

SWVADA Board of Directors Meeting (teleconference)
May 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order: 7:00 PM

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

Laura gives update on meeting with BREa re: show, GHP still not willing to rent the park for shows, Aug 23 is tentative reschedule. There has been lots of conversation about how to handle a show safely, plan is to work the bugs out, and hold dressage show and CT. We will figure out how to tabulate points once we get through the summer, and will adjust to make it work fairly for all involved. VADA is planning to have Dressage At Lexington. Discussion about concerns that locally COVID-19 cases are low, and competitors from NOVA and other highly infected areas bring risk of exposure. Under phase 1, sporting events can't happen, phase 2 guidelines are not yet clear, so the show may not be allowed to happen (Tamla). Laura explains that VADA decided to cancel the symposium with Bill Woods and George Williams, and put it to 2021 because it was intended to be auditor friendly (auditing currently not feasible due to public group size limits). Chapter Challenge; planned to be held at Mane Gait, Meredith has resigned as manager because she is opposed to having a show in August, VADA will need help to make the show happen. Discussion about holding schooling shows, Judy says generally safe outside, Rachel saw large containers of hand sanitizer at Rural King, Laura says to buy it and SWVADA will reimburse.

Discussion about issues with holding clinics, GHP will not rent the park. If all participants are members, lessons can be coordinated at the park as long as social distancing and groups limit rules are followed. Denise says Mane Gait charges \$25 per person to haul in, and \$25 for a stall (includes overnight), they are ready to move forward with events. Laura thinks we should look into it. Laura will find out if VADA plans to offer clinic subsidy this year.

Membership: Candi says no new members in the last month.

SWVADA can't have clinics at GHPEc at present. Mane gait will charge per person, preference and discount to SWVADA members. Laura, do we try to do something in July. problem areas are common eating areas and bathroom (needed for clinic)

Judy proposes possibly hosting a fix-a-test, Tracey Smith-Oliver, Gab Hooten, Becky Mitchell possible clinicians for this. Laura would rather see VADA grant applied for a clinician we don't see often like Patrick Tigchelaar or Cody Armstrong, all agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM