



VADA/Nova
Board Meeting Summary
May 10, 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, Kathy Hibbard, Carol Thomas, Maloree Razzino

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

Meeting Topics

1. Licensed Shows

- a. May 19, 2021 Mid-Week Licensed Show – There are sufficient entries for 2 competition rings, and the hiring of a second judge. We will use the Grand Prix arena. Volunteers are in place as of today. Newly issued USEF COVID guidelines have just been posted, but they will not be used for this show.
- b. June Licensed Shows – In light of the revised USEF COVID guidelines, there may be additional challenges with COVID protocol enforcement. Any changes to the current VADA/Nova COVID policy will be posted on the website and discussed during the Licensed Show Committee meeting the week of May 23rd.
- c. Another challenge for the June shows may be the possibility that the work on Barn 2 will not be completed in time, which might necessitate the use of Barn 7 (which is the Loudoun Therapeutic Riding barn).
- d. The logistics involved in providing lunch to our volunteers was again discussed in terms of what are the best spaces for this (indoor breezeway, pitching a tent or back of the classroom, etc.). Other discussions revolved around food sources such as a food trucks or use of the food service in the Café. Selection of any of these options may be driven by the # of competitors for this show.
- e. The June 12-13 competition will be hosting qualifying classes for various 2021 USEF championships and will be using FEI-level judging.

2. Board Information

- a. **Minutes**- April minutes have been posted.
 - o **Treasurer's Report:**
 - Reconciled Balance in Main DDA \$70,770.09
 - Savings Balance: \$45,169.57
 - PAYPAL TOTAL: \$2,070.27
 - PayPal: \$1,412021

- VN PayPal Account at Wells Fargo: \$658.06
- **Grand Total All Funds: \$118,011.21**

- The Treasurer presented an updated Statement of Activity By Class January, 2021 through May 10, 2021 document.
- Additionally, the Treasurer presented the 2021 Final Budget for the Board to review. This budget was finalized with input and feedback from Board members involved with specific activities, as well as actual expenses incurred for the first 3 months of 2021. As this budget was formulated using financial reporting procedures and changes made with Board approval, it was further recommended by the Board that the Treasurer submit a newsletter article about these changes to further clarify to the membership how VADA/Nova's spending and budgeting functions operate toward the organization's stated purpose of member education and the promotion of the sport of dressage.
- It was agreed to by the Board that a working group will be put together to study and review the Volunteer Bucks reward system and present any ideas on how to better track and account for their use by members, vendors and sponsors.

b. **Members Report:**

- i. 242 members as of May 10, 2021
- ii. We have surpassed our 2019 membership level. A local trainer and her students signed up for membership at the Homestead Farm schooling show, one of the VADA/Nova schooling show partners.
- iii. The membership roster has been updated as is current.

3. Board Duties and Responsibilities

a. **Committees**

- i. Unfilled positions on Committees will be opened up to the general membership if Board members do not fill them.

4. Management Platform

- a. The Trial period for platform testing ends on 6/5/21. A trial extension can be requested based on what has been accomplished in development.
- b. Determinations need to be made on what other organization functions can be replaced by the ClubExpress platform. It was agreed that a working group should be formed to drill down on these specific topics and decision points.
- c. It was agreed that a reasonable timeline for the launch of the live version of the platform should be 2022. It would be likely that from Sept./Oct., 2021 dual platforms would need to be run simultaneously for a more seamless transition.
- d. A formal quote from ClubExpress will be requested.

5. Schooling Shows

- a. **March 20 Show** – A correction to the Morven Park invoice resulted in an overall loss of \$52.86. As discussed in the previous month, a search for possible new show venues, particularly for schooling shows, should continue.

6. Publications

- a. **Greenbook** – It is out for publication.
- b. **Newsletter** – The editor requested content suggestions for the June and July issues, and any updates needed for sponsor ads. VADA activities (June Symposium and Dressage at Lexington) will be included, along with the VADA/Nova Dressage Camp application and information.

7. Education/Clinics

- a. **Judges' Roundtable via Zoom on April 21st** – was well received, and we had about 20 participants.
- b. **Dressage Camp July 28-31, 2021** - Planning appears to be on track for our July camp. Grant applications and approvals for instructors have been submitted, along with a required budget for the USDF grant application. An all-inclusive price of \$850 per camper for VADA/Nova members and \$950 per camper for non-members has been set. All participants, however, **MUST** be USDF members. VADA/Nova members will have priority for entries. Hotel information/ blocks arrangements are in progress.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:06pm