with Emily to find out more about the webmaster job and consider the possibility of taking it on.

**Horse Shows Committee: Gary Goodale, Blanche Mahoney, Beckie Mitchell**

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

**AT LARGE POSITIONS**

**Awards: Annette Massy Shaw**

Annette reported that she has the ribbons needed for the May schooling show and June Fix-A-Test.

**Equipment: (Bob Whitehurst)**

No new business to report.

**GHPEC Liaison: (Bob Whitehurst)**

No new business to report.

**Hospitality / Banquet: Katherine Graman**

No new business to report.

**JR/YR: Emily Grabarek**

Due to lack of response, the Board eliminated this committee.

**Membership: Nan Palmer**

Nan reported that memberships are still coming in.

**Points: (Sarah Tweedie)**

No new business to report.

**Public Relations: Nan Palmer**

Nan will be placing information about the SWVADA Adult Camp on calendars in various publications. Flyers will be sent to Board members with the hope that they will be placed in local tack rooms, feed stores, etc.

**Media Library: Katherine Graman**

No new business to report.

**States Labels: Cindy Sours**

Cindy reported that \$107 in labels was recently sent in.

**Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Narehood**

No new business to report.

**VADA Representatives: Tracey Smith-Oliver, Meredith McGrath**

Tracey and Meredith relayed the following information from the VADA Board meeting:

VADA currently has about 724 members.

The Linda Zang clinic at Morven Park was 'down-sized' from two days to one day. The clinic still lost money.

VADA voted not to host the 2012 USDF Region 1 Adult Clinic at the East Complex of the Virginia Horse Center; however, VADA will hold the 2013 VADA clinic at the East Complex.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Gary will send an email to the membership reminding them of the credentials required of judging officials for scores to count toward year end awards.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business to report

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2011.  
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Beckie Mitchell for Marie Klimchuk, Secretary