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Virginia Dressage Association, Inc. –
Charlottesville Chapter

EXTENSIONS

President's Message

Dear Members,

Spring feels like it truly is around the corner and I can't believe the amount of activities our little chapter has planned for the next few months. This weekend we will be holding a clinic at Ashanti Farm to preview the new USDF Level tests with our very own Carter Bass. We've extended the invitation to participate in the clinic to our neighboring VADA-Fredericksburg and will have one of their members riding and many of their members auditing. To date, we have circa 50 individuals planning to audit and an excellent line up of riders and horses. In addition, we've got a sports psychologist speaking to us over lunch. If you decide to join at the last minute, that's fine but please bring a chair.

The Linda Zang (FEI O Judge) Clinic, a VADA state clinic, is now scheduled to take place on Saturday ONLY, and will be held on the 23rd of April at Morven Park. Please check the VADA website for more details, and I'd like to encourage everyone to consider auditing this event for the day. For \$15 including lunch this is yet another great opportunity to watch and learn!

I'd like to encourage all members to contribute a few hours of volunteer time at our upcoming show on the 30th of April and 1st of May. We really rely on the man and woman power provided by all of our members to make our shows a success and so send an email to Nancy Lowey at nlowey@rocketmail.com, our Volunteer Coordinator, to find out how you can be of assistance. Remember to spread the word and get one hour of volunteer credit for every \$100 you generate in advertising or sponsorship value. If you'd like more details, email me at gardy@gardybloemers.com.

If you're coming to the clinic, please consider staying for our Board Meeting which will take place at Ashanti on the 6th after the last ride. Our next Meeting will be held on April 4th at Topeka's at 7pm. For all of you interested in volunteering, please consider coming to this meeting to meet with Nancy and find out what you can do. May's meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 7pm at Timberwood Grill.

I'm looking forward to seeing more of you around and about.....
Gardy

VADA-CH February Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Ame Hellman

Attending: Melyni Worth, Nancy Lowey, Sherri Booye, Bettina Longaker, Lauren Forestall, Jan Templeton, Catherine Kern, Ame Hellman, Carter Bass. Nancy, chapter Vice President, chaired the meeting in Gardy Bloemer’s absence.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Secretary’s Report

January Board minutes were approved by those in attendance.

Membership/Treasurer’s Update

Grand total as of today is \$5042.07. New arena letters have arrived at Catherine Sutton’s, we are still awaiting arena delivery and both have been paid for in full. Membership is now up to 65 as of today.

Awards Report

Amy has transferred all of the awards information to Jan Templeton.

March 6 Carter Bass New Test Clinic—March 6, 2011

Lunch and drinks and cookies will be provided by Nancy and Jan; Gardy will provide chili. Gardy is organizing the ride times and there will be a sports psychologist that will talk to the group at lunch. Tina will provide test copies used in the clinic for riders. She will supply 2 copies for each test. Auditors will be responsible for their own copies. Clinic will be held at Ashanti Farm in the indoor arena. Clinic will last until it is completed and begins at 9:30. Insurance has been requested by Sherri—and has sent in the application in December. Email or fax (10 days in advance) needs to be sent to the Insurance Company to add Ashanti Farm as an insured—Gardy is responsible. Sherri has only notified them of the chapters ONE chapter grant clinic, schooling shows and the recognized show. Sherri will f/u with USDF/USEF insurance for the chapter as well. Nancy needs a copy for Commonwealth Park and Sheri will send that to her. Not sure if there will be stalls there. The group decided to have our next meeting (March meeting) at the end of the clinic.

Awards Dinner

Saturday night at Catherine Kerns.

Schooling Show Dates

Gardy is in contact with Toad Hollow and researching the dates. No dates have been set for any schooling shows.

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CH-VADA Licensed Show

It is up on the website—dates are April 30/May 1. Rolex show is also this weekend, so we need to beat the bushes to get people to enter. Catherine Kern awards update: VTO is going to Rolex—however, we might be able to get them to sponsor the show in some way. We need to identify a sponsorship coordinator. The Inn at Willow Grove showed some interest in advertizing. The Program is going to be completed by Gardy—if a final document needs to be “gussied up”—send the program to Ame Hellman and she will work on the layout. The April 30/May 1 show is a licensed show; we are asking members to obtain one ad for sponsorship of the show and program. We are asking Gardy to send each of us at the meeting the Sponsorship info updated from last year and I am asking Gardy to place it in the newsletter for all members who may want to help find us advertisers. We would like to identify a chairperson for sponsorship if possible. The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation is a beneficiary for the licensed show April 30/May 1 in Culpeper.

