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New goals for SVDA members at our schooling shows: earn bronze, silver, gold, and ebony charms with scores of 70% or higher! 🏆🥈🥇🖤 Celebrate with a little bling ✨

We now have an online shop for SVDA logo items:

<https://southeastvda.itemorder.com/>

You can place orders directly to the shop, pay, and items will ship right to you.



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VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 4-16-24 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Rachel Rice (NOVA); Sandy Toby-Johnson (SVDA); Annette Hildabrand (ShenVADA); Christina Arrington (Central); Katie Kelly (SWVADA) and member Dianne Boyd

Minutes: The minutes from the March meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that the combined balances are approximately \$204,434. This includes deposits for the L program but no expenses as well as the ribbon order for the year.

Membership Report: Sheli reported we currently have 422 members registered with USDF and another 60 that Beth is waiting on chapter payments to submit.

Purple Book: Nancy Doody has the Charlottesville, NOVA, Fredericksburg, and NE membership rosters and needs the rest of the membership chairs from the remaining chapters to submit to her by the 29th. As chapters add new members, the designated appointee from the chapter should send the information to Nancy Doody.

Chapter Grants: The updated criteria and changes have been incorporated into the program rules. Nancy Dood has put the forms and information on the portal and made this a paperless process. When chapters submit the form, it will be electronically sent to Beth for membership number verification. Nancy has also created a storybook (flipsnap) section to our website for the chapter writeups which will allow for an archive.

DAL: Dianne reported that the basics are all in place and the Nancys are working on sponsors and vendors. We will start to promote the show on social media to generate interest in not only the show and volunteering, but also the challenge classes. Rachael reported that the volunteer sign up is now live on the website. Chapters please make sure your members are volunteering if they can.

On-line Educational Dentistry Clinic: We need a chapter member to volunteer to run the clinic. This is a perfect opportunity to earn volunteer hours for year end awards for members that can't do so at our shows. The clinic will be held via Zoom with date tbd.

New Business: Nancy Doody and Jessie will be discussing the most efficient process for members who would like to secure sponsors for the shows without soliciting sponsors that Nancy has already contacted.

Chapter Updates: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE SENDING INFO TO NANCY DOODY FOR THE WEBSITE. It's free advertising for any shows and clinics you're holding.

Central- The two-day licensed show April 27-28, 2024, will be held at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot.

Charlottesville- The Isabel F. de Szinay Memorial two-day licensed show June 15-16, will be held in Culpepper.

Fredericksburg – Licensed show September 14-15 at Rosemont.

NEVADA – Schooling show series at Edgehill Farm- May 19th judge tbd, June 9th judge Wanda Escobar, July 16th (evening show) judge Wanja Gerlach, July 30th (evening show) judge Donna Gatchell, August 19th judge Joanna Gray-Riddle, September 22nd judge Robyn Nunnally, October schooling show with be at the State Fair with judge AnnMari Ingersoll date tbd, November 10th judge tbd

NOVA – May 8 Midweek May Meet Licensed Show, May 9-10 Debbie Rodriguez clinic at Windswept Farm, June 8-9 Summer Dressage Show at Morven Park, Aug 3rd schooling show at Morven Park, Aug 24-25 Summer Wind Down I and II Licensed shows at Morven Park

ShenVADA – They will be holding a clinic with date tbd.

SVDA- Schooling shows - May 19th at River Birch Farm with Margaret Little judging, June 23rd at Horse Park at Gryphon Run with Robyn Nunnally judging, July 7th at Peace Haven Farm with Jane Kelly judging, July 28th at Seahorse Run with Kat Sepka judging, August 25th at Kelly Coyne Dressage with Annmari Ingersoll judging, Sept 29th at River Birch Farm with Elise Enoch judging, Oct 27th at Airfield with Robyn Nunnally and Kris and Heather Hamilton for Western Dressage

