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Happy Summer!



So much Fun at the USDF Region 1 Youth Dressage Team Challenge 2021!

Region 1 Team Show was a great success. We took 9 riders and everyone had a great time supporting each other, riding and hanging out between classes. Shout out to Kim Bliefernack, Kate Knick and Hannah Walters for volunteering to coach all of the kids. And a big shout out to Paul Bliefernack for being the Barn Dad Extraordinaire and helping with everything including stall decorating, setting up the tack stall, providing snacks/refreshments and emptying muck buckets. Kim and Paul also made late night and mid-morning decoration runs with Dahlia, Ava and Olivia. Also a big thank you to Kim for letting Dahlia ride Rodeo, Amanda for letting Addison ride Sadie and Charlene for letting Janai ride Cayman. Cayman was also a pitch ride for Hannah on Sunday and Olivia on Sunday when their horses were out of commission. We couldn't have pulled this off without the great coaching and parent support from Lynne Jensen, Jessica Stallings, Jessica Henkle, Katie Miller, and Merlee Groszek.

Each Rider had some really good rides and there were some scores of 70%. There were large classes in the Intro (13 riders), Training (26 riders) and First (8 riders) level classes. Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to next year!!!

SVDA Get This Party Started placed third overall for the Intro A/B division (Janai Simon, Hannah Stallings and Rachel Groszek)
SVDA Olympians in Training placed 2nd overall for the training/mixed team division (Ava Miller, Emma Jensen and Addison Henkle)
SVDA Working on Bronze placed 1st overall for the First 2/3 division (Dahlia Jensen, Olivia Stallings and Alyssa Henkle)
Dahlia and Ava rode musical freestyle, placing 1st and 3rd respectively. Olivia and Hannah rode in dressage seat equitation and Olivia placed 5th overall in dressage seat equitation.

NEVADA won the stall decorating award, there were some good decorations and our team decorated with a tropical/Hawaiian theme. More information to come about other awards that have not been announced such as breed specific awards, cleanest stall award, etc....

We are still planning some additional fundraising at the Championship show in October. We will have the 50/50 raffle as well as several baskets to raffle off.

And now we start the planning for next year. Email me if you are interested in participating and we can start fundraising and planning for 2022!!!
Charlene Jensen

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The top section of the flyer features a collage of images. On the left, there are several colorful ribbons (gold, blue, red, white) with circular emblems. On the right, there are several logos for different chapters of the Virginia Dressage Association, including 'VIRGINIA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION CENTRAL CHAPTER', 'VADA NOVA', 'VIRGINIA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION FREDERICKSBURG CHAPTER', 'SWVADA', 'ShenVADA', and 'NEVADA'. The text 'Virginia Dressage Association' is overlaid on the ribbons.

The 9th Annual Chapter Challenge

21 August 2021

The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA

Come experience a special day of dressage competition and team spirit. A combination of individual rides, Adult Chapter Teams, Junior Teams, Special Awards and a Musical Freestyle Sweepstakes.

Prizelist available to download on
virginiadressage.org/chapter-challenge

Opens: 14 June 2021 Entries:
Closes: 11 August 2021 horseshowoffice.com

SVDA 2021 Calendar

Schooling Show Schedule

Date	Location	Judge	Open	Close
08/19/21	SVDA make up show date			
08/29/21	Harmonia Equestrian-Suffolk	Jane Kelly, L	07/26/21	08/09/21
09/26/21	*Indian Point – Suffolk	Annmari Ingersoll, L	08/30/21	09/13/21
10/31/21	*SVDA Championship Show Wakefield 4H Center	TBA	10/04/20	10/18/21

*USDF Recognized Schooling Shows

Sanctioned schooling shows

Wakefield Airfield 4-H Center

07/31to08/1

09/4-5/21

10/30/21

Licensed Show 2021

August

14/15 Made in the shade I & II – Raeford, NC

21/22 Virginia Dressage Association Chapter Challenge
- The Meadows in Doswell, VA

