

SWVADA BOD meeting minutes for December 2019

The meeting was called to order: 700

Members present: Laura Nelson, Tamla Nichols, Annie Connelly, Candi Hylton, Judy Altizer, Rachel Roy, Muffin Smith, SWVADA member Meredith McGrath, Reagan Roy, Evie Washburn, Glenda Washburn

President: Round Table Introduction. Laura offers apology, explaining that she has not been able to make SWADA a priority for the last 2 months due to terminal illness of her sister, she is back at it! (Our deepest sympathies are with Laura and her family)

Vice President: Tamla didn't make last BREA meeting, plan is to hold all three shows as joint ventures. She will update once she learns more about who is hiring judges.

Secretary: Judy, November minutes are up for review. Annie makes a motion to approve the minutes from November, 2019 meeting, Rachel seconds the motion, none opposed, minutes approved as written.

Treasurer: Annie reports \$15,899.98 is the current balance, upcoming expenses are: year end awards and Educational Sunday, 2019 volunteer of the year award for \$250.

Membership: It's time to renew membership for 2020. Remember that if you will join/rejoin USEF, you must take the Safe Sport training. All new memberships are to go to Candi Hylton. Laura encourages members to join early so that scores count towards year end award.

Points/Awards: Final standings are now available. Laura has asked for nominees for show parent, groom, show supporter of the year award, there was discussion about possible candidates. Final Points are in. Tamla will order awards, Laura is working on calculating who won series year end award.

Labels: Save Southern States brand and Legends feeds, turn in to Laura.

Clinics/Shows: Chapter Challenge will be at Mane Gait on August 15, 2020. 3 of their arenas can accommodate dressage arenas, charge is \$300 for entire facility, stalls are \$25 per day. Meredith asks if VADA can borrow the arena for this show. D Rally is next day, so RVPC will have to approve that (Judy will follow up). We will need volunteers, and this will be a schooling show opportunity. Clinician ideas: George Williams is very hard to secure, he is doing a VADA clinic 6/27 and 6/28 geared toward junior young riders and amateurs, Laura is on this committee, and will advocate for equitable participation from VADA regions. She doesn't know if selections will be from video submission, as has been done in the past. The clinic location will be in Esmont, VA south of Charlottesville.

Patrick Tigchelaar. Laura will check availability and fees. Possible venues: Hill of Dreams, Linda Till's, Laura will explore cost. Rachel Roy says Katherine Abrams and Molly Ryan want to have more events at Harmony Hills, there is an indoor there, but parking is limited.

VADA: \$7500 profit from fall show, (smaller than usual) total cost was around \$123,000. June 27-28 clinic in Esmont, VA for AAs and Jr/YR with George Williams. Shel Gafford nominations to be voted on. Also, we need our volunteer of the year to go to VADA. The 3 nominees are Megan Irby (who used to be a SWVADA member before she moved), Tina Longaker, current president, (she is paid to secretary to licensed shows). Tamla makes a motion to vote for Megan Irby, Judy seconds motion, all in favor.

Social Media/Outreach: the facebook page is having

GHPEC/Equipment: Arena renovation is pending contractor bids and weather. Fundraising will commence once plans are more solid.

Volunteers: SWVADA needs a new volunteer coordinator and year end recipient, Evie Washburn has volunteered for this function for 2020. Need nominations for volunteer of the year, Judy nominated Laura, floor open for other nominations, Laura proposes horse show parent of the year. The most recent eBlast encouraged nominations from the membership, which need to be sent to Laura by the end of December.

Hospitality: Discussion about selection of date for year end banquet, 02/22 was proposed at previous meeting, 2/22 was decided upon, to be held at Mama Marie's in Salem.

Old Business:

New Business: Hill of Dreams is having a winter schooling show series on these dates; 1/18, 2/15, 3/14, snow dates are the Sunday afterward.

Adjourned: 8:16