

## SWVADA BOD meeting minutes May 15, 2023

BOD members present: Laura Nelson, Tamla Nichols, Judy Altizer, Candi Hylton, Denise Lennon, Rachel Roy, Lindsey Carr, Muffin Smith, Melissa Downs

SWVADA members present: Zoe Altizer, Riley Carr, Katie Kelly

Called to order at: 7:45

President's Report (Laura Nelson): brief discussion of VADA conflict of interest policy, will be revisited at next VADA meeting. Consider Docusign as a format if board members need to sign. We will talk again after VADA has rendered a decision.

Vice President's Report (Tamla Nichols): SWVADA/BREA show was a success, our share was \$992 profit, came through PayPal and a check. Bonnie Haber's quilt; she requested volunteer hours. The way the rules are written, you can donate volunteer hours only to a junior/young rider family member. Nicki is an adult, so doesn't work per bylaws (junior/young rider only). Denise will store the quilt, and it will be the donation for next year's silent auction. ETS event last weekend, Tamla met a woman who needs to get rid of dirt, Tamla went and got samples, it contains clay and no rocks. Property owner will load it for free on dump truck. The dirt is located in Boones mill, mound of dirt out of a pond, Bob is out of the country right now. Tamla has received a donation for arena improvement from Roanoke Valley Horseman's Association. Plan to add sand from Sisson and Ryan to ring. Bob Whitehurst will look at it at the end of the month.

Secretary's Report (Judy Altizer): Muffin made a motion to pass the minutes a written, Denise seconded the motion, passed as written

Treasurer's Report (Annie Harris): Current balance is \$14,857.74, Annie reports she has heard from Beth Ripple re: outstanding checks. We had 2 outstanding checks to VADA, sponsorships for last year, they said to throw them away, checks were for membership and sponsorship? Heather Skeens doesn't want the \$50, so this will be added to the total donated to Virginia Tech dressage team.

Membership (Candi Hylton): 50 (see sheet)

Clinics and Shows: show wrap up, we still need a manager for the summer show, Denise and Judy will co-manage. Concern raised/discussion about the amount of SWVADA volunteers v. share of the profit. Melissa reports 2 complaints of tall grass. Upcoming clinic, VADA comes up with more money for the grant, \$1,100.00. Several members audited the recent JJ Tate clinic at Harmony Hills, she will be back. Laura talked to Katherine Abrams about freestyle clinic for SWVADA, Katherine is receptive. Laura will get more information for next time, maybe for a fall clinic

Points and Awards:

Social Media and Outreach: call for volunteers and info about youth grant

GHPEC: see tamla

VADA: Vada asking for sponsorships, offered 400 package, 200 per show for DAL and GAIGs, none opposed

committee for 2024 clinic, Shelly King, Nancy Dooty and Denise Lennon, seeking an olympian for clinic, it will be held at the Virginia Horse Center or farm in Afton, we push for inclusion of riders from our chapter.

Jr/young rider grant, no submissions yet. Laura has talked to Heather about jr membership and Judy talked to Beth to encourage Virginia Tech team members to join and share in this opportunity.

Old Business: HOD is sending a team to the Youth Champions. There are 2 banners and saddle pads in the SWVADA room. Judy made a motion to send saddle pads and banners for competitors. Denise amended the motion to purchase all purpose saddle pads that fit ponies, Katie can apply the SWVADA logo. The competition will be held in Culpeper, VA on June 24 and 25, Team members are encouraged to apply for grant for reimbursement of show expenses.

New Business:

Adjourned at: 8:39