September

04/05 NCDCTA Labor of Love I & II

11/12 VADAF Dressage at Rosemont I & II – Spotsylvania,VA

17/18/19 Tryon Fall Dressage 1 & 2 – Mill Spring, NC

More Fun From USDF Region 1 Youth Dressage Team Challenge 2021



Dahlia, Olivia and Alyssa



Olivia and Einstein



Kathy Rowse
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Dahlia and Ava

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Cayman and Janai



Cayman and Hannah



Rachel, Rocket and Hannah



Cayman, Hannah and Charlene

VADA MINUTES – ZOOM MEETING 6-17-2021

Members present: Bettina Longaker, President (C'ville), Sheli King, Vice-President (NOVA), Jessie Ginsburg, Treasurer (NOVA), Alison Douglas, Secretary (Central), Sherri Booye (C'ville), Sandy Toby (SVDA), Rachel Rice (NOVA), Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville), Angie Stanaway (NE), Karen Rice (F'burg), Lynn Ramsey (NEVADA), Robyn Nunally (SVDA), Annette Hildabrand (ShenVADA), Alex Jeffers (Central), Joanne Collins (Central)

The meeting was called to order 8:01 at pm.

Sherri Booye made the motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Joanne Collins seconded, Annette Hildabrand abstained, and the Board approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jessie reported that the balances are around 130K, which includes some sponsorship money but not many show expenses.

2021 Williams/Warren Clinic: To be held June 26-27th. All the information can be found on the VADA website. There will be evening activities. Chairs will be provided. The board would like to thank Sheli for all the hard work she did putting this event together.

Chapter Challenge- Sandy Toby reported that the prize list is posted. The show will be held August 21st at The Meadow in Doswell. As we get closer, Sandy will be setting up committee meetings. We need volunteers for runners and ring stewards.

Conflict of Interest Policy- All VADA board members (eg chapter representatives) need to sign the policy and submit it to Alison. We are still missing forms.

DAL- To be held July 14-16. Opening date for entries is June 1 and closing date is July 5. Dianne reported via email that awards will be in the Cashvan instead of the upper mezzanine. There will be a photo op area set up outside as well. As of now, COVID protocol will be masks required in the office area only. Nancy Doody is setting up "vendor row" outside as there are a limited number of vendors participating. This is going to be a fairly good size show and we are in need of volunteers.

2022 Awards Banquet: Will be held Sunday, February 6th at the Greencroft Club in Charlottesville. This is the same venue we used the last time we had one. The board is looking for members interested in being on the award selection committee- please contact Tina.

Chapter Updates:

Central: August 7th with Susan Carr at Glamorgan Farm in Doswell.

C'ville: They are sanctioning the Bull Run show series. They are having a Jim Kofford clinic August 7th and 8th at Old Raptor Farm.

NE: They are having schooling shows which will be USDF Regional Schooling Shows. Upcoming dates for the weekend shows are Sept 19, Oct tbd and Nov 7. Their Wednesday Summer Night series dates are July 14, Aug 11 and Sept 1. They are also sanctioning the series that Marie Taylor is running in Wakefield. They are having a Janet Mumford clinic at the end of July.

NOVA: They are planning a dressage camp the 28-31 of July at Frying Pan Park with Debbie Rodriguez and Jim Koford. They are having a schooling show August 7th and licensed shows August 28-29.

SVDA: They are having their normal schedule of schooling shows between March and October which will be USDF Regional Schooling Shows.

SW- They are having a two day clinic with Cody Armstrong-Pierce on August 28-29 at Green Hill Park.

ShenVADA- They are having a schooling show September 11th at Cedar Creek.

Fred'burg- They are having a bit fitting clinic with Kim Gentry Aug 7-8 at Culpepper. Their licensed show will be September 11-12 at Rosemont.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Next meeting will be held via zoom on July 28th at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Douglas

