

SWVADA BOD meeting minutes December 19, 2022

Members present: BOD Laura Nelson, Tamla Nichols, Annie Harris, Judy Altizer, Rachel Roy, Muffin Smith,
SWVADA members: Zoe Altizer, Katie Kelly, Bev Martinkoski

Called to order at: 7:05

President's Report (Laura Nelson): Clear up a few points from 2022, we did vote last year to make it mandatory that one of your scores must come from a SWVADA show to qualify for year end awards, but that didn't get posted to the website, so this requirement will start in 2023. The purpose of that is to encourage people to come to our shows and to level the playing field, and take away the home court advantage of doing all of your shows at home. Katie states she has horses who can't go on the footing at GHPEC, and some kids can't ride on Sundays. Katie asks how to get Hill Of Dreams shows sanctioned by SWVADA, Tamla and Laura report shows must benefit SWVADA, not a private farm. Members suggest posting to the general membership for club-wide input.

We need 3 reps to VADA, currently have Laura and Muffin, so we need another. It's a monthly zoom meeting. Katie Kelly volunteers. VADA reps get 2 hours of VADA volunteer time per meeting. Picking our SWVADA volunteer of the year, Muffin Smith is our selection (thank you, Muffin).

Revisiting the board, bylaws say 5 to 10 people, last month several members expressed interest in joining the board, applicants need to write up a bio, then membership will vote by next meeting via email, send bio to Laura to be considered.

VP's Report: (Tamla Nichols): Show dates. Judges? Group will be meeting to hire judges soon. GHPEC, needs ring 2 and 3 need to be leveled.

Secretary's Report (Judy Altizer): The minutes from the November meeting accepted with the correction of Veronica Haber's name

Treasurer's Report (Annie Harris): The current balance is \$18,239.65

GHP: Tamla (see VP report)

Ed Sunday: Laura has Gabi Hooten, Tracey Smith-Oliver and Becky Mitchell for the judges forum on new tests, we will need demo riders, judges will discuss movements and scoring changes, and will discuss geometry training thru 4th level, we need 2 riders for each level, those who want to volunteer contact Laura. Katie doing a session on stretch at trot and free walk, needs 2 riders, Sam Henley doing gridwork, Tamla made a schedule, and will work on a flier. Thinking of riders to demo for the New test forum, Robin White has a 4th level horse. Lunch to be provided, pizza is easier because we can adjust to the numbers who sign up that morning. Volunteer opportunities still available, no one has volunteered to man tack sale yet. Laura will be point of contact. Judy will reach out to VT students for jumping, Zoe wants to ride in this session.

Membership: Candi is not present, but forwarded the current roster. Pleasure join ASAP. Current renewals for 2022; total 10, 8 Amateur and 2 Jr/YR, all 10 are renewals.

VADA: Clarify 3 representatives for 2023. Banquet details.

Volunteer and social media

Points and awards: scores should be up any moment. Denise will handle awards, plans to spend around the same budget as last year.

JR/YR grant: Denise had a conversation with Jerry Brost, he was a little disappointed that more kids didn't take advantage of it, amount will go up to \$3.000, and we have money left over from this year, applicants must volunteer, share experiences, Denise has link to email. Each jr/yr member will still have a \$500 limit, we need to get the link on the website, and send info in eBlast. Lindsey will add info about this grant to facebook.

Social Media: Lindsey needs pics to send facebook page

Old/New: Tamla says IEA regional show at Liberty university on March 11, they need 3 first level horses, contact Tamla

Adjourned: 8:20