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Virginia Dressage Association, Inc. –
Charlottesville Chapter

EXTENSIONS

President's Message

Hello Members,

It was great to see so many of you at Doswell showing a few weeks ago. Congratulations to all of our members for getting out and showing despite the heat. Janine Malone and Dianne Boyd organized a well-run show!

We are in the midst of organizing our show for 2012 behind the scenes. Nancy Lowey is spearheading this job yet again (thanks Nancy) and we are in the process of booking judges, technical delegates and the venue. At our last meeting, we decided to hold the show at Culpeper's Commonwealth Park in 2012 on the last weekend in April, the 28th and 29th.

I know that many of us will be out and about at Dressage at Lexington in the next few weeks and I'd like to encourage those of you who are not showing to come and watch some of the rides on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. As you are aware Lexington is a great facility and there is plenty of opportunity for spectators to watch and sit in the shade. It is amazing to recognize what truly can be learned in this manner.

We've got the Chapter Fundraising Clinic this coming weekend at Ashanti Farm with Bruno Greber, which should enable us to have largely funded the purchase of our new ring thanks to Ashanti Farm and Allison Brock! The ring can be used at clinics, schooling shows and of course licensed shows. It is extremely easy to set up and very easy to transport given the short lengths of the various pieces that comprise the ring.

Don't forget that we will do our drawing for the Chapter Scholarships next week Monday, July 11th. Provided you've sent the necessary forms to Sherri Booye and Amy Gadsden, you are entered and your name will be put in the hat. One of you will be the lucky winner and receive a \$300 scholarship which can be used to further your dressage education. Make sure to put the 2012 Licensed Show on your calendars to ensure that you are able to get in the volunteer hours (8) required to qualify. For those of you intending to show, you can get involved in being part of the Sponsorships and Advertising Committee or being part of the crew who sets up rings on Friday before the show.

Stay cool and hydrated as the heat picks up.
Best, Gardy

VADA-CH June Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Ame Hellman

Attending: Amy Gadsden, Renee Shifflet, Sheri Booye, Jan Templeton, Nancy Lowey, Carter Bass, Ame Hellman, Gardy Bloemers, Catherine Kern, Sarah Kern, Pati Peirucci, Bettina Longaker.

The meeting was called to order and the May Board meeting topics were approved with a small change: Chapter grant language should be changed to “chapter scholarship” program in last month’s minutes.

VADA state would like to give a donation to a non-profit (related to the equine community) from the silent auction from the awards banquet. VADA-CH needs to suggest a non-profit.

Membership Update

Carter Bass reported that members are up to 93—a few more are pending per conversations with Carter. Last year our membership topped out at 112.

Treasurer’s Report

Jan shared our current account balance, which is \$8,375.91. We still need to incur printing costs for tests related to schooling shows. We ended up showing a \$2,685.00 in profit—after paying out \$1,200 in payments to people who worked at the show. The chapter made a donation of \$500.00 to the Montpelier Thoroughbred Rescue project. An ad was placed in the newsletter for Brooke Doss—and Jan is trying to find out if any checks have come in for the clinic. None have come in to date. Profit and loss statement will be included in the next newsletter for review of the membership.

Licensed Show 2012

Date and Venue—Tina talked to Janine Malone and she will move her show so that we can have our show on the weekend that we chose, the last weekend in April, 28th and 29th. Venue: Keswick is out—too expensive and they don’t do anything for you. Culpepper is the choice of the group. They have promised to make sure that the audio system will be working properly. OR Renee’s husband can help with audio back up. Motion made for the date and venue and all approved. Judges discussed:

Elizabeth Lewis, Jeanne McDonald, Tami Batts. Helmut should be approached for the TD job. Catherine will do awards again, Ame will do sponsorships with Gardy (or not), Nancy will be show manager. We need to extend the chapter scholarship form entry for the two adult scholarships. Scholarship form is on the website. Ramey will draw the name out of the hat on July 11 and participants have to be present to win the scholarship.