Seahorse Run schooling Show on July 11, 2021



SVDA Schooling Show: Seahorse Run, July 11, 2021

Judge: Janice Mumford, L Graduate, USEF WD "R" Judge

Address: 2733 Whaleyville Blvd, Suffolk, VA

Time	Level	Test	JR/AA/O	Number	Rider	Horse	Points	Score	Placing
8:00	2nd	O	2	15	Karen Barnard	Santa Monica of Deer Haven	269.5	65.244	1
8:08	WDAA 3	1	O	342	Nancy Pette	Whirlwind	164.5	62.778	1
8:17	WDAA Basic	3	AA	298	Christine Metz	Pistol	121.5	64.756	1
8:26	FEI	PSG	AA	177	Sarah Miller	B-17 Bombadier	213.30	62.647	1
8:37	WDAA Intro	3	AA	679	Harriet Hall	Dusty	131.00	65.500	1
8:45	WDAA Intro	1	AA	6	Darla Holbrook	No Doubt Sheza Chip	163.50	74.318	1
8:53	MFS	First	O	15	Karen Barnard	Santa Monica of Deer Haven	243	77.493	1/11,967
9:04	MFS - WDAA	Third	O	342	Nancy Pette	Whirlwind	304	67.091	1
9:15	WDAA Level 1	1	AA	298	Christine Metz	Pistol	178	65.926	1
9:24	First	3	O	26	Amanda Ayre	My Jersey Boy			
9:32	First	3	Jr	4	Alyssa Henkle	Wiley Coyote	275	65.270	1
9:39-9:54	Break								
9:55	WDAA Intro	4	AA	6	Darla Holbrook	No Doubt Sheza Chip	131.00	62.381	1
10:03	First	1	AA	11	Michael Lovejoy	Pinchazo	181.500	62.586	2
10:11	First	1	AA	111	Lorna Parsons	Absolut Charm	183.50	63.276	1
10:19	First	1	O	360	Amanda Ayre	Illuso			
10:27	First	2	Jr	4	Alyssa Henkle	Wiley Coyote	225.50	64.429	1
10:36	First	2	AA	11	Michael Lovejoy	Pinchazo	215.500	61.571	1
10:44	First	2	AA	111	Lorna Parsons	Absolut Charm	219.000	62.571	1
10:52	Training	3	Jr	115	Addison Henkle	Midnight Flyer	197.500	68.103	1
11:00	Training	3	Jr	194	Carra Kramer	Mojito	170.000	58.621	1
11:08	Training	3	AA	179	Kristen Marple	Wrestler			
11:16	Training	3	O	25	Amanda Ayre	Power Stroke			
24-11:54	Lunch								
11:55	Training	2	O	25	Amanda Ayre	Power Stroke			
12:03	Training	2	AA	179	Kristen Marple	Wrestler	176.000	60.690	1
12:11	Training	2	AA	194	Carra Kramer	Mojito	196.000	61.586	1
12:19	Training	2	Jr	115	Addison Henkle	Midnight Flyer	182.000	62.759	1

12:27	Intro	A	O	182	Hannah O'Connell	Poppin N Pink Scratch			
12:34	Intro	B	Jr	10	Janal Simon	Sharin	99.500	62.188	1
12:42	Intro	B	AA	14	Morgan Burton	Ginger	102.500	64.063	1
12:50	Intro	B	O	193	Sandy Toby	Trimmed in Gray	106.500	66.563	1
12:58	Intro	B	O	192	Amanda Petroski	Art Dabot	97.000	60.625	1
13:06	Intro	C	Jr	42	Emma Jensen	Silver Bullet	129.500	64.750	1
1:14	Intro	C	Jr	181	Autumn Wiggs	Erin	129.500	64.750	1
1:15-1:30	Break								
1:31	Intro	C	O	193	Caroline Needham	Trimmed in Gray	126.000	63.000	1
1:39	Intro	C	O	192	Amanda Petroski	Art Dabot			
1:46	Training	1	Jr	42	Emma Jensen	Silver Bullet	170.500	65.577	1
1:54	Training	1	AA	179	Kristen Marple	Wrestler	150.000	57.692	1
2:02	Training	1	AA	194	Carra Kramer	Mojito	167.000	64.231	1
2:10	Training	1	JR	181	Autumn Wiggs	Erin	166.5	63.154	1

Seahorse Run schooling show July 27, 2021



SVDA Show July 25 Sea Horse

Judge: Donna Gatchall "L"