Chapter Grant Clinic

Sue Madden Mandes is one option for the clinician. Carter Bass is responsible for contacting her. Carter will research dates with Sue and get back to Nancy Lowey and the board for approval. Carter Bass and Nancy Lowey will organize the clinic. Catherine and Ann strongly recommend Stacey Hastings. She is in North Carolina; worked in this area previously. Grand Prix rider. New helmet rule: all riders MUST wear a helmet at a show grounds, with FEI riders exempt. Lauren has forwarded Liz Stacie’s information to Gardy. Carter and Nancy are responsible for arranging the date/clinician.

June 11/12 Ashanti Farm Clinic: Fundraising donation from Ashanti and Bruno Greber for the chapter to earn money again, in the spirit of last year’s “arena clinic”. Gardy and Ame will be sponsoring the young rider’s scholarships again. 10 lessons at \$132 a lesson. 50% goes to the chapter. Applications will be in the March newsletter.

Other Business

Might meet be at Red Lobster in the future. Carter will find out about a meeting room.

We need to identify some “evenings with” ideas. Debbie Rodriguez workout clinic idea—Sheri; Horseshoeing 101—Jeremy Fox.

VADA February Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Alison Douglas (Central); Tina Longaker(Charlottesville); Sheli King(NOVA); Jane Palmer (ShenVADA); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Anne Draine (Central/NEVADA); Alison Head(NOVA); Beth Rippel (SVDA); Angela Stanaway (VADA-NE); Tracey Smith-Oliver (SWAVADA); Judith Harroun-Lord (ShenVADA); Lea Ann Hanson (Central); Anita Scruggs (ShenVADA); Vicky Germroth (ShenVADA); Sharon Ackley (VADAF); Sandy Johnson (SVDA); Gardy Bloemers (Charlottesville); Catherine Kern(Charlottesville).

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as presented.

The election of officers was held and approved as presented. For 2011, the President is Bettina Longaker, Vice President is Alison Head, Treasurer is Jessie Ginsburg and Treasurer is Alison Douglas. There were no nominations from the floor. Tina reminded Chapters that each one is supposed to have three representatives for the State Board. Chapters need to confirm that they have appointed not two, but three representatives.

VADA will be taking over the sponsorship of the Adult Amateur and Trainers Awards that had previously been sponsored by Nova and Jessie Ginsburg, respectively. There will also be a Bred In VA Award for 2011 added to the Breed Show Awards. Competitors will have to submit breed papers to prove eligibility. Awards for combined Opportunity division will be initiated.

Treasurer’s Report

Combined bank balances are \$137,415.79. The Finance Committee (Jessie Ginsburg, Tina Longaker, and Gardy Bloemers) met in January. Gardy has provided a preliminary profit and loss statement for 2010 showing that the funds we make at the championship shows barely covers all of our expenses.

Tina reported that we have bid on the BLM show for 2012 however now that North Carolina has become a player in the championship show arena; there is no guarantee that we will get it. This is a concern for future years with both GAIG and BLM. We need to be mindful that a year without a show will cause a deficit in our operating profit and cause a reduction in our cash.

Gardy has suggested that we need to establish a budget and have all accounting entries made on a monthly basis going forward in order to compare the budget with actual results.

The Finance Committee is also deciding on a recommendation to present to the Board regarding what percentage of our available cash we should put towards a CD.

The Board will also need to decide later this year if and to whom we should make a donation to – options on the table – a 501c(3) like a therapeutic riding program or the VA Horse Center. It was also discussed among the Board whether the donations from this year’s Silent Auction Chapter Baskets should go towards a charity. The discussion was tabled for a later meeting.

