

SWVADA BOD Meeting Minutes January 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at: 7:04

Board Members present: Laura Nelson, Tamla Nichols, Judy Altizer, Annie Connelly, Candi Hylton, Muffin Smith, Rachel Roy, Denise Lennon, Lindsay Carr

President's Report: Laura Nelson - Educational Sunday: we need to get the word out for people to check the website for details and program. Set up for tack sale will start at 0800, sessions will last 45 minutes with 15 minute break, 3 sessions before lunch, followed by lunch and awards for SWVADA and BREAA, then 2 sessions after lunch.

Dave Cecchini will teach core development at 9:00, Tracey Smith-Oliver will lead Cavaletti demonstration at 10:00, Lynn Jendrowski will talk about how to get extra points in dressage tests at 11:00, she will want dressage arena, followed by awards and lunch, then Tamla will talk about the changes to USDF competition rules at 1:00, then Polocrosse demo at 2:00. It is set up as an event on facebook, need a volunteer to run the tack sale, Lindsay will put on facebook. Tamla will want a thumb drive, Rachel will check with Dave Linker about the AV equipment available.

Vice President's Report: Tamla Nichols - nothing new on GHPEC. Tamla will pick up ribbons, year end ribbons have been ordered, cost \$217.00, Tamla will take to GHPEC room. Tamla will pull goodies for door prizes at Ed Sunday on Monday. Denise will take ribbons home and get them organized.

Secretary's Report: Judy Altizer - minutes from last meeting accepted

Treasurer's Report: Annie Connelly - \$16,898.16 is current budget.

Membership: Candi Hylton - 13 members: 9 amateurs, 2 juniors, 2 professionals. Candi hasn't mailed deposit yet due to weather.

Clinics and Shows: We have 3 show dates. Ginger Henderson will do June show. Tamla is sending insurance certs in next week. Laura is also waiting to hear back from Muffin about judging in spring.

We have a new sponsored grant for young riders, \$2000 was donated by patty Brost's husband Jerry Brost, we are working on qualifications to apply for the grant. Laura and Denise and Patty will establish the criteria to qualify for the grant, and expectations of recipients. If anyone has suggestions, send to them. Denise would like to see it include young riders because of college students. Candy says we only have 2 youth members at this point. Youth/young rider will have a year to use funds applied for. Denise has shared a grant application from northern Virginia. Volunteer hours could be used from the year before or earned upcoming year. Laura suggests a writeup telling what is learned from lessons and how rider benefits.

This year spring show will be a CDI, we need to get the word out about the need for volunteers, need scribes and paper scribes. Dates May 20-22.

VADA grant provides \$700 for clinic, plan for August at Virginia Tech, Judy proposes Jessica Bortner-Harris, who teaches biomechanics of riding clinics, Judy, Zoe, Rachel and Reagan have participated in these clinics, Denise confirm she is a good clinician, there is interest amongst the board, Judy will explore and report back.

Need managers and secretaries, Tamla is meeting with Corinne and Laura. Laura is hiring judges, Tamla is handling the park, Rick will likely do overall management, still need secretaries, Tamla will not be in town for the first show. Laura would very much like not to manage all of the shows. We need people to step up and manage the dressage part. Sarah Edwards is volunteer coordinator. 1st show is April 24, Rachel Roy will cover the morning, Judy Altizer will finish the day.

Social Media and Outreach: Lindsay Carr - working hard to get things shared SWVA dressage Association, go to the page and like and share to friends.

Awards: Barcelli Award, voted on by membership, sportsmanship, "spirit of dressage", Laura put out a request for nominees in the last eBlast, there were no responses.

Volunteers: Sarah Edwards will be volunteer coordinator

VADA: last meeting, there is still time to sign up for banquet, Laura encourages members to come and cheer for members who are winning awards. Lindsay would like to get a group picture. Purple book will be ready soon, Laura needs to update show dates. BLMs will be in 2023 at VHC earlier dates to qualify for GAIGS, dates pending. GAIGs in VHC in 2022

GHPEC and Equipment: Candi said last meeting she knew someone who does excavating, she will talk to Joe Clark

New Business: Omnibus, Laura went through and made corrections to points and awards, has our bylaws and awards, how do we make it more user friendly? Tamla says we need a menu with topics broken out so people. Laura will talk to Beckie to see what she wants to cut and paste on the website. This used to be mailed out, but now format is obsolete.

Next meeting, Laura can't do 2/22, board moves to move to 2/28, none opposed. Denise will contact Hollywood's. Rachel talked to Bill McDonald about the T McDonald perpetual award, he has supported in the past, discussion there is not a physical trophy, at bottom of list there is a McDonald, at present it is a ribbon for the amateur. Denise and Rachel will talk. The award we needed to fill discussed at last meeting was.

Tamla we nominated Laura for Shel Gafford Award, Laura heard from Shelly King, she hadn't heard from anyone. Rachel will follow up to update her.

Old Business:

The meeting was adjourned at 2113