

SWVADA BOD meeting minutes for January 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:23

President: Laura alerted VADA that we selected Megan Irby as SWVADA's Shel Gafford nominee, and updated them as to the changes to our BOD for 2020. Laura tried to get together emails for an eblast, notifying the membership as to the death of Ashley Huray, but simply did not have time to type in each address. We need a volunteer to take on the eblasts, is there anyone who would like to take over this job or ask someone to do it? Laura is going to contact Becky Mitchell to see if she is interested in taking on this role. We need to have one per month, posting a week before the BOD meeting. Laura sent a card to Ashley's family on behalf of SWVADA. Laura will call Mama Maria's this week to reserve the room for the banquet. There will be a conflict for some members, as Lynn Jendrowski has scheduled clinics on the dates of both the VADA and SWVADA banquets. Decision was made to proceed with the banquet date as scheduled. Laura has calculated the winners of the schooling show series. RE: the Chapter Challenge at Mane Gait - arena loan, Judy says RVPC is happy to use a chain arena, so conflict is resolved.

Vice President: Tamla. RE: judges for our 3 shows, judges haven't been hired yet, but Tamla and BREA will hire the judges.

Secretary: Laura asks Judy if there is any way she can get out minutes sooner so people have a reminder of their "jobs" for the month? Judy states she will try to get them out more promptly, and offers to yield the position of secretary if someone else wants this role. Approval of minutes of the December, 2019 meeting with motion made by Tamla, Rachel seconds, none opposed.

Treasurer: Annie \$15,850.50 is current budget. (need to confirm, last month 15,899.98)

Membership: Candi updates membership: 9 members, 7 amateurs, 2 professionals, 8 renewals, 1 new member. Get your renewals in!

Points and Awards: Sarah Tweedie has agreed to continue in this role. Awards ordered for banquet?

SS labels: Tamla will take on the Show Program. Members encouraged to save labels.

Clinics and shows: Let's make some plans! Lynn wants to work with SWVADA to have a clinic at Linda Till's. Discussion about making sure entries are fair to membership. Laura will apply for VADA grant once we know. Need members to volunteer as co-managers and secretaries for the shows. Laura will be on grounds secretary for the May show. We need to reach out to new members to volunteer, we need to engage more members to volunteer to keep the group going. Discussion about forming a committee for this, Laura,

Judy, Denise volunteer. Denise suggests sponsoring a team for Chapter Challenge, we will plan to come up with something to offset costs for members' entry fees for this show. Upcoming 2020 event dates: RVPC Spring Frolic is April 5 at GHPEC, Tracey Smith-Oliver will teach a Cavaletti clinic on April 25 at GHPEC, May 3 - BREA/SWVADA HT at GHPEC, June 7 - BREA/SWVADA CT at GHPEC, July 12 RVPC Summer Frolic at GHPEC, Dressage at Lexington - July 10-12, August 15 - VADA Chapter Challenge at Mane Gait Equestrian Center, RVPC Fall Frolic September 13 at GHPEC, October 8-11 VADA Finals at VHC, BREA/SWVADA Fall HT - October 18, more to come as planned.

VADA: Annie and Laura both missed the meeting. Laura can share the minutes. VADA balance is \$126,000, this balance includes awards, but not yet the facility fee for the banquet. 2020 GAG at VHC (doing some major upgrades). Do we want to add a third VADA representative? Denise volunteered. They really don't seem to care a lot about SWVADA. BLM issues...Laura is on committee for clinic at Gardie Bloomer's on June 27 and 28, and her emphasis will be on making sure that the entry process is equitable, so there is a fair distribution of rides across all VADA chapters. Award banquet is 2/9 at Greencroft club, next board meeting is that morning at 1000. VADA will reimburse us the fee for 3 schooling shows to get them in the USDF schooling show awards program. Tamla will explore the USDF program to find out what we need to do to get our shows entered. Members will have to sign up for this program at the start of the year and pay a fee to be eligible.

Social Media/outreach: We need a new e blaster. The facebook page is getting traffic.

Equipment/GHPEC: Tamla. Arena tool? Nicole Marts still plans to make one using BREA's tool. Laura has an arena tool (Linda Oberlender's tool). Tamla reports that Bob is still getting bids for the GHPEC renovation. Ring 1 will need to be raised approximately 18 inches, will be an expensive project. The long term plan will also be to raise the parking area to help with flooding.

Volunteers: Evie Washburn. I sent the volunteer to the VADA banquet, Thank you all for this honor

Hospitality: Judy Bonin will manage the silent auction and whatever else we want her to handle, Banquet Feb 22 at Mama Maria's in Salem, VA.

Old Business:

New Business:

The meeting was adjourned 8:15