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Virginia Dressage Association, Inc. –
Charlottesville Chapter

EXTENSIONS

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to September and what I hope will be a much cooler month that provides us all more pleasant riding experiences. The past month was a sad one for many of our chapter members – sadly, past member and friend of many Cindy Aspden passed away. My condolences to her friends and family members. At Carter Bass's suggest to honor her contribution to her sport, the Board agreed to establish a Volunteer of the Year Award in her name. In addition, we have also agreed to establish a special award at our future licensed show's to continue to remind everyone of Cindy's contribution to the sport of dressage.

As many of you are aware, we will be holding our one Dressage and Combined Training Schooling Show this year on October 8th at Grayson Bass. Our own Carter Bass will be judging the dressage classes while Laine Ashker will be the jump judge. Celia Rafalko kindly agreed to manage the show again this year and she is actively searching for volunteers and participants. Please go to our website to access the prize list and entry forms and contact Celia via email (crafalko@gmail.com) to let her know you are interested to volunteer. This is one of the last chances you have to get in your four hour volunteer requirement in order to qualify for the Chapter's Year End Awards!!!!

For all of you that are not (yet) planning on going to Devon but have been thinking you might like to do so, I'd like to encourage you to go. This is a great opportunity to watch top riders on top horses and it never ceases to amaze me how much you can also learn by watching.

Don't forget that it is getting to be that time of year where we will need to identify candidates for our Officer positions, and then of course elect them. If you're interested in a position, please contact any one of the current Board Members to discuss.

Warm regards,
Gardy

VADA-CH August Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Gardy Bloemers

Attending: Gardy Bloemers, Jan Templeton, Catherine Kern, Sherri Booye, Melyni Worth, Tina Longaker, Celia Rafalko.

Treasurer’s Report

We currently have \$8,650 in our Bank of America checking account.

Membership Update

We have just processed the paperwork for our 100th member this year. We extend a big welcome to Kim Severson and thanks to everyone who joined the chapter this year. Sherri Booye reminds us that any new members who join after the 1st of September will not become USDF members for 2011. We discussed the need to make a better effort to get new members to join for the 2011/2012 membership year and agreed that sending a snail mail paper form to all current members asking them to renew their membership is a worthwhile effort.

Grayson Farm Schooling Show Update

Celia reported that she has not had much success recruiting volunteers for the show. Many of the individuals who volunteered last year are not able to do so again. For those individuals wishing to qualify for the Chapter Year End Awards, a minimum of four hours of volunteer time is required. This is one of those opportunities for members to get their hours! Gardy agreed to market the opportunity on Facebook, in our newsletter and via email to our members. In addition, Gardy will market the show on Facebook, Sherri will market the opportunity to Central Va Combined Training and Celia will contact among others the Pony Club.

Licensed Show Update

Nancy has sent contracts to all Judges and Staff. We will use HITS catering in 2012 and will therefore not need to outsource this as we have in the past to Sycamore Farms. Judges are: Kem Barbosa and Elizabeth Lewis. TD: Tamy Nichols. Stable Manager: Molly Armentrout. Nancy asked us to brainstorm ways to legally within USEF rules generate additional revenue since our show will only use two of the rings available on the grounds. Suggestions from Nancy included a Dressage Seat Equitation Class with a high score award for both days given to Adult Amateurs, Adults and Jr/Yr possibly. In order to do this we would need a third judge but would not need to set up a third ring. However, we could access a third ring from VADA-Fredericksburg who have agreed to lend us theirs in return for us lending them ours for their upcoming show. The parties present agreed that the Dressage Seat Equitation. Classes made sense and also suggested we include Materiale Classes and Prix Caprilli classes. Both were viewed favorably by the group. All of these additional classes will need to be marketed to ensure that we get the entries we need.

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In addition, we discussed the need to make a Competitor’s Party on Saturday evening (wine and cheese) possibly at the same time as a Fun Freestyle Class (costumes, etc). We will need to find a volunteer to organize the Competitor’s Party (so if you are reading this and want to do it then contact Nancy or Tina or me and let us know!)