Location: Sea Horse

Ride Time	Number	Rider	Horse	Dressage Score	Points	Placing
First level test 3						
8:00	36	Katherine Gardner (AA)	Home Run	66.250%	238.5	1
8:07	162	Dahlia Jensen (JR)	Diesel Impulse	60.972%	249.5	1
Second Level Test 2						
8:14	679	Sandy Toby (O)	Donna Regal	66.585%	273	1
8:21	21	Amanda Petroski (O)	Catalina of Deerhaven	62.195%	255	2
PSG						
8:28	81	Sarah Miller		60.294%	205	1
Second Level Test 1						
8:38	36	Katherine Gardner	Home Run	64.054%	237	1
WDAA Basic Test 1						
8:45	45	Shelby Fuller	Dante	65.208%	154.5	1
Second Level test 3						
8:52	21	Amanda Petroski	Catalina of Deerhaven	62.738%	263.5	2
8:59	5	Kaitlin Slimak	Deep in de Nile	63.333%	266	1
9:07	Intro A 360	Katherine Copeland (JR)	Penelope (ROD)	62.500%	100	JR class
Third Level Test 2						
9:07-11:08	41	Kate Knick	Avignon of Deerhaven	66.184%	251.5	1
Training Level Test 1						
9:15	19	Lindsey Backus (AA)	Truman	65.962%	171.5	1
9:23	948	Nicole Ziilskas (AA)	Kellwoud Ender's Game	55.192%	143.5	2
9:30	12	Jennifer Cobb (O)	Mannhattan's Martini	68.076%	177.0	1

Training Level Test 3						
9:37	23	Deb Sweetman (AA)	Newsboy MEAS	66.551%	193	2
9:44	40	Charlene Jensen (AA)	Cayman	67.062%	194.5	1
First Level Test 2						
9:51	941	Caroline Needham	Sky's the Limit	67.060%	239.5	ROD
WDAA Basic Test 3						
9:58	45	Shelby Fuller	Dante	63.000%	126	1
Third Level Test 3						
10:05	41	Kate Knick	Avignon of Deerhaven	63.500%	254	1
BREAK 10:15-10:30						
First Level MFS						
10:30	162	Dahlia Jensen	Diesel Impulse	69.247%	207.8	1
Training Level Test 2						
10:40	12	Jennifer Cobb (O)	Mannhattan's Martini	66.207%	192.0	1
10:47	23	Deb Sweetman (AA)	Newsboy MEAS	65.172%	189.0	2
10:54	19	Lindsey Backus (AA)	Truman	65.862%	191.0	1
11:01	40	Charlene Jensen (AA)	Cayman	64.655%	187.5	3
11:08	948	Nicole Ziilskas (AA)	Kellwoud Ender's Game	55.862%	162.0	4
Intro A - JR						
11:15	47	Sarah Chappell	Quiromancia	59.687%	95.5	3
11:21	204	Hope Hughes	Bally Cassidy	60.000%	96.0	2
105 ROD	360	Katherine Copeland (Penelope)		62.500%	100	1
Intro A - AA						
11:27	3	Nancy Jones	Little Sorrow	64.688%	103.5	1
11:33	46	Caroline Needham	Steve	68.000%	205.0	ROD
11:39	46	Rachael Haymer		60.000%	208.0	ROD
11:45	8	Anna Tally	Just Oliver	61.815%	99.0	3
Intro A - Open						
11:51	17	Jennifer Cobb	Ringaroundthemoon	62.188%	99.5	1
11:57	32	Abigail Albaugh	Galileo	65.815%	177.5	2
				83.0		

First Level Test 3 (O)				
12:03	941	Caroline Needham	Sky's the Limit	63.056 227.0
ROO Intro B				
12:10	17	Jennifer Cobb	Ringaroundthemoon	63.125 101.0
Lunch Break 12:17-12:47				
Intro B JR				
12:47	47	Sarah Chappell	Quiromanica	60.937 97.50 4
12:54	360	Hope Hughes	Bally Cassidy	63.437 101.50 3
1:01	869	Dahlia Jensen	Special Team	67.812 108.50 1
1:08	177	Laura Vann	Penelope	65.000 104.0 2
1:15	48	Keilani Roberts	Flash to Pass	
Intro B AA				
1:22	8	Anna Talley	Just Oliver	64.687 103.50 2
1:29	31	Lisa Mishoe	Magnolia	no show
1:36	40	Rechel Haynie	Silva	retired
1:43	3	Nancy Jones	Little Sorrow	66.562 106.50 1
Intro A				
1:50	191	Deann Mayo	AA	60.312 96.50 1
Intro B Open				
1:58	32	Abigail Albaugh	Galileo	58.437 93.50 4
2:05	46	Caroline Needham	Trimmed in Gray	69.062 110.50 1
2:12	178	Amanda Petroski	Art Debut	67.187 107.50 2
ROO	17	Jennifer Cobb	Ringaroundthemoon	63.125 101.00 3
WDA Intro Test 3				
2:19	15	Katherine Owens	Watch Gabby Joe	65.000 130.0 1
Intro C JR				
2:27	869	Dahlia Jensen	Special Team	67.250 134.5 1
2:34	48	Keilani Roberts	Flash to Pass	no show
2:41	177	Laura Vann	Penelope	61.500 123.00 2
2:48	192	Autumn Wiggs	Erin	56.000 112.00 3