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Schooling Show – Toad Hollow

Renee Shifflet. We didn't have enough entries for the show and it was cancelled. Possible reasons—the economy, gas prices, school ended that week and a lot of families left town. Renee can do a combined training dressage show next year and the CT's are filling up very quickly. Schooling shows should be held prior to show season starts—late March is a better month and Renee will try to get a better date for spring of 2012, possibly the beginning of March and she would also do a combined training/dressage show. Chapter would then be committing to TWO schooling shows and one Recognized show—plus one clinic (last weekend in March). Sue Madden-Mandas is doing the clinic next spring. Sue's clinic date needs to be confirmed prior to Renee picking the date. Renee will come on July 11 and report back on her findings and we will make a decision at that point.

Scholarship Forms need to get in NOW! See above notes.

Fundraising Clinic – Ashanti Farm/Bruno Gerber – July 9th and 10th

8 rides on Saturday and 7 on Sunday. We need 3 rides on Saturday and 4 on Sunday. \$130 per ride. 50% goes to the chapter—and we will make \$1,300.

Newsletter Editor Search

We need a new one as of November—Eliza is resigning. Gardy is going to ask Michelle Birch.

Suggestions for the non-profit donation: Montpelier Thoroughbred Retirement, Virginia Horse Center; Ride with Pride, Building Goodness USA, CART. Meeting Adjourned.

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July 9 - 10

VADA-CH Dressage Clinic
Ashanti Farm
Keswick, VA

July 11

CDCTA Dressage Schooling Show
Warrenton Show Grounds
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July 15 - 17

Dressage at Lexington Licensed Show
Lexington, VA

August 6 - 7

EEMI Summer Fling Dressage and Pas de Deux Challenge
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August 7

SVDA Licensed Dressage Show
Williamsburg, VA
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August 11

CDCTA Dressage Schooling Show
Warrenton Show Grounds
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August 20 - 21

Dressage at Foxcroft Licensed Show
Middleburg, VA
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August 27

Dressage and CT Schooling Show
Touch Point Farm, Culpeper, VA
www.cdcta.com

Bruno Gerber Clinic Schedule June 9th and 10th

Following is the rider line up for the upcoming Chapter Fundraising Clinic at Ashanti Farm this weekend, June 9th and 10th. If you'd like to audit, please do so as this is free to VADA-CH members. Non-members are welcome at \$15 per day.

SATURDAY

8:00 – 8.45	Gardy Bloemers/ Donizetti S/ B. Wmbld/ 17 yrs. (ex-clinic)	I-1
8.45 – 9.30	Adrian Alvord (ex-clinic)	PSG
9.30 – 10.15	Ame Hellman/Ronaldo/ Dan. Wmbld/ 13 yrs.	I-2

BREAK

10.30 – 11.15	Cynthia Whitman/ BFF Peppermint/ TBxClyde/9 yrs.	Third
11.15 – 12:00	Tamara Showalter/ Fiji/ Zweibrucker (RPSI)/9 yrs.	First/Second
12:00 – 12.45	Chelsea Gottlieb/Contendra/Rhineland/ 9 yrs.	Third

LUNCH

1.30 – 2.15	Jeannie Burnett/ Charlie/ Wmbld x QH /5 yrs.	Training
2.15 – 3:00	Ann Sutherland/ Rosalina/ Friesian/ 14 yrs.	Training

SUNDAY

8:00 – 8.45	Ame Hellman/ Ronaldo/ Dan Wmbld/ 13 yrs.	I-2
8.45– 9.30	Cynthia Whitman/ BFF Peppermint/ TBxClyde/9 yrs.	Third
9.30- 10.15	Kaki Barrett/ Frits/ Friesian/ 10 yrs.	First

BREAK

10.30 – 11.15	Melyni Worth/ Horse TBC	
11.15 – 12.00	Michael Pendleton/ Horse TBC	
12.00 – 12.45	Jeannie Burnett/ Charlie/ Wmbld x QH /5 yrs.	Training

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VADA did not have a Board Meeting (Teleconference) this past month, so there are no official minutes to publish in this newsletter.

