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*The 2009 Banquet was enjoyed
by all who attended as
evidenced by the photos below!*



SVDA 2009 YEAR SCHOOLING SHOW AWARDS

JUNIOR SCHOOLING INTRODUCTORY LEVEL			
5th	61.333	Brook DeCant	Pocket Change
4 th	63.417	Ashley Hogan	Southern Charm
3 rd	64.7	Tiffany Rombs	LA Red Alert
Reserve Champion	66.0	Madisyn DeCant	Bitten's Pride
Champion	72.750	Kya Endreson	Olivia
SENIOR SCHOOLING INTRODUCTORY LEVEL			
4 th	66.833	Carol Jordan	Samua Irish Mist
3 rd	69.083	Julie Shilling	King's Ransom
Reserve Champion	69.5	Katherine Owens	Tardy CD
Champion	73.083	Janel Gregory	Silver Ghost
JUNIOR SCHOOLING TRAINING LEVEL			
5 th	60.356	Alexis Albright	Dejavu
4 th	61.842	Nikki Jordan	Once in a Blue Moon
3 rd	62.327	Madisyn DeCant	Bitten's Pride
Reserve Champion	63.917	Leah Backus	Dusty
Champion	64.646	Stacey Johnson	Tee Jay's Candy Kiss
SENIOR SCHOOLING TRAINING LEVEL			
4 th	65.4	Melisa Chamberlain	No Doubt
3 rd	67.374	Robyn Nunnally	Maykel
Reserve Champion	67.664	Toni Meranda	Strehla
Champion	70.164	Marylyn Leonard	Femesole MFO



JUNIOR SCHOOLING FIRST LEVEL			
Reserve Champion	65.263	Kenzie Endreson	Clearly Confident
Champion	67.991	Claudia Griffiths	Ideal's Diamond
SENIOR SCHOOLING FIRST LEVEL			
5 th	61.907	Diana Rombs	LA Dakota
4 th	61.912	Sarah Miller	The Highlander
3 rd	63.605	Bettina Strobach	Silbato
Reserve Champion	64.491	Anita Rees	Merlin
Champion	64.713	Wendy Murray	Judge
SCHOOLING SECOND LEVEL			
5 th	59.708	Sarah Miller	The Highlander
4 th	60.362	Laura Croxton (Bolash)	Bingo Helen
3 rd	61.228	Sarah Miller	Alexander
Reserve Champion	64.104	Gabrielle Fleming	Rioja Reserva
Champion	64.599	Sandy Johnson	Davign Air
JUNIOR SCHOOLNG THIRD LEVEL			
Reserve Champion	61.375	Ariana Mahek	Cassidy
Champion	66.065	Kya Endreson	Witchazel
SENIOR SCHOOLNG THIRD LEVEL			
Champion	58.952	Sarah Miller	Alexander
SCHOOLNG MFS			
Champion	66.113	Wendy Murray	Judge



**SCHOOLING SHOW PEWTER AWARD
FOR HIGHEST SINGLE SCHOOLING SHOW SCORE (EXCLUDING INTRO)**

73.0%	2008 Sandy Johnson	Davign Air, 2008	73.0%
72.5%	Marylyn Leonard	Femsole MFO, 2009	72.5%

VOTED SPECIAL AWARDS:

Excellence in Sportsmanship Award (voted by SVDA Membership)

- 2009 winner Renee Hall

Most Improver Rider (voted by SVDA membership)

- 2009 winner Robyn Nunnally)

Robert Snyder Memorial Award: Volunteer of the Year (Voted by Board Members)

- 2009 winners
 - Melisa Chamberlain, member at large, (45 hours)
 - Sarah Miller, board member, (91 hours)

OTHER SPECIAL AWARDS

Captain Andrew DeSzinay Trophy Award (Junior/Young Rider High Point)

- 2009 winner Claudia Griffiths 71.842 1st -4

Oak Haven Horizon Award (highest average in a level for 1st year riding in SVDA)

- 2009 winner Danielle Rowland & Dexter S. 73.986%

2009 Thumbelina Award (The Smallest on the Biggest)

- Louise Murray on Judge



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2009

TRAINING LEVEL TESTS 1 & 2 –four scores of 60% or better –same rider & horse combination

1. Stacey Johnson & Tee Jays Candy
2. Nikki Jordan & Once in a Blue Moon
3. Toni Meranda & Strehla
4. Robyn Nunnally & Maykel

TRAINING LEVEL TESTS 3 & 4–four scores of 60% or better –same rider & horse combination