First Level Test 1 (O)				
2:55	26	Jennifer Cobb (O)	California Girl	67.069 194.50
3:02	189	Michael Lovejoy (AA)	Sarah Parks	
3:09	14	Laura Gladden	Luna	HC HC
Intro C AA				
3:16	2	Amanda Leahy	American Jones	61.000 132.00 1
Judge's Break 3:23-3:38				
WDA Musical Freestyle				
3:38	49	Sarah Parks (AA)	Pittsboro	62.414 156.00 1
3:36	25	Nancy Pettel	Whitwind	
First Level test 2				
3:48	26	Jennifer Cobb (O)	California Girl	69.714 244.00 1
3:55	189	Michael Lovejoy (AA)	Sarah Parks	
ROO	941	Caroline Needham (O)	Sky's the Limit	67.000 234.5 2
Intro C-Open				
11:39	46	Caroline Needham	Trimmed in Gray	65.000 130.0 2
3:02	178	Amanda Petroski	Art Debut	66.500 133.0 1
Wdaa Intro 4				
4:17	15	Katherine Owens	Watch Gabby Joe	65.238 137.0 1
Training Level 1- JR				
1:34	192	Autumn Wiggs	Erin	retired

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2021

- 1.2 Coats and Jackets.** A short riding jacket or cutaway coat (modified tailcoat) with short tails is permitted at any level of competition. A tailcoat is permitted in all classes above Fourth level. Any single color jacket or tailcoat is permitted and may have subtle pin striping, checks or tweeds. Striped or multi-colored jackets or coats are not permitted. Tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar of a different hue, modest piping, or crystal decorations, are acceptable. Riders competing in Level 1 dressage competitions or in Opportunity classes are not required to wear a riding jacket or coat.
- 1.3 Vests.** Vests of any type are permitted but not required. Vests, including cooling vests, may be worn underneath a riding jacket or when jackets are waived.
- 1.3.1.** Per GR801, a body protecting or inflatable vest, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport, may be worn in any division or class without penalty from the judge.
- 1.3.2.** When the only warm-up available is open to all horses and riders, riders with safety concerns are encouraged to wear an orange vest.
- 1.4 Breeches and Jodhpurs.** White, light, or dark colored breeches or jodhpurs are permitted in competition. Bright colors or patterns are not permitted. Contrast piping is allowed.
- 1.5 Shirts and Neckwear.** Shirts with tie, choker, stock tie, or integrated stand-up collar are required. Ties, chokers, or stock ties may be any color. If jackets or coats are not worn per DR120.1.2 and DR120.2.1, shirts must be without bold pattern.

Volunteer Hours

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Total
Barczak	Mary	4
Barnard	Karen	13
Behrns	Erin	2
Behrns	Kylie	2
Bliefernich	Kim	45
Bliefernich	Randy	6
Bouvier	Kate	11
Bowden	Debbie	4
Butterfield	Aimee	6
Celia	Laura	8
Corrice	Wendy	16
Craney	Linda	14
Darden	Eileen	20
DeCant	Sharon Dukes	4
Dennis	Sydney Leigh	8
DeWilde	Ellie	4
Diehl	Catherine	6
Edmundson	Reeta	8
Enoch	Elise	6
Evelyn	Melissa	12
Felton	Barbara	6
Gardner	Katherine	16
Gibson	Lora	27
Gladden	Laura	1
Gonyo	Carol	8
Grimes	Evelyn	16
Groszek	Rachel	7
Hall	Harriett	10
Hayden	Stacy	8
Hehl	Alexis	5