Tina and Nancy must get together to finalize the prize list including the above-mentioned classes. Tina mentioned that we really must place an ad into the Omnibus and Purple Book marketing our show. The group concurred.

Cindy Aspden

Gardy stated that one of our past members, Cindy Aspden, recently passed away and that she was very supportive of Carter Bass’s suggestion to honor her by creating a new Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award. All present agreed that this was an excellent suggestion and it was also suggested by Sherri that we honor her at our Licensed Show by offering a special prize such as Best Groomed Horse of the Show in honor of Cindy Aspden. We will need to work out what the awards will be and can discuss this further at our next meeting.

Next Meeting Dates

Tuesday, October 4th at Timberwood Grill. Monday, November 7th at Topeka’s

Any Other Business – Evening With

Seminar is scheduled for November 15th to cover equine dentistry and will be organized by Melyni Worth. Linda Sommers has kindly offered her home as a venue for this event. Melyni will organize contents for a write up for our next newsletter!

Any Other Business – 2011/2012 Officers

We are actively looking for new officers. Gardy will confirm with existing officers whether or not they wish to continue in their roles or not. Ame Hellman has indicated that she is happy to give up her Secretary post in 2012. Please contact any Board member if you’ve got any interest in taking on an officer function.

August Post Meeting Notes

Our Board decided to sponsor the Region 1 Junior/Young Rider Teams with a \$300 contribution as this year there were no applications for the Jr/Young Rider Scholarship offered to members of our chapter.

July Minutes Additions/Corrections

We must add the following to our existing minutes: “At the end of the Board Meeting we held a drawing for the Chapter Scholarships. Both Martha Mellish and Deb Bliesner received a USDF level scholarship for \$300. Ame Hellman received the FEI level scholarship for \$300. Recipients were reminded that they must write an article for our newsletter reporting how they spent their money and what they learned!”

We did not officially approve the July minutes and will need to do so at our next monthly meeting in October.

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September 8

CDCTA Dressage Schooling Show
Warrenton show grounds
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September 10

Dressage and CT at
Tuckahoe Plantation

September 10 - 11

VADA/NOVA Licensed Show, Morven Park, Leesburg, VA
www.vadanova.org

September 10 -11

VADA-FR Licensed Dressage Show
Rose Mount Farm, Spotsylvania, VA
www.vadaf.net

September 18

PVDA Licensed Show
Oak Ridge Farm, Hughesville, MD
www.pvda.org

September 24

VHT HT and Dressage
Wavertree Farm
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September 24 - 25

Pinehurst Fall Dressage licensed show
Pinehurst, NC
www.sportingservices.net

September 25

CDCTA schooling show
Sandstone Farm
www.cdcta.com

VADA Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Alison Douglas (Central), Tina Longaker (Charlottesville), Jane Palmer (ShenVADA), Robyn Nunnally (SVDA), Alison Head (NOVA), Tracey Smith-Oliver (SWAVADA), Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA), Beth Rippel (SVDA), Meredith McGrath (SWAVDA), Lea Ann Hansen (Central), Angela Stanaway (NEVADA), Sherri Booye (Charlottesville), Anne Draine (NEVADA), Sandy Johnson (SVDA), Gary Goodale (SWAVADA).

Other Members: Dianne Boyd (NOVA)

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted as submitted. Beth Rippel made the motion and Anne Draine seconded it.

Treasurer's Report

Combined balances in the bank accounts - \$118,000

Fall Show

Tina, Dianne, and Alison Head will be the gatekeepers for information disseminated using constant contact regarding the show. Casey Howard would like an assistant to help gather class sponsorships. Members are encouraged to volunteer. The show will have a Facebook page that Holly Veloso, Tina and Diane will monitor. VHC is sponsoring the competitor's party. VADA would like to acknowledge and thank Nancy Stover for her many years of volunteer service heading up hospitality. We will need a volunteer to pick up this task. Dianne will order the rings as the show gets closer so she can have them shipped directly to VHC and will purchase a trailer around the same time. Online entries are available this year with payment by check.