1. Leah Backus & Dusty
2. Melisa Chamberlain & No Doubt
3. Renee Hall & Concertina
4. Toni Meranda & Strehla
5. Robyn Nunnally & Maykel

FIRST LEVEL TESTS 1 & 2–four scores of 60% or better –same rider & horse combination

1. Wendy Murray & Judge
2. Sandy Johnson & Davignair
3. Melisa Chamberlain & Quiet Riot
4. Anita Rees & Merlin
5. Robyn Nunnally & Maykel

FIRST LEVEL TESTS 3 & 4–four scores of 60% or better –same rider & horse combination

1. Claudia Griffiths & Ideal's Diamond
2. Sandy Johnson & Davignair
3. Wendy Murray & Judge
4. Anita Rees & Merlin

SECOND LEVEL–four scores of 58% or better –same rider & horse combination

1. Laura Lisa Croxton Bolash & Bingo Helen
2. Sandy Johnson & Davignair
3. Sarah Miller & Alexander the Great
4. Sarah Miller & The Highlander

THIRD LEVEL–four scores of 58% or better –same rider & horse combination

1. Ariana Mahek & Cassidy
2. Sarah Miller & Alexander the Great



RECOGNIZED RIBBON AWARDS

RECOGNIZED INTRODUCTORY LEVEL			
Grand Champion	67.00	Nancy Pettet	Whirlwind
RECOGNIZED TRAINING LEVEL			
3 rd	65.2	Melisa Chamberlain	No Doubt
Reserve Champion	71.067	Renee Hall	Concertina
Grand Champion	73.986	Danielle Rowland	Dexter S
RECOGNIZED FIRST LEVEL			
5 th	58.596	Melisa Chamberlain	No Doubt
4th	59.843	Melisa Chamberlain	Quiet Riot
3 rd	67.064	Gabrielle Fleming	Rioja Reserva
Reserve Champion	70.151	Claudia Griffiths	Ideal's Diamond
Grand Champion	72.696	Sandy Johnson	Davignair
RECOGNIZED SECOND LEVEL			
4th	59.063	Gabrielle Fleming	Rioja Reserva
3 rd	61.166	Laura Lisa Croxton Bolash	Bingo Helen
Reserve Champion	63.512	Janice Mumford	Balihi
Grand Champion	66.449	Sandy Johnson	Davignair
RECOGNIZED THIRD LEVEL			
4th	55.555	Sarah Miller	Alexander
3 rd	61.338	Ariana Mahek	Cassidy
Reserve Champion	63.468	Kya Endreson	Witchazel
Grand Champion	64.138	Debbie Basta	Grom's Galena



RECOGNIZED PSG			
Grand Champion	66.821	Kathy Rowse	Basie
RECOGNIZED INTERMEDIATE			
Grand Champion	61.000	Tristin Hardy	Elfenkonig
RECOGNIZED MUSICAL FREESTYLE			
Reserve Champion	69.653	Kya Endreson	Witchazel
Grand Champion	69.681	Sandy Johnson	Davignair
RECOGNIZED SHOW PEWTER AWARD FOR HIGHEST SINGLE RECOGNIZED SHOW SCORE (EXCLUDING INTRO) IN 2009			
75.714	Danielle Rowland	Dexter S	75.714

Congratulations to all Award Winners!



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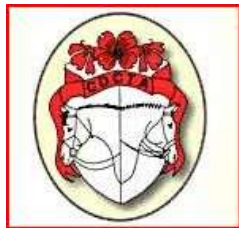
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Attention SVDA and CDCTA Members

CDCTA has Sanctioned all SVDA Schooling Shows



CDCTA Members you no longer have to drive all the way to Northern VA to show in Dressage Schooling show. You no longer have to worry about getting to all those Licensed Shows. Now you can show here at our local shows to get your scores for year end. You can also qualify for SVDA year End Awards.* You will still have to do your volunteer time at CDCTA sponsor shows.

SVDA members want to see how you stack up against your Northern VA. Counterparts? You can now have your score count for Year End Awards with CDCTA.*

CDCTA rides will have to pay the \$5.00 non-member fee for Schooling Show classes or become members of SVDA; as will SVDA members have to become members of CDCTA and put in their volunteer hours to qualify for CDCTA Year End Awards.

If you want to check out CDCTA go to www.CDCTA.com If you want to check out SVDA go to www.GOSVDA.org

If you have questions about schooling shows contact Sarah Miller at TTCcorporation@aol.com

*If you wish to qualify for year end awards in CDCTA and /or SVDA you will need to fulfill all the requirements for each club. That will include membership in each club, collecting the required scores for each club and doing your volunteer time for each club.