Henkle	Addison	4
Henkle	Alyssa	4
Hipp	Pinky	8
Holbrook	Darla	10
Hughes	Ben	8
Hughes	Aiden	8
Hughes	Hope	6
James	Tammy	12
Jamison	Melissa	10
Jensen	Charlene	12
Jensen	Dahlia	4
Jensen	Emma	6
Jensen	Lynn	2
Kane	Ken	4
Kelso	Whitney	24
Knick	Kate	30
Lantiegne	Kari	8
Larson	Bethany	1
Leslie	Rachel	5
Lovejoy	Michael	12
Martin	Ingrid	20
Meeks	Holly	6
Meranda	Toni	16
Metz	Christine	10
Miller	Sarah	21
Miller	Katie	6
Miller	Ava	6
Mumford	Janice	14
Mumford	Janice	3
Nunnally	Robyn	19
Ortiz	Victoria	3

Owens	Chris	11
Owens	Katherine	14
Parsons	Cookie	44
Payton	Mary	8
Penland	Ray	8
Petroski	Amanda	16
Pettet	Nancy	18
Pluim	Roberta	4
Pope	Eliana	5
Potter	Andrea	4
Potter	Chloe	1
Ripple	Beth	8
Rouse	Kathy	8
Shannon	Randie	8
Simon	Janai	10
Smith	Joanne	8
Stewart Alison		4
Stokke-Nelson	Cathy	16
Sweetman	Debbie	10
Toby	Sandy	24
Walker	Stephanie	9
Walters	Hannah	24

VADA MINUTES – July 25, 2021, via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 with representatives of all chapters except ShenVADA & Central.

Participating: Angela Stanaway (North East); Sheli King (VN); Sherri Booye (Charlottesville); Sandy Toby (Southeast); Bettina Longaker (Charlottesville); Anna Fox (Fredericksburg); Anne Draine and Lisa Beckwith (North East); Joanne Collins (Fredericksburg); Laura Nelson (Southwest); Eleszabeth McNeel (Charlottesville); Jessie Ginsburg (VN) and members Nancy Doody, Dianne Boyd & Rachel Rice

Anne Draine made a motion to accept the June minutes, which was seconded by Sherri Booye and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jessie reported that we had a combined balance of approximately \$153,851, with some funds still remaining in our PP account. No financial review of DAL has yet been completed. The balance reflects a deposit to the facility for the annual banquet, as well as a deposit to the Meadows for the Chapter Challenge but no other expenses or deposits for these activities.

2021 Williams/Warren Symposium Wrap up: Sheli reported that this event was a huge success based upon the evaluations received from the riders and the auditors, both of whom represented a good number of our chapters. The financial report for the event was included in the email with the meeting agenda, and as expected reflected a loss of almost \$6,000. However, events of this type are necessary to support our 501(c)(3) status and are an essential part of our GMO's mission. Dianne Boyd did a great job in locating a professional videographer and the videos of the entire event, including the unmounted sessions, can now be accessed by all our members via the following link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Gms2InTN9qbJB4W4TBmqw/>. Chapters are encouraged to share this link. Articles about the event are being written and will be posted on the website and nominated for the USDF for the GMO Newsletter Awards. We have been notified by both the USDF & The Dressage Foundation that all our paperwork was satisfactory and all grant funds would be dispersed.

DAL, July 14-16, semi-wrap up: This was a big, hot and very successful show, with a total of 819 competitors and a full day of breed classes. It was the largest show to date since the show has been run by VADA and all of the Challenge Classes and most of the SHAC Divisions were extremely competitive. We had almost 60 volunteers who contributed almost 800 hours of their time and without them, the show would not have been the success that it was. The weather, while hot, was mostly cooperative, except for Saturday evening when we had to move the evening class and competitor's party inside due to storms. We received very positive feedback on the outside awards area (including ice cream, lemonade and homemade cookies!) and the nearby photo ops area – all the brain child of Nancy Doody. We reinstated some awards ceremonies this year and will look to increase the number next year as competitors seem to want them. More wrap-up, including a financial report, will follow.

