

SWVADA BOD Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2021

Members Present: Laura Nelson, Tamla Nichols, Judy Altizer, Annie Connelly
Rachel Roy, Candi Hylton, Denise Lennon, Muffin Smith
Lindsay Carr, Riley Carr, Zoe Altizer

Called to order at: 7:47

President's Report (Laura Nelson): see VADA

Vice President's Report (Tamla Nichols): see awards

Secretary's Report (Judy Altizer): need to edit last month's minutes, will vote to approve next time

Treasurer's Report (Annie Connelly): \$14,944.44 includes check for 4H award, says VADA southwest on the award

Membership (Candi Hylton):

Clinics and Shows: The dates for next year: May 1 HT, June 5 CT, October 16 HT, Hill of Dreams will hold their winter series, and plans to do some schooling shows over summer. Tamla says she is working on getting some schooling shows at VHC. We will have \$700 from VADA for clinic, ED Sunday March 20, 2022 at Alphin Stuart Livestock Arena at VT. BREAA was going to do awards that day, do we want to do awards that day, and invite BREAA? Rachel mentions having the event catered. Laura says we have ordered pizza based on sign in in the past. Denise also agrees catering would be nice, but you do have to know how many are coming. Maybe find somewhere that caters salads. Laura will work on program if someone else works on food. The issue with the complaint about the facility, report to Dean that facility looked unkept. will add statement to clinic entry to enter at your own risk because of construction. Topics: Tamla will speak on new rules and regulations, violations will result in elimination after December 1, tack sale, polocrosse, cavaletti, Dave will teach about core conditioning, Jennifer Benson on chiro/body work, go ahead and get date on website. veterinary update, maybe ask SS to talk about feed

Awards: Rachel has a lot of goodies for awards, Laura encourages members to check scores, need 4 scores, average will be taken if member has more than 4, will take highest 4, send scores to Sarah Tweedie

Hospitality: see Ed Sunday for discussion of banquet

VADA: largest regional championship we've ever done! 4 rings a day plus championship ring, Management is trying to decide if we will have gate person next time, which would really save on volunteer numbers (2 people per ring). VADA has more than \$200,000 in account, but paid \$70,000 to VHC for facility rent. Check VADA website, supposed to be made more user friendly, volunteer list has been posted, Laura forwarded list of chapter volunteers. VADA needs a volunteer coordinator if anyone is interested. Regionals will be earlier next year October 6-9 at VHC. The banquet at Greencroft Club on 2/6/22 from 11:00-2:00, members can purchase tickets on the VADA website, scores need to be in by 12/1/21, send electronically. Better quality awards will be offered this year. Shel Gafford Memorial award nominations due by 12/1/21. Plan to add chapter special event page on the website, we can add our events. USDF convention 12/1-4 is online but free, you have to sign in, but there is a lot of good content available, Laura encourages all to participate.

GHPEC and Equipment: Tamla is frustrated because the county is having events in the EC without posting or notification, or putting them on the calendar. This has happened 4 times in the last month, these events need to be on the calendar so members can plan. There was a police dog training doing bite work at the park with no notification, and this would have been potentially dangerous if riders had been present. At the Halloween show, a man offered to use his excavating equipment, Bob Whitehurst is going to contact this man

Communication: Lindsay Carr to call Annie to work on the facebook page. Laura will send an email describing our plan to incentives members, free stall, if you know clubs who need volunteers, let us know

New Business: Officers for next year, President Laura Nelson will continue to serve, Lindsay Carr will join the board. The roster will remain the same otherwise. Committes: Clinics and Shows Laura, Tamla, Denise, and Judy. Denise and Rachel will work on prizes. Rachel scribed for Heather Hamilton Boyer, L of distinction, and suggests that she'd be a good idea for schooling shows. Laura and Denise met Donna Richardson, she would be a good one to have judge at the VHC. Discussion about equitable competitions, BLM does this, ride in division based on riders level of experience. Clinics participation should be more equitable, rides should be distributed across the chapters. The USDF president to be informed. California had people ride from each chapter instead of riders coming from just a few chapters. Tamla recommends sending this idea in writing in advance as an item to discuss at a meeting. This would make clinic participation more equitable.

December meeting would be 12/20, that is very close to Christmas/holidays, several will be out of town. Decision made not to hold December meeting, business can be handled by email as needed.

Old Business:

Adjourned: 8:43 motion made by Denise, second Annie