VADA Profit & Loss Statement			
		2010	2011
INCOME			
Chapter Contribution @ \$6 per member	\$	6,000	
Championship Income	\$	159,000	
Silent Auction/Banquet	\$	3,000	
TOTAL INCOME	\$	168,000	
EXPENSE			
Championship Expense	\$	135,000	
Insurance			
Directors & Officers	\$	1,000	
Liability - Clinic and Show	\$	1,000	
	\$	2,000	
Awards/Banquets	\$	7,000	
Annual State Clinic			\$ 7,000
General Operating			
Virginia Horse Council	\$	100	
Website, Taxes, Quickbooks	\$	4,000	
Convention	\$	1,000	
Convention Basket	\$	300	
	\$	5,400	
Purple Book	\$	6,000	
Chapter Grant Funding	\$	8,000	
501 c 3 Donations			
Horse Center Secretary Office Naming			\$ 10,000
Ring Purchase for VHC			\$ 3,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	163,400	
NET PROFIT/ (LOSS)	\$	4,600	

VADA February Meeting Minutes, con't...

Membership

Beth Rippel reported that we were at 878 members for 2010. Membership across all Chapters was down from the previous year.

Alison Head reported that she does not have very many rider applications for the Linda Zang clinic so far. Tina also has few audit applications and none for Sunday. It was discussed that perhaps we should make the clinic one day instead of two and Alison is to touch bases with Linda to discuss.

Next Board Meeting will be a teleconference March 17th at 8:00 pm.

Save the date!

Coming this spring to Morven Park-April 23, 2011,

VADA presents an auditor oriented clinic with FEI "O" judge **Linda Zang** featuring work with the new 2011 USEF dressage tests.

More information, including fees and rider/auditor applications will be available soon at www.virginiadressage.org as well as in our next newsletter.

Rider selection is required.

Linda Zang has had a remarkable dressage career for the past 40 years, and is currently one of the most highly-respected judges in the world. She was promoted to FEI "O" status in 1995 and has judged the world's most prestigious competitions: the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, the World Equestrian Games in 1998 (Rome), 2006 (Aachen) and Kentucky (2010), six FEI World Cup Finals, the 2005 European Championships in Hickstead, and the 2009 World Breeding Federation Young Horse Championships in Germany. She is one of the six FEI "O" judges in the world who conducts seminars and forums to educate FEI judges and tests them for promotion for both Dressage and Eventing. Ms. Zang has been a leading proponent of U.S. dressage in international circles.

VADA-CH 2011 Board

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Volunteers needed **and wanted!**

Discount gift certificates for each of you AND a drawing for the 'special daily volunteer prize ' each day of the show!!

Our USEF/USDF licensed show is April 30 and May 1 at Culpeper's HITS Commonwealth Park. We need your help as VADA-CH volunteers!

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We need each and every one of our members to come out and give a hand. You can work Friday afternoon to help set up – Catherine Sutton is our leader there – or you can work as scribe, gate keeper, warm-up steward, scorer, score poster or runner on Saturday or Sunday OR both days! :))

Please plan on coming to compete one day and volunteer the other day or volunteer both days! You won't be sorry you did, I promise.

Contact Nancy Lowey – Manager and Volunteer Coordinator – as soon as you can. I promise a good time, fine weather, fine working staff, fun and laughter.
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Part 4: So You Think You Want to be a TD?

By Kelly Farmer, TD

Finally. You've completed your four weekends of apprentice work. Be sure to send in your "confirmation of completion" form to USEF. Your apprentice evaluations will be carefully screened, and if all is in order, USEF will contact you regarding the final exam. The TD exam consists of an open book test and covers virtually all aspect of the general rules and the specific regulations pertaining to dressage. After the test is completed, the waiting game begins. The entire application will be presented to the next meeting of the licensed officials' committee meeting. You'll be notified via mail of the decision.



Congrats! After years of hard work, you are a licensed official of the USEF, and anxious to begin your career. Your phone should start ringing late in the calendar year, as show managers begin their preparations for the upcoming show season. Be sure to ask questions before you sign your first contract:

- What are the dates/location of the show?
- What classes are being offered?
- Is this an open dressage show or breed restricted (example: Arabian or Andalusian)
- Indoor or outdoor?
- Who covers airfare and travel expenses? Ask for the mileage reimbursement rate if you will be driving a personal vehicle.
- Request a prize list
- Review your contract carefully. Have the name, address, phone, of manager.
- Establish your fee schedule and make sure it is clearly outlined on your contract.
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Part 4: So You Want to be a TD, con't...

Assemble your TD travel package. The rule book gets packed first. Always pack rain gear, good shoes, sunscreen, bug spray, and water. It's a good idea purchase a box of latex gloves and a roll of red tape (for ring marking) and keep them in the trunk of your car in the event show management is not adequately prepared. Have a tape measure for whip measurements. In your briefcase, be sure to have pens, pencils, and all your forms.