Chapter Challenge – August 21 @ The Meadow, Doswell – entries are now open and the show closes August 11th so chapters should encourage their members to enter. The PL, entry form and rules can be found at <https://virginiadressage.org/chapter-challenge>. Nancy Doody and Robin Dannels are putting together a program, Sandy has 2 flower/greenery sponsors and is going to have a generic (no-year) banner made that can be used each year. Chapters need to get the special awards to Sandy asap and a check to Jessie for their sponsorship of the MFS challenge. Jessie suggested next year that we just award set amounts for the MFS Challenge and do not tie to the number of freestyle entries received. All agreed that this was a good idea. If anyone is interested in volunteering to get VADA hours, help is needed with set up on Friday. **ENTRIES ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS SHOW THE SUCCESS WE ALL WANT IT TO BE, SO PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!**

Capital Expenditure: Tina discussed our capital expenditure needs for 2021 - 10 new radios (Beth Rippel is investigating options), 1 new Prestige Dressage Arena and 1 new set of Dressage Letters. Anne moved, Sherri seconded and the Board approved an expenditure of \$5,000 for the ring and letters. We donated our old block ring to the VHC and will ask them for a letter acknowledging the donation for our records. Anne also moved, Sherri seconded and the Board approved the purchase of 10 new radios.

2021 GAIGs: Because the GAIGs are a level 4 show, we decided it was appropriate going forward to hire a co-manager for the show to provide additional support and assistance to the existing management team. Kathy Grisolia has been hired for 2021 show.

2022 VADA Yearly Awards – Nancy Doody has agreed to chair the committee and Tina, Jessie, Anne, Angela and Sheli will serve on the committee.

Chapter Updates:

Fredericksburg – Their 2 licensed shows at Rose Mount on September 11 & 12 are now open and their bit fitting clinic with Kim Gentry was postponed and is now being held on Sept 25/26.

Charlottesville – They still have room for auditors in their clinic with Jim Koford Aug 7 & 8; info on their website.

NEVADA – Schooling shows are scheduled for August 12 & Sept 2nd at Edgehill (evening shows, which have been very popular); at the VA State Fair on Sept 29 or 30 and a day show on Nov 7th.

VN – They are having a schooling show on Aug 7 and two 1-day licensed shows Aug 28 & 29, all at Morven Park

Southwest – They are having a clinic with Jerry Schurink at VA Tech.

Southeast – Their schooling shows are very successful and oversubscribed.

Other Business: VADA chapters fielded 7 teams at the Region 1 Youth Show in Culpepper June 26 & 27 and all did very well, winning champion or reserve in every division they entered. Plans are underway to hold the show again in 2022, probably in the same location.

Lisa Beckwith reported that the IEA (Interscholastic Equestrian Association) has expanded and has added a Region 3, which includes VA. They are enrolling riders for 2021-2022 Season. Anyone interested in more information should contact Lisa Beckwith, 804-441-5206, email SpringIntoTheRing@gmail.com or check out the IEA website at www.rideiea.org.

Next Meeting – TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 8PM VIA ZOOM

Respectfully submitted,

Sheli King for Alison Douglas

Riding with Carol – A scholarship report

As I have often said, “Each instructor brings a new tool to your Tool Box.” That doesn’t mean that every tool they give you, you use, it just means you’ve got something else that may, at some point be needed.

I started my lesson with Carol by telling her that my horse, Buddy, can do all the PSG movements and can do them well. But once we start putting the test together and we get to the canter, he gets very anxious. He puts his tongue over the bit and then I have nothing. Carol explained that in the case of the Curb bit (Weymouth) the flatter the bit the better, it should lay flat on their tongue. Going higher with the port will not fix the problem. Higher ports are for horses that have had tongue injuries. Also, as it turns out there is some confusion as to whether the French Mouth bit is a legal bit. This is because of the way USEF posted it in their most recent attachment on Tack (May 2021). The French Link is legal until 12/1, but it is not clear if that is 12/1/2020 or 12/1/2021. SVDA’s TD has told me that it is legal until 12/1/2021 and is under review. A Bit Fitter I am working with says it is no longer legal. My advice, if this is the bit you are using now...find a new bit. I know, easier said than done. I’m right there with you I have to find a new bit too.



French Mouth or French Link

After the bit conversation I told her that Buddy hangs on the right rein and falls on his left shoulder. And that after the right pirouette he will slam his front end to the ground. Carol took a hard look at Buddy (remember he is half Draft) pointed at his lower neck (right before it ties into the chest) and said, “He’s pushing with his neck and it’s driving his front into the ground. We have to take his lower neck away from him.” And so, we began...first by getting him to give at the base of his neck, (I know, everybody has this problem) and then to give his jaw and release the area in front of his shoulder up to his withers. That part was not so easy. I had to flex right and wait for him to reach down and release the muscle, then push him left. Buddy had to figure out he could move forward and lift his shoulders. Buddy said “This I cannot do.” It took a little pushing to get him to realize that he is capable of moving like this. Buddy wants to keep his front end tied to the dirt. Even when he is pushing from behind, he still not lifting in front like he is capable of. I’m getting half, I’m greedy, I want it all.