However, its various Board Members are happy to report that Katherine Truitt, the Executive Director of the Virginia Horse Center, has kindly offered to sponsor in full the Competitor's Party on Friday night at the Region 1 Championships this year in Lexington, Virginia.

As many of you are aware, VADA has the pleasure of hosting the show again this year and this generous contribution will make a major difference to the show's bottom line. The Championships will take place from the 19th of October through the 23rd of October.



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A Fitness Tip from Debbie Rodriguez: The Bird Dog

By Debbie Rodriguez, *Success in the Saddle*

Get on a mat on your hands and knees. Keep your arms under your shoulders and your knees under your hips. Engage your core and keep your shoulders and hips square. Raise the opposite arm and leg until they are parallel to the ground.

You can hold the position for the count of 20 then alternate or make the move more dynamic alternating diagonal pairs on a single count. Good core stability move.



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**Caliente— 2007 Bay Mare
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**Curiosa- 2007 Bay Mare
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Romerito x Esencia
WTC Under Saddle**



The Pure Spanish Horse (Pura Raza Espanola) The Andalusian

Saddle Fit Tip: Saddle Tree Angle

Did you know... saddle trees come in either: Narrow, Medium or Wide?

Ask yourself... did you know that those designations refer both to the width of the tree and the angle of the tree?

Many of us are aware that trees come in narrow, medium, or wide, but how many of us know that those designations refer both to the width of the tree (more about that in Saddle Fit Tip #9) and to the angle of the tree? If a saddle fitter tells you that your saddle is a "wide narrow," this means that you have a saddle with a wide tree width and a narrow tree angle.

In previous Saddle Fit Tips, we learned why it is so important that the saddle stay behind the horse's shoulder. If it does not, and constantly moves forward, the tree points of the saddle will drive into the horse's shoulders, first producing a buildup of scar tissue on his scapula, and then chipping away cartilage and bone. This is irreversible long-term damage, and can lead to persistent unsoundness and the premature retirement of the horse.

What does the tree angle have to do with all of this? In order to avoid this kind of damage, it is crucial that the angle of the tree be adjusted to match the angle of the horse's shoulder. Think of two sliding doors. If they are properly aligned, one will slide freely past the other. But if they are not, one will jam into the other. It is the same with your horse's shoulders and the angle of his saddle's tree. As the horse moves, his shoulder rotates upward and backwards, as we learned in Saddle Fit Tip #2. If your saddle's tree angle does not match the angle of your horse's shoulder, his shoulders will be unable to rotate freely under the saddle, compromising his movement, sometimes severely. At the very least, a saddle with a tree angle that is not correctly adjusted is extremely uncomfortable for your horse. At worst, it can lead to irreversible long-term damage.

How do saddle fitters determine if the tree angle of your horse's saddle matches the angle of his shoulder? They use the Sprenger gauge to measure the horse's shoulder angle. They put the Sprenger behind the shoulder blade, and set it so that the upper arm of the device is parallel to the angle of the horse's scapula. Then they adjust the tree of the saddle so that the tree angle matches that of the horse's shoulder.

How can you tell if the tree angle on your saddle is correct for your horse? Put your saddle on your horse without a saddle pad. Then check if the angle of the piping on the saddle matches the angle of your horse's shoulder. If it does, the angle of your saddle's tree is correctly adjusted for your horse (assuming you have an adjustable saddle tree).

If you're still uncertain if the angle of your saddle's tree is correct for your horse, observe his behaviour under saddle. If the tree angle is too wide, there may be clearance on the top of your horse's withers, but the saddle will pinch the sides of his withers. It will also hit the reflex point (cranial nerve 11) that restricts movement in his shoulders and makes him unwilling or unable to move freely forward. The horse will raise his head or hollow his back, or exhibit

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other forms of resistance until the reflex point/nerve becomes numb. If your horse behaves in this manner, it may be because the tree angle of your saddle is incorrect for him. It is important to understand that your horse doesn't want to be bad, but if the saddle keeps hitting that reflex point, he almost has no choice: he cannot engage the muscles you're asking him to engage. He cannot do what you're asking him to do, and this can lead to unnecessary fights between horse and rider.