SWVADA- Schooling show May 5th at Green Hill Park with Blue Ridge Eventing that will be a horse trial, combined tests, dressage tests and western dressage. They will also have a biomechanics clinic with Stacy Pattison August 9th thru 11th with location tbd.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday May 22nd at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas

SVDA 2024 Calendar

Schooling Show Schedule

Date	Location	Judge	Open	Close
05/19/24	River Birch Farm	Margetet Little 'r'	04/22/24	05/06/24
06/23/24	Gryphon Run	Robyn Nunnally 'L',**	05/27/24	06/10/24
07/07/24	Peace Haven Farm	Jane Kelly "L"	06/10/24	06/24/24
07/28/24	Seahorse Run	Kat Sepka 'L'	07/01/24	07/15/24
08/25/24	Kelly Coyne Dressage	Annmari Ingersoll 'L'*	07/29/24	08/12/24
09/29/24	River Birch Farm	Elise Enoch 'L'*	08/26/24	09/16/24
10/27/24	SVDA Championship Show Wakefield 4H Center	TBA TBA TBA	@C @B Ring 2	09/30/24 10/14/24

*L Graduate with Distinction

**USEF WD "R" Judge

Sanctioned schooling shows

Crescent Bay Pony club held at Northwest River Park

03/14/24

06/16/24

08/18/24

10/20/24

Licensed Show 2023

May

04/05 **Tryon Spring Dressage 2** – Mill Spring, NC

10/11/12 **Dressage in the Sand Hills** – Pinehurst, NC

11/12 **Raleigh Spring Dressage** – Raleigh, NC

16/19 **Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival &**

Lexington CDI 3* Dressage – Lexington, VA

25/26 **Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II** – Va. Beach, VA

Mayday Dressage – Pinehurst, NC

June

01/02 **Capital Dressage Classic** – Raleigh, NC

08/09 **VADA/NOVA Summer** – Leesburg, VA

Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II – Va. Beach, VA

15/16 **VADA-CH Isabel F De Szinay Dressage** – Culpeper, VA

Summertime Blues – Pinehurst, NC

21-Apr-24



Sandy Toby

Sea Horse

<u>Ride Time</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse name</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Placing</u>
<u>Intro A</u>	Kenneth Sterling	Sir Bentley	62.2	99.5	1st (coll broke tie)
	Nancy Jones	Our Boy KC	62.2	99.5	2nd (coll broke tie)
<u>Intro A Open</u>	Jennifer Cobb	Mainways Venetian Ice	67.2	107.5	1st
<u>Intro B Open</u>	Jennifer Cobb	Mainways Venetian Ice	66.6	106.5	1st
<u>Intro B Jr</u>	Madelyn Hall	Kanga	60.9	97.5	1st
<u>Intro B AA</u>	Taylor Albert	Stars and Stripes			
		Kanga	64.4	103	1st
	Nancy Jones	Our Boy KC	60.3	96.5	2nd
<u>Intro C Jr</u>	Dahlia Jensen	Elton John	62.3	124.5	1st
		Stars and Stripes			
<u>Intro C AA</u>	Taylor Albert	Kanga	61.37	122.5	1st
<u>TL1 AA</u>	Morgan Burton	JMA Starlight	65.8	171	1st
	C. Elizabeth	Trinity Van Dream Gait	63.3	161.5	2nd
<u>TL1 Open</u>	Hannah Futrell	Koyori	63.7	165.5	1st
	Jennifer Cobb	Lotsnlotsofchrome	62.7	163	2nd
<u>TL2 Open</u>	Jennifer Cobb	LotsnlotsofChrome	66	191.5	1st
	Hannah Futrell	Koyori	58.6	170	2nd
	Jennifer Cobb	Love Your Buttons	57.4	166.5	3rd
<u>TL2 AA</u>	Morgan Burton	JMA Starlight	64.5	187	1st
	C. Elizabeth	Trinity Van Dream Gait	63.6	184.5	2nd
	Paola Safford	Spidermann LA	61.7	179	3rd
<u>TL3 Open</u>	Jennifer Cobb	Love your Buttons	64	160	1st
<u>TL3 Jr</u>	Dahlia Jensen	Macho Mama	53.6	134	1st
<u>TL3 AA</u>	Paola Safford	Spidermann LA	61.8	154.5	1st
<u>1st 1 Open</u>	Bethany Nichols	Sonnen Nacht	66.7	180	1st
<u>1st 1 Jr</u>	Ava Miller	Whispering Keepsake	61.7	166.5	1st
<u>1st 1 AA</u>	Linda Craney	Romance LBA	63	170	1st
<u>1st 2 JR</u>	Ava Miller	Whispering Keepsake	64.1	211.5	1st
<u>1st 2 AA</u>	Rebekah Crane	Trinity Van Dream Gait	62.6	206.5	1st
<u>1st 3 Open</u>	Bethany Nichols	Sonnen Nacht	62.9	226.5	1st