Now, all this is tied to the tongue over the bit, and now that we address the problem of using his shoulders not his neck the tongue over the bit become less of a problem.

Now, as we pick up with my second lesson with Carol, I explain I’m still having trouble with the right rein, but the bit problem (Tongue over the bit) is much better. (It had better be I just purchase two new bits to fix this problem, based on her information.) Carol promised me we would address that problem now, then asked me to pick up the reins and ask Buddy to come to the bit. Carol studied his neck for a moment and then pointed out where Buddy was not coming through. A spot just in front of his shoulders was not filled in. For a FEI rider this is the kiss of death (A little dramatic, I know) but if the horse does not fill that space correctly (And the judge sees that) you cannot get more than a 5.5 on your movement. **At FEI every point is important!** Getting Buddy to fill that space was important.

Also, Buddy wanted to step off with his front foot and leave his back feet in the next county. Carol would not let me move off until Buddy stepped off with the foot I picked. I had to tell her which foot I wanted and be most insistent that that was the foot Buddy stepped off with. Sounds easy, right. Not for Buddy, remember half Draft.

So, once we got through all that and actually started to trot Carol got after me about my half-halts. Seems I wasn’t doing them properly. Okay, I get it, no one ever explained to me the proper way to do a half-halt because I got results doing it my way. Seems the proper way to do a half-halt is to roll your shoulder back to ask for the half-halt. Think of Matt Damon in The Martian, when he is driving the Mars Rover and listening to the disco music and rolling his shoulder. Like that. Good luck with that.

Show schedule for 2021

August

07/08

14/15 Made in the shade I & II – Raeford, NC

21/22

Virginia Dressage Association Chapter Challenge
- The Meadows in Doswell, VA

28/29 [SVDA Schooling Show](#) - Harmonia Equestrian-Suffolk

September

04/05 NCDCTA Labor of Love I & II

Wakefield Airfield 4-H Center

11/12 VADAF Dressage at Rosemont I & II – Spotsylvania, VA

17/18/19 Tryon Fall Dressage 1 & 2 – Mill Spring, NC

[SVDA makeup show date](#)

25/26 [SVDA Schooling Show](#) – Indian Point

October

01/02/03 CBLMS- Caroline Horse Park, NC

07/10

14to17 GAIG Region 1 championships

23/24

30 **Wakefield Airfield 4-H Center**

31 [SVDA Championship Schooling Show](#) – Wakefield

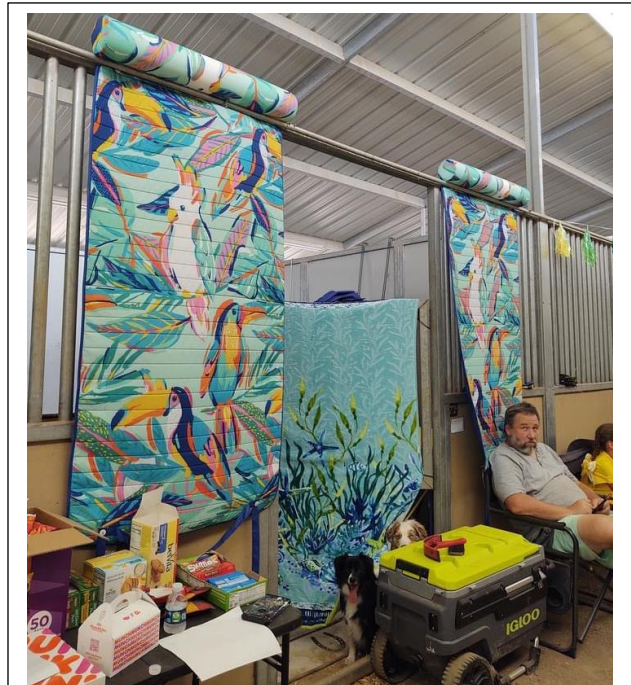
November

06/07 General membership meeting

13/14

20/21

27/28



Barn dad



Rodeo



Wiley Coyote