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2011 Chapter Awards Rules In Brief

1. Must perform 4 hours of volunteer work separate from the Scholarship volunteer hours or have hours donated from another member. List of volunteer options is in the full rules on line.
2. Must submit scores from a show within 45 days of the last day of the show to the Awards Coordinator, Amy Gadsden using the score report form available on the web site or from Amy or the cover sheet from the test with the necessary info as to rider, horse, raw score, and percentage. No score below 50% are used.
3. Schooling shows levels are Introductory through 4th level. Licensed shows are for Training level through Grand Prix and includes Freestyle.
4. For schooling level must submit 4 scores from at least two different judges and 2 different tests of the level (I.e., Tests 1 and 3 from Training level) from any VADA chapter schooling show or the schooling shows of CVACTA or VHT shows which are considered VADA sanctioned shows for award purposes.
5. For licensed shows must submit 5 scores from at least 3 different judges with at least one score from the highest test or next to highest test of the level. Championship shows with multiple judges, only the average of the score is used. For Freestyles 3 scores from at least 2 different judges are required.
6. The same horse and rider must be paired for all scores at a level and the same horse and rider can be submitted for more than one level, but the levels must be successive.

New Arrivals!

Melyni Worth shared pictures of some of her adorable 2011 babies at Cedar Creek Stables.

At right, is CCS Aragorn by Ecuador Skrødstrup (DK Knab) out of Grosie (Old).

Below (left) Pippin aka CCS Peregrin by Leofric the Dane (DK Knab) out of Paula (KN Knab). Below (right) CCS Galadriel by Don Principe (Hann) out of Peony (KN Knab).



2011 VADA-CH Year End Award Standings

Awards standing as of July 7, 2011. Submit scores to Amy Gadsden, P.O. Box 111, Rochelle, VA 22738. For questions, call: 434 974-2268.

Schooling Division					
<i>Level</i>	<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Avg Score</i>	<i>Vol Rqmt?</i>	<i>All Scores?</i>
Introductory	Jeannette Tuck	Beau Amigo	70.05%	No	Yes
	Hollyn Mangione	U R Not Dy'n	65.06%	No	Yes
Training	Gina Sybert	Navigator	68.25%	No	Yes
	Sherri Booye	MC Endless Echo	63.34%	Yes	No
	Nancy Sheaffer	My Rickashay	61.87%	No	No

Licensed Division					
<i>Level</i>	<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Avg Score</i>	<i>Vol Rqmt?</i>	<i>All Scores?</i>
Training	Erin Sweeney	Risque MFM	71.43%	No	No
	Kim Schmidt	Roxann	66.05%	No	No
	Sherri Booye	MC Endless Echo	61.00%	Yes	Yes
First	Calla Williamson	Limmerik	67.02%	Yes	No
Second	Kim Schmidt	Cash Advance	65.26%	No	Yes
Third	Martha Mellish	Wiseman	67.31%	Yes	Yes
	Kim Schmidt	Cash Advance	65.26%	No	No

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Virginia Dressage Association - Charlottesville Chapter 2011 Dressage Schooling Shows

Sunday, June 12, 2011

Toad Hollow Farm, Crozet, VA
Dressage Schooling Show
Includes Musical Freestyle Classes
Judge: Helen George "r"
Closing Date: June 4th

Saturday, October 8 2011

Grayson Farm, Scottsville, VA
Dressage, CT and Jumper Schooling
Show and CT jumping schooling rounds
Judges: Carter Bass "R" for dressage
Laine Ashker for jumping
Closing Date: October 1st

Directions:

TOAD HOLLOW FARM, CROZET (June 12th show) From Interstate 64: Crozet Exit 107. East on 250 toward C'ville go straight through traffic lights (do not turn left at light onto Rt240) and continue for approx 5 miles. Turn left on Rt 240 (just past the overhead railroad trestle). At yield sign, Browns Gap Turnpike (Rt 680) will be across the intersection. Follow Browns Gap for approx 2.3 miles, then make a right onto Cannon Brook Way. Toad Hollow is 2nd driveway on the right.