Licensed Show schedule for 2024

May

- 04/05 **Tryon Spring Dressage 2** – Mill Spring, NC
10/11/12 **Dressage in the Sand Hills** – Pinehurst, NC
11/12 **Raleigh Spring Dressage** – Raleigh, NC
16/19 **Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival & Lexington CDI 3* Dressage** – Lexington, VA
25/26 **Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II** – Va. Beach, VA
Mayday Dressage – Pinehurst, NC

June

- 01/02 **Capital Dressage Classic** – Raleigh, NC
08/09 **VADA/NOVA Summer** – Leesburg, VA
Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II – Va. Beach, VA
15/16 **VADA-CH Isabel F De Szinay Dressage** – Culpeper, VA
Summertime Blues – Pinehurst, NC
22/23 **Dressage at the Park I & II** – Raeford, NC

July

- 01/02
08/09
12/13/14 **Dressage at Lexington** – Lexington, VA
VADA/NOVA Summer – Leesburg, VA
13/14 **Rise 'n Shine** - Pinehurst, NC
20/21 **Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II** – Va. Beach, VA
27/28 **Raleigh Summer Dressage I & II**– Raleigh, NC

August

- 03/04 **Early Morning Blues** – Pinehurst, NC
10/11 **Tryon Fall Dressage 3 & 4** – Mill Spring, NC
17/18
24/25 **VADA/NOVA Summer Wind down I & II** – Leesburg, VA
30/01 **NCDCTA Labor of Love I**
Cool Down Dressage – Pinehurst. NC

September

- 30/01 **NCDCTA Labor of Love II**
Cool Down Dressage – Pinehurst. NC
07/08 **Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II** – Va. Beach, VA
14/15 ***Tryon Fall Dressage 1 & 2** – Mill Spring, NC
NCDCTA Harvest Moon Dressage – Raeford, NC
VADAF Dressage at Rosemont I & II – Spotsylvania, VA
21/22
28/29

October

- 05/06
10/13 **Great American Insurance Group** – Lexington, VA
19/20
26/27

November

- 01/03 **NCDCTA Autumn Leaves & 2024 NCDCTA Championship** – Raeford, NC
09/10



Don't forget that for all schooling shows and clinics sponsored by SVDA - a CURRENT negative coggins must be received or you will not be allowed to participate. SVDA must submit a report listing all horses, owners and coggins accession numbers to the Va Dept of Agriculture for every sponsored event. We cannot make exceptions. So please get your coggins drawn early to allow processing time so that we don't have to refuse your participation on the day of a show or clinic.

