

SWVADA MINUTES

21 November 2011

Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 19, 2011

At Hollywood's Restaurant

(Come early for dinner!)

The regular monthly meeting of SWVADA was held on Monday, November 21, at Hollywood's Restaurant in Roanoke. President Gary Goodale called the meeting to order. Board Members present: Gary Goodale, Katherine Graman, Mary Kafura, Blanche Mahoney, Meredith McGrath, Beckie Mitchell, Laura Nelson, Annette Massey-Shaw, Tracey Smith-Oliver, Judy Westenhoefer. Members Absent: Carlee Howe, Marie Klinchuck, Elizabeth Narehood, Nan Palmer, Cindy Sours. Guests present: Susan Dallas, Bob Whitehurst.

President's Report: Gary Goodale

Gary welcomed everyone and announced that a new dressage show has been added to the VHC calendar. Janine Malone, a judge, TD, and clinician from North Carolina, will be offering a small (two rings at most) USDF/USEF licensed dressage show at the VHC on May 19-20. Janine has asked chapters of VADA that are near the VHC to provide volunteers in exchange for a free clinic or waived judge's fee for a show. After discussion, the consensus was that SWADA will encourage members to volunteer to support the show, but that it would not be possible to guarantee a specific number of volunteers and the logistics of planning a free 'event' among several chapters would be difficult. Gary also announced that the VHC is planning a winter dressage schooling show series. Tentative dates are January 29 and February 12.

Vice-President's Report: Laura Nelson

No new business to report.

Secretary's Report: (Marie Klimchuk)

VOTED to accept the September minutes as posted.

Treasurers Report: Blanche Mahoney

Checking account: \$7017.06 CD: \$ 3546.63 Total Assets: \$10,563.69

Blanche provided a report of charitable contributions that SWVADA has made during 2011. While every donation was to a deserving cause, the Board needs to be mindful of the cumulative total of donations given throughout the year. The Board was reminded that as a 501c3 organization, our focus should be on supporting educational opportunities through our donations.

Blanche prepared a comparison showing profit/loss for shows, fix-a-tests, and clinics from 2006 to present. The Board believes this information will be very useful in planning the calendar for 2012.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Adult Camp: (Marie Klimchuk), Laura Nelson

No report

Educational Sunday: Meredith McGrath

The date for Educational Sunday is set for March 4, 2012. Planning is underway for the 2012 Educational Sunday. Meredith reported that possible topics include: a hunter/jumper demonstration, a roping demonstration, vaulting, Jason Rutledge with logging horses, and Dr. Scott Pleasants presenting findings on the recent VT study on obesity and metabolic disorders in horses.

Clinics: Laura Nelson, (Cindy Sours)

Laura reported that she is waiting on the GHPEC and SWVADA calendars to be finalized before attempting to schedule clinicians.

Horse Shows: Gary Goodale, Blanche Mahoney, Beckie Mitchell

No report

Omnibus: Beckie Mitchell

Beckie reminded the Board that in order for the Omnibus to be printed before Educational Sunday, the submission deadline is Feb 15th.

Website: Beckie Mitchell

No report

AT LARGE POSITIONS

Awards: Annette Massy Shaw

Annette is waiting on the final standings report to order ribbons and prizes.

Equipment: Bob Whitehurst

Bob will assess and replenish the show secretary's box for the upcoming show season.

GHPEC Liaison: Bob Whitehurst

No fee increases from GHPEC this year. Due to successful "fun shows," GHPEC does not appear to be in as dire financial straits this year as previous years. SWVADA members are urged to continue supporting the park through memberships. SWVADA has the following dates reserved on the GHPEC calendar: April 7, April 14, May 26, June 16, July 7, August 11, October 6.

Membership: (Nan Palmer)

Nan has already collected dues from 12 members for 2012.

Points: (Sarah Tweedie)

All scores are due to Sarah by December 1.

Media Library: Katherine Graman

Beckie will work to get an updated list of available CD's on the website. Judy Westenhoefer has volunteered to manage the Media Library.

Banquet: Katherine Graman

The Banquet will be held at Arzu's in downtown Roanoke on Sunday, February 12, from 11:00 - 3:00. The snow date will be February 19, same time. The cost is \$20.00. More information will be sent out and posted on the website soon.

States Labels: (Cindy Sours)

No report.

Newsletter Editor: (Elizabeth Narehood)

Elizabeth is unable to continue newsletter editor. If SWVADA wants to have an eNews, someone needs to take it over.

VADA Representatives: Tracey Smith-Oliver, Meredith McGrath, Gary Goodale

VADA has a balance of \$118,731.93. There are 870 members. The VADA Banquet will be held on February 5 at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville. The banquet will include a silent auction and door prizes. It was reported that the Fall VADA show (the GAIGs) were down about 100 horses and 300 rides so profit was \$9000 less than previous years. It is unclear how this might affect the VADA budget for 2012. There will possibly be an L program in late 2012 or 2013, sponsored by VADA with Kathy Rowse in charge. More information will follow as it becomes available.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The Roanoke Valley Pony Club and Blue Ridge Eventing Association have approached SWVADA to explore the possibility of working together to host a show. Laura Nelson will attend a meeting with representatives of both organizations to gather more information to share with the Board.

The Board discussed the calendar for 2012. Pony Club has requested that SWVADA swap one of SWVADA's April dates for the one that Pony Club typically has since the regional rally for Pony Club conflicts. SWVADA agreed to give the Pony Club the April 7 date while keeping April 14 and April 28. Additional show dates are May 26 and October 6. June 16, July 7, and August 11 will be used for clinics (tentatively).

Further discussion of the calendar ensued. A motion was made that for the coming year, SWVADA hold only two schooling shows with an increased budget so that more highly rated judges could be hired and more prizes given. After a lively discussion, the motion was defeated by a 2 to 7 margin. The Board decided to keep offering schooling shows in April, May and October. April, June, July, and August dates will remain on the calendar to be used for clinics or fix-a-tests.

SWVADA needs secretaries and managers for the events planned this year. Thank you to the following who have already volunteered:

Kim Huffman and Monica Weinzapfel have volunteered to secretary shows (shows to be determined)

Meredith McGrath will organize 2012 Educational Sunday

April 14 Fix-a-Test, Annette Massey-Shaw, manager

April 28 Dressage Schooling Show, manager, Blanche Mahoney

Laura Nelson and Marie Klimchuk will organize SWVADA Camp for 2012

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2011, 7:00 at Hollywood's.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Beckie Mitchell for Marie Klimchuk, Secretary