



**VADA/Nova**  
**Board Meeting Summary**  
**March 8, 2021**  
**7:30pm**

**Board Present:** Diann Carpenter, Michelle Lachner, Kathy Curtis, Lisa Rice, Anne Harrington, Mary Callan, Sheli King, Jessie Ginsburg, Diann Landau, Judy Grass, Rachel Rice, Carol Thomas, Dianne Boyd, Kathy Hibbard

**Excused:** Maloree Razzino

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 pm.

**Meeting Topics**

**1. Licensed Shows**

- a. FEI tests have changed for 2021 and have been updated in files.
- b. Lois Yukins is unable judge at the August licensed show; substitute is still pending.
- c. May 19 one-day, mid-week show; day stalls only will be offered. Lori Kaminsky is the Secretary and will also be handling the stabling.
- d. All of our licensed and schooling shows will be listed in the Region I Omnibus.
- e. Morven Park contracts were all signed as of March 8. The Board discussed and agreed that the use of additional venues in the area for our shows should be considered. With the Adult Camp being held this year at Frying Pan Park in Herndon, this will give us a chance to evaluate that location for other activities in the future.
- f. The EHV-1 outbreak was discussed related to how it could affect our shows. The Board discussed and agreed that it is important that we have a solid isolation plan with biosecurity for our shows, along with posting this information for members and competitors on the FaceBook page and website about best practices at shows with regard to biosecurity.

**2. Board Information**

- a. **Minutes-** February minutes have been finalized and posted.
  - o **Treasurer's Report:**
    - Reconciled Checking Balance: \$69,884.25
    - Savings Balance: \$45,169.19
    - PAYPAL TOTAL: \$2,789.13
    - PayPal: \$2,239.13
    - VN PayPal Account at Wells Fargo: \$550.00
    - **Grand Total All Funds: \$117,842.57**

- The Treasurer shared a number of updates to the VADA/Nova financial reporting and budgeting tasks that are under consideration by the Board. Direct bill payment out of the Wells Fargo bank account has been set up to simplify and streamline payments to vendors when invoiced.
- A card reader and software for iPhones and/or iPads to accept debit and credit card payments at shows for miscellaneous fees on-site will be tested and tried out at either the March 20 schooling show or the April licensed show.

b. **Members Report:**

- i. 216 members as of March 8, 2021
- ii. The Membership transfer from Anne Harrington to Rachel Rice is in progress and an updated membership list will be shared to the officers.
- iii. A dedicated email address for membership business and communications will be published in the Green Book.

**3. Year End Awards for 2021**

- a. A comprehensive review and proposed updates to the VADA/Nova Year End Awards Program was completed and presented to the Board. This included updates and clarification of the general requirements for year-end awards for both schooling shows and licensed shows, updates to the forms for submission of scores for year-end awards, and clarification and updates to the requirements and descriptions for year-end Special Awards. These updates will also clarify what requirements VADA/Nova already has in place, as well as better aligning of the VADA/Nova general requirements with VADA practices.

**4. Status of Insurance** All insurance certificates have been issued for 2021.

**5. Management Platform**

- a. The set-up of the ClubExpress Platform trial run was last week.
- b. The start-up phase has begun and will continue.
- c. A demonstration to the entire Board will occur by the next general Board meeting.

**6. Schooling Shows**

- a. **March 20 Show** – as of March 8, volunteers have been secured and show logistics have been worked out with Morven Park. The number of entries received so far as of March 8 equate to approximately a half day of rides, with another 4 days remaining to the closing date.

**7. Publications**

- a. **Greenbook 2021** will be finalized and sent to the publisher after confirmation of changes to the year-end awards and the creation of dedicated email inboxes for critical Board activities.
- b. **Newsletter** – Board consensus is that the quality and content of the newsletters have been very well received.

**8. Education/Clinics**

- a. **Judges' Roundtable via Zoom on March 24** – 53 have signed up for the first session with Alison Head. The sign-up period runs through next week. The upcoming "Open" session in April will be posted on FaceBook.
- b. **Dressage Camp July 28-31, 2021** Clinician and facility contracts have been signed.
- c. **Additional Virtual Trainings/Activities** to be considered:
  - i. Scribing, Scoring and Trivia Night and possible other virtual trainings and activities are still in the discussion stage. If feasible and with sufficient interest, these may be held in the Fall.

**9. Other Business**

- a. **June 26-27 Youth Team Challenge Competition @ HITS Culpeper, hosted by the Lehigh Valley Dressage Association** – the Board agreed that this show will be advertised to our Partners and highlighted on the website, FaceBook page and the newsletter.
- b. **Chapter Challenge in August** – Each VADA chapter contributes a Special Award for this show. The Board decision was that that we will sponsor a High Score Award for Training to Fourth Level, Highest Test of Level.

**The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:42 pm**