SVDA Board Meeting

28 February 2024 @ 6:30pm via Teleconference

Secretary Minutes

Call to order by Cookie at 6:30 PM

Roll Call:

P	Cookie Parsons	A	Beth Ripple	P	Deb Sweetman	P	Shari Cutchin	A	Susan Gaston
A	Amanda Britton	A	Lora Gibson	A	Charlene Jensen	P	Whitney Kelso	P	Kim Bliefernich
A	Sarah Miller	P	Wendy Wilde	P	Amanda Hard	P	Karen Barnard	A	Joanne Smith
P	Sandy Toby	A	Katherine Gardner	P	Pinki Hipp	P	Robyn Nunnally		

Old Business: None

VADA Rep:

- Robyn
- Year-end awards banquet was well attended with a successful silent auction. SVDA was well represented in awards; great job everyone!
- Plans are underway for a Lilo Fore clinic in 2025, probably at VHC East Complex in Lexington. More details as they become available.
- Minutes from the most recent teleconference were forwarded.
- If SVDA would like VADA to list their shows on their website, send the dates and locations to webmaster Nancy Doody (her email is on the website).
- There is an upcoming L program, part 1 in December 2024, to be held at Old Raptor Farm, outside of Charlottesville.
- DVCTA is also running this program around the same time which may affect our numbers.
- Region 1 is looking to redesign the logo. See Facebook for submission information.
- Regionals will be held in Lexington, VA for 2024 and 2025.
- Finally, new rules for licensed shows have been posted to Facebook. Please read before you go.

President:

- Cookie
- Welcome new board members: Susan Gaston, Membership; Deb Sweetman, Secretary; Shari Cutchins, Treasurer; Pinky Hipp, Member at Large.
- Entry fees were not increased during COVID and I do not believe it is needed to increase them. However, there is a need to add a convenience fee to the online show entries. The PayPal fees have drained the account over the past year. They charge SVDA 3.49% and 0.49 per transaction. This has been discussed with Robyn, Wendy, and Shari, it was felt that a \$5.00 fee would cover. The board unanimously voted to add the convenience fee.
- Other items that have impacted our budget:
Test printing costs between \$150.00 to \$200.00 per year.

IRS mileage has increased along with Port-a-Potty costs.

Wendy has gotten rid of Constant Contact which cost SVDA \$650.00 per year. She is looking for a better rate for our website.

SVDA did receive the chapter grant of \$1300.00 which helped with the clinic.

- Juniors need to pick a show to work. If that show is cancelled then they need to select another show in order to receive the profits.
- Board members are required to be paying and in good standing members as well as attend the membership/clinic meeting. If you have not paid your membership fees, please do so.
- Please send all receipts/reimbursement requests to Shari.
- Currently working on new banquet arrangements.

Vice President:

- Beth
 - Insurance is due in April. About \$1000.00
 - Crescent Bay Pony Club application for Sanctioned Schooling shows by SVDA has been received and approved. They are hosting 4 shows and no conflict of dates with SVDA shows. Wendy and Sarah will post the following show dates to our website and newsletter: April 14, June 16, August 18, and October 20. Shows will be held at Northwest River Park.
 - Wakefield has not sanctioned any of their shows so far. Their Sunday shows fall on the same dates as the SVDA shows.

Treasurer

- Shari
 - Current balance is \$13,955.05. She has received the records from Evelyn and can now sign checks.

Secretary:

- Deb – no report

Membership:

- Susan
- Currently there are 51 paid members.
- All the dues checks have been turned over to Cookie. Also the membership spread sheet will be forwarded in the first few weeks of the year.

Scholarships:

- Whitney
 - Applications are due April 1, 2024.
 - Robyn asked if anyone had used the scholarship money from last year. If not used, the individual can ask for an extension.

Juniors:

- Charlene
 - We had a successful silent auction - there were only 5 items that were not bid on during the auction. We raised almost **\$900** through the auction (very good considering 1/2 as many attendants than previous years). Checks were given to Cookie to deposit (**\$867**).
 - Cookie also deposited (**\$260**) money raised through the raffle at the SVDA Championship Show.
 - The JR Team is planning to sell food/drinks and SVDA swag at the March/April SVDA shows and July/August/September Shows. The SVDA June show is the same weekend at the JR Team Championship and

the SVDA May show is the same weekend at MAD Fest (Several JR Team and parents will be at MAD Fest and unavailable).