VHC will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, October 21st for the naming of the show office after VADA. Board club members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Chapter Baskets at the Awards Banquet

A motion was made by Tracey Smith-Oliver that for 2012, we forgo the floor auction (no chapter baskets). The motion was seconded by Meredith McGrath and approved unanimously. In place of the chapter baskets, each chapter should bring a door prize. The Board felt that VADA was competing with the chapter awards banquets for donations and would request that chapters bring other donations (small gifts, promotional items from their clubs) as giveaways.

Another motion was made by Alison Head to forgo the silent auction in 2012. The motion did not receive a second.

Awards Banquet

Meredith McGrath has contacted Shenandoah Crossing as a possible venue. The prices are reasonable, the only questions would be the size of the room- (Tina to make a visit) and bad weather policy (they do). The banquet will be held February 5th and will be a buffet. Any members with ideas for awards should contact Jessie.

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USDF Annual Meeting

Jessie made the motion that was seconded by Anne Draine to reimburse up to 6 VADA board members \$500 each to attend on behalf of the club. Alison Head abstained from the vote.

Membership

Beth reported that we currently have 814 members. Membership seems to be about the same or slightly up from last year.

Chapter Updates

NOVA: Their schooling shows have been so full that they added one to the back to back breed shows. The breed shows and the schooling shows filled. They'll be having their licensed show in September and they hosted the Youth Team competition.

Charlottesville: They cancelled their spring schooling show, but will be having one in October that will also have CT/Jumping. The Bruno Greber clinic held in July was well received. Their dates for their 2012 licensed show in Culpepper will be April 28-29.

ShenVADA: They sent a jr/yr rider team to the Youth Team Competition. The kids were happy and want to do it again. They will be having one last schooling show in October and a "Fun Day" at Melani Worth's farm in September. They are also gearing up for their MFS exhibition at the Shenandoah County Fair in Woodstock on August 28th.

NEVADA: They've had three successful schooling shows this year.

Central: They sent two teams to the Youth Team Competition. The mixed team came in first and the training team came in 5th. Their Lauren Sprieser clinic was full. They are having a Longing Clinic with Tichelaar Dressage on August 20th and a grooming clinic with Molly Sorge-Kirk at Martha Mitchell's farm in Goochland on November 12th. Their October schooling show will be held at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds on October 8th.

Southeast: Their licensed show in August will have more rides than their one in April. They've had full schooling shows and will be having two more before the end of the year.

Southwest: Their Harriett Peterson clinic held on August 13th was full. They've had one full fix-a-test clinic and one that was not as successful. They will be having their Adult Camp in October.

The next teleconference will be held on September 14th at 8:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Alison Douglas

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In Memory: Cynthia Fenimore Aspden

By Tigger Montaque

Cynthia Aspden passed away after a heroic fight against cancer on August 10, 2011. She was 63 years old. Cindy grew up in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and earned her degree as a Vet Tech. She spent two years working in Germany for a prominent German veterinarian, and returned to the US to work with her brother in Virginia buying and selling racehorses, hunters and jumpers.

She groomed for Rodney Jenkins for several years, before working for Jay Golding in Keswick, Virginia and his barn of show hunters and jumpers. She then moved into the dressage world, working first for Linden Lane Farm and Elizabeth Lewis in Keswick, and then for Peta Wyllie at Cumber Farm in Troy. She had a unique perspective on Devon: she had been there many times as a groom for the show ponies, show hunters, jumpers, and dressage horses.

Cindy will be remembered for being the "go to girl": from braiding tips, to grooming tips, to equine management, Cindy always helped friends and strangers alike; whether it be at a show, or back at the home barn. As stabling manager for both the Celebrity Freestyle and the Twin Shows in Rosemount, Cindy was always welcoming, helpful, and a problem solver. She was a true ambassador for VADA. Never one to say "no", Cindy also volunteered at the BLM Finals and GAIC finals in Lexington. She also dedicated her time to the Young Riders and Juniors when VADA hosted the championships in Lexington. She took on the huge role of Stage Manager for the Lion King production at the USDF National Freestyle Symposium in Raleigh, NC in 2001.

