



VADA/Nova
Board Meeting Summary
September 13, 2021
7:30pm Morven Park Classroom

Board Present: Diann Carpenter, Michelle Lachner, Kathy Curtis, Lisa Rice, Mary Callan, Maloree Razzino, Judy Grass, Rachel Rice, Anne Harrington, Jessie Ginsburg

Excused: Kathy Hibbard (proxy-Diann Carpenter), Diann Landau

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

Meeting Topics

1. Licensed Shows

- a. **August Summer Wind Down I and II** – we had a 5-ring show, with 2 judges that needed to be hired at the last minute. Sunday's show (Wind Down II) was a shorter day. We had the use of the former Loudoun Therapeutic Riding barn as they have relocated to a new facility, and our show filled every stall on the grounds. Large barn groups were asked to consolidate tack stalls to create more space, and everyone was very cooperative. Morven Park was helpful in clearing out two equipment spaces in Barn 2 for the show so they could be used as tack stalls. There was great cooperation and communication from Morven Park staff for this show. It is noted that we had many Board members as volunteers for these shows. Also, it was agreed that we should investigate some new venues for hotel accommodations in the future. We estimate a profit of ~\$22,495 for the show; we are awaiting receipt of the facility invoice from Morven Park.
- b. **Licensed Show Committee** – A meeting with the Executive Director of Morven Park. The committee recommended to the Board that VADA/Nova make a \$500 donation to Morven Park. A motion was put forward, it was seconded, and was passed.
- c. **E-scribing** – The committee is discussing and will make recommendations to the Board in late 2021 or early 2022 that VADA/Nova consider purchasing our own equipment for this purpose (laptops/tablets, battery packs/chargers, etc.).
- d. **Volunteer Managers, Secretaries for Licensed Shows** – we are soliciting ideas for possible individuals to eventually step into these rolls in the future.

2. Board Information

- a. **Minutes**- August minutes to be forwarded for review/approval subsequent to the meeting.
- o **Treasurer's Report:**
 - Reconciles Balance in Main DDA \$121,652.67
 - Savings Balance: \$45,171.47
 - PayPal: \$1,438.18
 - VN PayPal Account at Wells Fargo: \$4,121.34
 - **Grand Total All Funds: \$172,384.66**
 - **Grand Total All Funds with Estimated Morven Park Ground Fees of \$25,000 \$147,384.66**
- o **Members Report:** 273 members as of September 13, 2021.

3. **Management Platform**

- a. The plan is to go "live" for the new membership year with a target date of 11/1/21; 11/5/21 will be the backup date.
- b. A few mailed-in renewals for 2022 have been received and will be held for the opening of the new membership platform.
- c. A separate meeting with the developers and our IT/Webmaster Board member about technical issues such as domain transition/data migration, document storage capacity, etc. will be scheduled.
- d. The Greenbook for 2022 will be put into the new platform to populate the calendar and "Storefront".

4. **Board Duties and Responsibilities**

- a. As of this date, 8 Board members intend to return for 2022, and 5 intend to not return.
- b. We have one member who has expressed interest in serving on the Board in 2022.
- c. When we are considering those interested in joining the Board, we should prioritize individuals with the skill sets that are in line with what VADA/Nova needs to function and serve our members.
- d. Board meetings will remain on the 2nd Monday of the month for now, but we may eventually move to another day of the week that will work best for all Board members. October and November 2021 meetings will be via Zoom. December 2021 and beyond are still open for discussion.

5. **Schooling Shows**

- a. **Championship Schooling Show November 6th** – The prize list will be finalized for posting on the website. The new opening date is now September 20. Ideas for Champion and Reserve Champion prizes will be forthcoming. The decision was made to not offer Eventing dressage tests in either the Open or Championship classes unless there is sufficient interest in doing so.

6. **Publications**

- a. **Greenbook** – There will be one more printed version of the Greenbook for 2022.
- b. **Newsletter** - Discussions are continuing within the Publications Committee regarding proposals put forward to move the newsletter to either a quarterly or seasonal release schedule, and perhaps with a different look as well. Recommendations to the Board are forthcoming.

7. Education/Clinics -2022/2023 Plans

- a. **Adult Dressage Camp** -There was discussion about whether to hold it again in the summer or possibly into September to avoid the hot weather. Frying Pan Park and the same clinicians have been contacted for possible available dates. Also, ideas were discussed to consider other educational activities.
- b. **Judges' Roundtable** – This will be scheduled for President's Day weekend, and it was recommended that this activity be scheduled consistently on this weekend going forward.
- c. **Fix-a-Test** – For 2022 this will be scheduled in conjunction with our March schooling show, and it was recommended that we keep this activity on our calendar consistently going forward.

8. Other Business

- a. **Year End Event** – The Board discussed ideas regarding our year-end awards event considering the on-going pandemic. Prices and possible venues for any potential in-person events will be researched and discussed further.
- b. **Chapter Challenge** – The event held in August is reported to have been lightly attended. VADA is considering other ideas in place of the Challenge that could be more useful to more members, such as a low-stress fix-a-test or a camp that could still be hosted each year by a different Chapter.
- c. **Donation to GAIG's** – A motion was put forward to donate \$250 to the GAIG's. It was seconded and passed by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:09pm