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SVDA Education Scholarship

Are you short lesson money?



SVDA offers two educational scholarships each spring. That is \$400.00 for you to use for you and your horse! It can be used for Clinics for the training of you and your horse, or for clinics for training of the rider.

IT's SOOOO Easy!

Submit your application form by April 1st 2009. Do you have two years of membership? Have you volunteered 20 hours? Have you participated in SVDA fundraising projects? Then get in gear and fill out a Scholarship Application!

Send To:

Sandy Johnson
P.O. Box 3024
Suffolk VA 23439
Phone: 757-582-2939
Pemcorgiluv@aol.com

SVDA Education Scholarship Program

PURPOSE:

To encourage the continuing advancement in dressage of SVDA members. And to encourage active participation and volunteering by SVDA members.

BUDGET:

The Board of Directors has budgeted \$800 per year, for two \$400 grants to be awarded to two different members of SVDA in April each year. (2/03) Members must meet the following qualifications:

1. Two full years of membership in SVDA prior to the April 1st deadline
2. A minimum of 20 hours of volunteer hours to benefit SVDA
3. Participations in the SVDA fundraising project.

ELIGIBLE EVENTS:

1. Clinics for training of the horse and rider combination
2. Clinics for training of the rider

NOTE the training of the horse that does not include the education of the SVDA member is not eligible for fund use. Instruction with the rider's regular local instructor is not allowed, nor is food, transportation or lodging.

REQUIREMENTS:

Application form must be completed and received by the Scholarship Chairman before April 1st

AWARDS:

Two awards will be made to eligible SVDA members on the basis of volunteer hours. The minimum of 20 hours performed during the past two years. Services must be rendered to SVDA (sanctioned show service does NOT count), and the merit of educational plans will also be considered. . A Board member is



[Click Here for Membership Application](#)



Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location	Judge/Contact
March 7	SVDA Clinic - Tristen Hardy Butler	Bridlewood Estates, Suffolk	Contact: Rene Hall
March 13 & 14	Jim Koford Clinic	Silverleaf Farm, Suffolk	Kathy Rowse
March 14	SVDA Schooling Show	Bridlewood Estates, Suffolk	Judge: Margaret Little
April 3 & 4	Jim Koford Clinic	Silverleaf Farm, Suffolk	Kathy Rowse
April 11	SVDA Clinic - Kathy Rowse	Silverleaf Farm, Suffolk	Contact Renee Hall
April 18	SVDA Schooling Show	Happy Valley, Suffolk	Judge: Sandy Johnson
April 30 & May 1	Jim Koford Clinic	Silverleaf Farm, Suffolk	Kathy Rowse
May 15 & 16	Dressage at the Meadow	Doswell, VA (near Richmond)	Judges: Kem Barbosa and Nancy Lowey
May 23	SVDA Schooling Show	Princess Anne Farm, Va. Beach	Judge: Kris Montgomery
June 13	SVDA Schooling Show	Merry Oaks Stables, Windsor	Judge: Nicky Vogel
July 11	SVDA Schooling Show	Terra Ceia, Suffolk	Judge: Nancy Lowery
September 5	SVDA Schooling Show	Bridlewood, Wakefield	Judge: Tristin Hardy Butler
October 3	SVDA Schooling Show	Sterling Meadows, Va. Beach	Judge: Margaret Little
November 7	SVDA Schooling Show	Maturia Farm, Chesapeake	Judge: Deri Jeffers

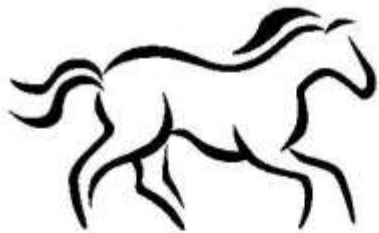
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- Late show entries are taken on a first come, first served basis to **fill scratches**. With paid **\$5.00** late fee per class.
- Ride Time Requests **NEED NOT BE HONORED!**
- Entries **MUST** include current negative coggins if not already on file
- Entries **MUST** be **mailed** to Entry Secretary. Emailed entries will not be honored