Those of us who knew Cindy well, will always think of her with her trusty black fedora on her head, and a coffee cup in her hand. We will also remember her courage in facing her alcoholism, and getting treatment in 2007. We will remember her garden of dahlias, her love of crossword puzzles, sushi and fried calamari, and Aretha Franklin music. We will remember how calm she was in any crises. The walls of her bedroom were covered with photos of the horses she was devoted to: Donnerlicht, Dream Dancer, Hollywood, Pepe, Lionheart, Maestro.

Right before her death she established a charitable foundation called the Penmore Foundation which will provide scholarships to those who want to go to Vet school, and for equine research.

For all of us who knew her, and for those who sought her help and advice, a huge hole has been left in the horse world with her passing. Her dry sense of humor, her rigorous attention to "doing things right" when it came to horse care, will not be forgotten. We will remember her with every leg we wrap, and every braid we tie.

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A Fitness Tip from Debbie Rodriguez: Wood Chopper

By Debbie Rodriguez, *Success in the Saddle*

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The show will be held at Grayson Farm, in Scottsville. The judges are spectacular; Carter Bass for Dressage and Laine Ashker for jumping. Both are generous with their time and comments, so if you want to learn, sign up to be a scribe.

All jobs are available including scribing, ring stewards (the best way to get to see everyone), check-in, parking steward, runners, scoring and organizing concessions. There are jobs to be done in advance as well if you are not available on the day, just let me know if you have time between now and then.

Our chapter made over \$2,000 on this event last year and a good result again this year will really help us with chapter events, including grants. Please come do your part, especially if you need volunteer hours for year-end awards. This is your last chance!

Please note, I will be out of the country from Sept. 4 until Sept. 16. So please do not worry if I don't get back to you until then, we really want your involvement!

Thank you!

Celia Rafalko (804 397 0476, crafalko@gmail.com)

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April 2011

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2011 VADA-CH Year End Award Standings

Awards standing as of September 5, 2011. Submit scores to Amy Gadsden, P.O. Box 111, Rochelle, VA 22738. For questions, call: 434 974-2268.

<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%	Yes	Yes
Training	Gina Sybert	Navigator	68.25%	Yes	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
	April Schultz	CCS Tinuvel	69.20%	No	Yes
	Kim Schmidt	Roxann	66.05%	No	No
	Sherri Booye	MC Endless Echo	61.00%	Yes	Yes
First	Tamara Showalter	Fiji	69.68%	No	No
	Calla Williamson	Limmerik	67.02%	Yes	No
	April Schultz	CCS Tinuvel	66.52%	No	Yes
	Kelly Farmer	Diaz HGF	65.81%	No	No
	Michael Pendleton	CCS Arwen	65.81%	No	Yes
Second	Kim Schmidt	Cash Advance	65.26%	No	Yes
	Eliza Temeles	Aurelia	60.95%	Yes	Yes
Third	Martha Mellish	Wiseman	67.31%	Yes	Yes
	April Schultz	Cita Normark	65.60%		
	Kim Schmidt	Cash Advance	63.25%	No	Yes
Prix St Georges	Kim Schmidt	O'Susannah	59.34%	No	No
	Melyni Worth	Xavoy Middelsom	59.30%	No	Yes
Freestyle, USDF	Kelly Farmer	Diaz HGF	66.83%	No	No

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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Rikki Tikki Tavi, 3 yr old Oldenburg mare, Bay with white sock. 15.2, should mature to 16.00. Lovely mover, very elegant. Correctly started under saddle WTC and trail ride. Ready to go on to a show career. Easy to work around. By Romantic Star out of Hanna.

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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

October

Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 pm
Timberwood Grill, Rt. 29 North

November

Monday, November 7, 7:00 pm
Topeka's Steakhouse, Pantops