This is quoted from the USEF website containing the TD training guidelines:

*"As an official you must ensure:
A complete and accurate knowledge of all rules governing the competition...
A thorough knowledge of the rules and standards of the breeds or disciplines presented to you at the competition...
Consistency without bias throughout the competition, even if it means personal sacrifice...
Integrity and personal behavior that is sincere to each individual you come in contact with...
You must reflect the organizations you represent in a positive manner."*

In addition to striving for the safety of the riders, and the well being of all horses, I find that the TD role serves an education purpose. As I interact with competitors, their families, volunteers, and everyone involved in show management, I am constantly clarifying not only rules, but the intent and interpretation. I am frequently asked questions about drugs and medication, dress, bits, and procedures. I very seldom find a competitor willfully breaking a rule, rather, any small infractions result from lack of knowledge of the rules. I encourage all competitors to take a moment at the beginning of each show season and review the USEF website for any updates or rule changes.

Upcoming Events

March 6
VADA-CH Up Through the Levels Clinic, followed by Chapter Meeting, Ashanti Farm

March 13
CVACTA Combined Test and Dressage Schooling Show
Campbell Springs Farm, Chesterfield, VA
(www.cvacta.org)

March 19
Combined Test and Dressage Schooling Show
Fox Tale Farm, Bumpass, VA
(www.foxtalefarmva.com)

March 20
CDCTA Dressage Schooling Show
Morven Park, VA
(www.cdcta.com)

March 25 - 27
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2011 Scholarship Rules In Brief

1. Be a paid up member of the VADA Charlottesville chapter by June 15, 2011.
2. Perform 8 hours of volunteer service at the April 1/May 1 licensed show. ***These 8 hours are in addition to the 4 hours needed to qualify for the end-of-year awards. Thus, if a member wants to apply for the 2011 scholarship, and the end of year awards, they would need a total of 8 volunteer hours at the April 30/May 1 licensed show and an additional 4 hours at any other VADA Charlottesville chapter events.***
3. Submit a report of the volunteer hours to Amy Gadsden by June 15, 2011.
4. Submit an application by June 15, 2011 for the scholarship to the Treasurer indicating the scholarship level being applied for - i.e., Third Level and below, Fourth Level and above, or Junior.
5. Be present at the July 2011 chapter meeting for the live drawings.
6. Use the scholarship within 1 year of the date of the drawing.
7. Write an article for the Chapter newsletter within 60 days of finishing the activity paid for by the scholarship.

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.

- Classifieds -

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Virginia Dressage Association, Charlottesville Chapter

2011 MEMBERSHIP FORM

VADA is a USDF Group Membership Organization and all members are automatically USDF Group Members

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I join VADA-CH in their activities and programs totally at my own risk. I understand that neither VADA, its chapters, nor individual Board members (of the chapter or VADA) accept responsibility for accidents, damage, injury, or illness to horses, riders, owners, spectators, or any persons or property.

Signature(s):

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Jr: Date of Birth: _____ _____ Family (4) \$ 80
_____ Affiliate \$ 20 (A person who belongs to another chapter and wishes to be affiliated with VADA-CH.

Please indicate your Primary Chapter - _____ +)

Additional Family Names (Please indicate if any family members are juniors): _____
_____ +

USDF No(s). (**Required by USDF**): _____ +

PLEASE BE SURE TO PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION SO WE CAN GIVE ACCURATE DATA TO USDF

Volunteer Information

Please indicate your areas of interest:

___ Show Secretary ___ Show Scoring ___ Newsletter
___ Show Manager ___ Show Program ___ Awards
___ Show Scribe ___ Show Runner ___ Clinics
___ Other: Please describe _____

Membership runs from December 1 through November 30.
Please complete this form and mail it with a check payable to VADA-CH to:

Carter Bass 1715 Merrielfields Lane, Ruckersville, VA 22968

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



Virginia Dressage Association – Charlottesville Chapter

Upcoming Monthly Board Meetings

March

Sunday, March 6, following the VADA-CH Clinic
Ashanti Farm, Gordonsville

April

Monday, April 4, 7:00 pm
Topeka's Steakhouse, Pantops

May

Monday, May 9, 7:00 pm
Timberwood Grill, 29 North