- So far we have raised about \$1200 for the Junior Team Championship Show. We have approximately 9 JR/YR interested in participating which would cost approximately \$3150 to send all 9 including two classes, stall fee, team fee, team shirt and coaches hotel expenses.
- The Continuing Education in Judging Musical Freestyle had 25 auditors/participants (4 "r" / "R" / "S" Judges and 3 L-grads), two participants took and passed the test to receive their MFS Designation for judging. We made a small profit (**\$143.61**). Most participants paid through the PayPal account, there were 6 participants that paid day of the event via check on Venmo to Charlene. Checks/cash from the day of payment and receipts from the meal were provided to Shari Cutchins.

- Expense Summary

Expenses:

Instructor Fee - \$800	Contract with Joan Darnell
Instructor Travel - \$671.39	Airfare
Instructor Lodging-\$0	no cost, Kathy Rowse provided lodging and transportation
Instructor Meals - \$15	Lunch from Taste
Facility Fee - \$225	Rental for UAW includes tables/chairs and AV equipment
Refreshments - \$345	Food for participants and auditors
Insurance - \$65	Utilize GMO umbrella coverage for better rate
Total Expenses: \$2121.39	

Profit/Loss: \$143.61 profit for the JR/YR team

- I would like to give Kathy Rowse 8 volunteer hours for providing lodging/transportation for our speaker and give Dahlia Jensen, McKinley Smith and MacKenzie Smith 2 volunteer hours each for helping set-up and take-down tables/chairs/food at the course.
- The JR Team is looking at hosting another Continuing Education course for L-grads and judges. Sharon Vander Zeel recommended a virtual course.

Here are our options:

Taste of L Program- Three, 1-hour long sessions

Freestyle continuing education - three hours

Know the Movements- Three hours – Not recommended since we hosted this in 2022

Focus on Collective marks- Two hours - this is my pick!

Newsletter:

- Sarah – No report

Website:

- Wendy
- Website is up to date with the information received for shows and volunteers. Online entries are updated and ready to go for 2024.
- SVDA's PayPal status has been changed to non-profit which should help with the service charges.
- PayPal convenience fee of \$5.00 has been instituted as voted on by the board. Also added was a Venmo option for payment.
- The volunteer roster is linked to Amanda's spreadsheet to provide more real time updates when people are added.
- Requesting that show rides times are sent to me to be posted no later than the Wednesday before each schooling show to avoid last minute post requests which I may not be able to accommodate and to avoid any confusion if the schedule gets modified after it's posted to Facebook and website.

Clinics and Programs:

- Kim
- Looking at possibly a Laura Spicer clinic Nov 2-3 in conjunction with the SVDA General Meeting.
- Robyn recommended Michael Bragdell as a possible future clinician.

- SVDA has not had a Fix-A-Test clinic for a while. Suggested to have two, one in April/May and a second in the fall before the Championship show. Robyn said she would do it; Pinky volunteered Peace Haven for the fall one.
- Any other suggestions or ideas please contact Kim.

Volunteer Coordinator:

- Amanda Hard
- Volunteer certificates have been received from Whitney.

Volunteer of the Day Program:

- Robyn
- Program will continue as the volunteers appreciated the recognition. We will continued to give out gift cards.

Schooling Shows:

- Lora
- The calendar is up and searching for a venue for the June 24th show or another date as it conflicts with the Junior's show.
- First show will be 24 March at Kelly Coyne Dressage. Currently there is a new dressage ring going in outside but it may not be finished in time for this show. We will continue to warm up in the new indoor, like before, but may have to use the old indoor for the show. More to come.

Championship Show:

- Cookie
- Lots of volunteers are needed for this show. Pinky and I will work on this show but we still need help.

Awards:

- Amanda Britton
- Any suggestions for awards please contact Amanda.