From Barracks/Garth Road: Garth Road to White Hall; Left on Rt 810 (White Hall Road) towards Crozet. Take 1st Left onto Brown's Gap Trpk. Go 1.7 miles to Cannon Brook Way. Left on Cannon Brook Way. Farm is 2nd driveway on the right.

GRAYSON FARM, SCOTTSVILLE (October 8th show) Take Interstate 64 to exit 121A, Route 20 South. From the first traffic light after the exit, travel 13.2 miles to Route 713 (Glendower Road). Left on Rt 713 for .6 mile. The farm entrance is on the Left. You will pass the main entrance to Grayson on Rt. 20 – do not use this entrance, please continue to the Route 713 entrance.

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Dressage Tests Available: At both Shows - USDF 2011 Introductory Tests A, B & C and USDF 2011 Training Level through 4th Level; USEA 2010 Beginner Novice A & B, Novice A & B, Training A & B, and Preliminary A, B, & C. Typically the Combined Training dressage tests (small arena) will be first followed by the USDF dressage tests (large arena except possibly the Introductory Tests). At Toad Hollow only - USDF Musical Freestyle & Pony Club Training Level Musical Freestyle.

The following CT Divisions are offered (Grayson only):

TadPole: Open to riders or horses too inexperienced to ride in other divisions. USDF 2011 Introductory Test A (walk-trot). Stadium jumps not to exceed 18" (crossrails). (Horses entered in this division are ineligible for any other division)

Baby Green: Open to riders or horses new to eventing or who have not completed a Novice Division USEA. Stadium Jumps not to exceed 2'. USDF 2011 Introductory Test B.

Beginner Novice: 2010 USEA Beginner Novice Test B. Stadium Jumps not to exceed 2' 7".

Novice: 2010 USEA Novice Test B Stadium Jumps not to exceed 2' 11"

Training: 2010 USEA Training Test B. Jumps not to exceed 3' 3"

Must have 3 riders entered for a division. Riders may enter other divisions on a different horse.

Jumper Classes: Heights offered: 2', 2'6", 3', and others upon request.

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The Fine Print

- Competitions will be run in accordance with USDF/USEF rules.
 - Coats and braiding are not required. However, rider and the horse must be neat in appearance.
 - If the show fills before the closing date, entries will be placed on a waiting list.
 - Helmets must be worn when mounted.
 - Six ribbons/awards in each division/class.
 - NO DOGS ALLOWED on grounds.
 - Ride times will be emailed by Thursday before the show. If you do not have email, you will be called on Thursday.
 - **All entries must be accompanied by a signed release and Coggins. NO Coggins - NO showing. Parent/guardian must sign a release if the entrant is a minor.**
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<u>FEES:</u>	<u>Dressage Classes:</u>	Non-VADA Adult Members: \$30.00 per test VADA Adult Members: \$25.00 per test Junior Riders: \$20.00 per test
	<u>Combined Training Classes</u> (October 8 show only):	Non-VADA Adult Members: \$50.00 VADA Adult Members: \$35.00 Junior Riders: \$30.00 CT jumping schooling after each division \$10 per round
	<u>Jumper Classes</u> (October 8 show only):	Jumping at various heights: \$25 per class Height choices: 2', 2'6", 3' Other heights upon request
	<u>Late fee:</u>	\$5.00 per rider/horse combination (after closing date)

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Entries must be received by the closing date (or late fee applies). Full refunds up to the closing date. **NO** refunds after the closing date unless the time can be filled. **NO** refunds for late fees.

No Show Policy: Folks who enter after the closing date and fail to show up are responsible for all fees including the late fee.

Phone: Riders may register by phone by the closing date. However, entry, payment, and coggins must be received prior to the show by mail or drop off.

Mail entries and checks (payable to VADA-CH) to the following:

June 12th show: VADA-CH c/o Renee Shifflett, 4333 Cannon Brook Way, Charlottesville, VA 22901
434-823-4330 toadhollow01@aol.com

Oct 8th show: VADA-CH c/o Celia Rafalko 1137 Manakin Road, Manakin, VA 23103 804-784-0081, cell 804-397-0476 crafalko@gmail.com

**2011 VADA-CH SCHOOLING SHOW
RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, AND INDEMNIFICATION**

Circle Date: June 12 October 8

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily with my horse(s) as a rider, driver, handler, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of junior exhibitor in any equine activities in this Virginia Dressage Association - Charlottesville Chapter ("VADA-CH") sponsored show at _____ Farm (hereinafter "Farm"). In consideration of my/my daughter's/son's participation in any equine activities sponsored by VADA-CH at Farm, I hereby release and waive my rights and the rights of any of my insurers by subrogation to sue VADA-CH, its board members and officers and volunteers, and the Farm and Farm's owners, employees, agents, and/or representatives for any loss, damage, injury, or death to person or property sustained by me/my daughter/son in equine activities by any cause whatsoever, including the intrinsic dangers of equine activity, such as, but not limited to: (1) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury or death to a participant or bystander or damage to property; (2) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or animals; (3) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions, whether known or unknown; (4) the experience level of any participant in equine activities at Farm; (5) a known or unknown health condition of any participant in such equine activities; and (6) the condition and age of the equipment or tack. I assume all the foregoing risks and any other dangers intrinsic to equine activities and accept complete responsibility for making any and all examinations or inspections relating to those risks and any other potential risks of recreational activities, and I agree and understand that VADA-CH and Farm shall have no responsibility whatsoever to make any such examinations or inspections. I further assume all risk of, and agree to hold harmless Farm and its owners, employees, representatives, or agents, or on the part of any other person with regard to such equine activities. If I am a parent or guardian of a participant in equine activities sponsored by VADA-CH at Farm, I consent to the child's participation and **AGREE** to all of the above provisions and **AGREE** to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf.

I acknowledge that I have read the following language from the Code of Virginia relating to limited liability on equine activities which reads:

' 3.2-6202 Liability Limited, Liability Actions Prohibited

A. Except as provided in ' 3.2-6203, an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, or any other person, which shall include a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, shall not be liable for an injury to or death of a participant resulting from the intrinsic dangers of equine activities and, except as provided in ' 3.2-6203, no participant nor any participant's parent, guardian, or representative shall have or make any claim against or recover from any equine activity sponsor, equine professional, or any other person for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting from any of the intrinsic dangers of equine activities.

B. Except as provided in § 3.2-6203, no participant or parent or guardian of a participant who has knowingly executed a waiver of his rights to sue or agrees to assume all risks specifically enumerated under this subsection may maintain an action against or recover from an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional for an injury to or the death of a participant engaged in an equine activity. The waiver shall give notice to the participant of the intrinsic dangers of equine activities. The waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked in writing by the participant or parent or guardian of a minor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements and representations are being made by me knowingly, freely, and voluntarily, and I understand that VADA-CH and Farm is expressly relying upon the foregoing statements and representations in permitting my/my child=s participation in any equine activities.

X _____ Date: _____
Participant, Riders, Owner=s, Agent=s Signature (Parent/Guardian signature required if participant is under age 18)

PRINT:
Name of Participant, etc. _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____

VADA CH Extensions
c/o Gardy Bloemers
6486 Hillsboro Lane
Crozet, VA 22932



Virginia Dressage Association - Charlottesville Chapter

Upcoming Monthly Board Meetings

July

Monday, July 11, 7:00 pm
Topeka's Steakhouse, Pantops

August

Monday, August 1, 7:00 pm
Red Lobster, Beside Fashion Square Mall

September

Monday, September 5, 7:00 pm
Topeka's Steakhouse, Pantops