Ribbons:

- Karen
- The Schooling Show ribbons have all been restocked. The ribbon container is fully loaded and ready for the first show of the season. SVDA has lots of beautiful ribbons to hand out and are hoping for a full and busy show season.

Q&A: None

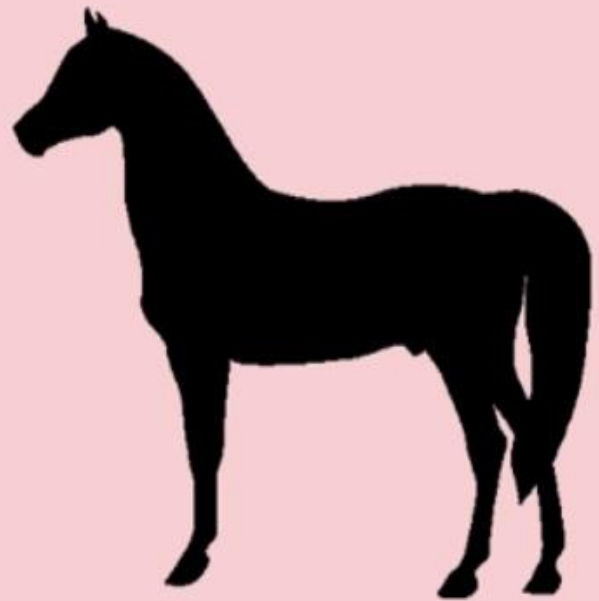
Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 PM

Next meeting May 9th at 7:00 PM

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VADA Calendar

May

Midweek May Meet Licensed Show

8 May 2024

Morven Park Equestrian Center

Leesburg, VA

Debbie Rodriguez Clinic at Windswept Farm

VADA/NOVA

9 & 10 May 2024

Windswept Farm

Waterford, VA

SVDA Schooling Show

19 May 2024

River Birch Farm Equestrian Center

Courtland, VA

Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival & Lexington CDI

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16-19 May 2024

Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA

June

Northeast VADA Schooling Shows

9 June 2024

Edgehill Stables, Aylett, Va

Summer Dressage Licensed Show at Morven Park

VADA/NOVA

8 & 9 June 2024

Morven Park Equestrian Center

Leesburg, VA

VADA-CH

Isabel F. de Szinay Memorial Dressage Show

USDFBCS Qualifying Competition

15-16 June 2024

HITS. Culpeper, VA

SVDA Schooling Show

23 June 2024

Location: TBA

July

SVDA Schooling Show

7 July 2024

Location: TBA

Dressage at Lexington,

12-14 July 2024

Virginia Horse Center. Lexington, VA

July

Northeast VADA Schooling Shows

16 July 2024 (evening)

Edgehill Stables

551 Edgehill Lane, Aylett, Va

SVDA Schooling Show

28 July 2024

Seahorse Run Farm

Suffolk, VA 23437

Northeast VADA Schooling Shows

30 July 2024 (evening)

Edgehill Stables

551 Edgehill Lane, Aylett, Va

August

2024 Schooling Show at Morven Park

VADA/Nova

3 August 2024

Morven Park Equestrian Center Leesburg, VA

Northeast VADA Schooling Shows

18 August 2024

Edgehill Stables Aylett, Va

VADA/NOVA Summer Wind Down I and II

Licensed Show at Moren Park

24-25 August 2024

Morven Park, Leesburg, VA

SVDA Schooling Show

25 August 2024

Kelly Coyne Dressage

Virginia Beach, VA

September

42nd CBLM Championships

13-15 September 2024

Carolina Horse Park, Raeford, NC

VADA-Fredericksburg

Dressage at Rose Mount

14 & 15 September 2024 (Last week for qualifying)

Rose Mount Farm, Spotsylvania, VA

Northeast Virginia Dressage Association

Schooling Shows

22 September 2024

Edgehill Stables, Aylett, Va

SVDA Schooling Show

29 September 2024

River Birch Farm Equestrian Center

Courtland, VA