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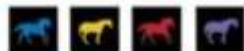
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Member	Total Volunteer Hours	<u>SCHOOLING SHOW VOLUNTEER POSITIONS – 2010</u>
Aimee Batten	4	Date: March 14
Melisa Chamberlain	4	Location: Bridlewood, Suffolk
Reeta Edmundson	8	Entry Secretary: Robyn Nunnally
Tristin Hardy Butler	8	2383 Cherry Grove Road, Suffolk, VA 23438
Carol Gonyo	8	robynnunnally@aol.com
Sandy Johnson	24	986-4498 home or 284-1106 cell
Rene Hall	8	Show Secretary A.M. Ginger Endresson
Carol Jordan	8	Show Secretary P.M. Wendy Murray
Becky Kelly	8	Ring Transportation to Stacey Johnson
Joan McClellan	8	Ring Set up:
Sarah Miller	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacey Johnson • John Rombs • Diane Rombs • Jenny Rombs • Tiffany Rombs
Wendy Murray	8	Lunches & snacks Susan Forester
Robyn Nunnally	16	Scribe A.M. Melinda Brown
Shawn Owen	8	Scribe P.M Ariana Mahek
Kim Phalon	2	Ring Steward A.M Nancy Slack
Beth Rippel	8	Ring Steward P.M Shaun Owen
Donna Rowland	8	Runner A.M. Barbara McArthur
Kathy Rowse	20	Runner P. M. Susan Forester
Julie Spencer	8	Ring Take Down
Amanda St. John	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kya Endresson • Jannel Gregory
		Ring Transportation from (1): Eve Zentrich
		SVDA Rep:
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DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER IS THE 25th OF EACH MONTH

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Newsletter Editor
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SVDA encourages its members to submit articles, member updates, information and pictures for publication, however, SVDA reserves the right to edit, reject or use materials as and when deemed appropriate.

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Horse Vision

Most of the time, a horse has "monocular" vision. This means a different image is seen by each eye so that a horse is seeing two different pictures at the same time. A horse can also have "binocular" vision. Binocular vision is when both eyes work together to see one picture (humans have binocular vision). A horse only has binocular vision when it is looking down its nose.

A horse has a wide range of vision. A horse can see completely around its entire body except for small blind spots directly in front of its face, underneath its head, and directly behind itself. This is why it's very important not to walk up right behind a horse - you are in its blind spot and if you startle it you may get kicked.



The areas with a #1 shows where a horse has monocular vision.
The area with a #2 shows where a horse has binocular vision.

Most of the time, wherever a horse's ear is pointing is where the horse is looking with the eye on the same side. If the ears are pointing in different directions, the horse is looking at two different things at the same time. There are exceptions to this. For example, if a horse has its ears pinned back against its neck in anger, this does not mean it is looking backwards with both eyes.

A horse can see better at night than a human. However, it takes a horse's eyes longer to adjust from light to dark and from dark to light than a human's.

Did you Know....

- Horses like classical music.
- The oldest horse was named Old Billy. He was a cross breed, he was born in 1760 and lived to 62.
- The oldest pony ever recorded was named Teddy E. Bear. He lived to be 55 and was owned by Kathy Pennington of Virginia Beach, VA. He was still alive in 1998.
- The World's Largest Horse was a purebred Belgian stallion named Brooklyn Supreme. He stood 19.2hh (6'6") at his withers. He weighed over 3,200 pounds and is entered in the Guinness Book of World Records. He was foaled in 1928 and died in 1948. He lived in Iowa, USA.
- A newborn foals legs are already 80 to 90% of the length they will be when full grown.
- Horsehoes are supposed to be lucky.
- The luckiest horse shoe of all, is one from the hind leg of a grey mare.
- If you hang a horseshoe upside down, the luck runs out.
- Grey horses are supposed to be lucky and piebalds unlucky.
- A local superstition in lincolnshire, UK says; (If you see a white dog, stay silent until you see a white horse.)



Training Moment

CONTACT

I often tell my students that “Dressage Horses Go On Contact” as opposed to a Hunter or Western horse that goes on a fairly loose rein. The lower level rider on a green or inexperienced horse often struggles with what contact should feel like and how you develop it.

Contact develops from a horse’s ability to push from behind to seek the bit. It is initiated from the hind legs stepping forward, not the head and neck being pulled backward. If the rider has a backwards pulling tension on the reins the horse may feel like it is on the contact, where in reality the horse would be just leaning on the rider’s hands and being held together by the rider.

Conversely sometimes riders mistake a lack of contact as “lightness”. The horse may be yielding in the poll or jaw but not pushing enough from behind to create a real contact. When the hind legs push enough, the back comes up and the horse then propels himself onto the bit, instead of only yielding in the poll and jaw. When correctly connected, there should be a light but definite feel in your hands and the rider will feel like there is more horse in front of the saddle than behind. Making it even more difficult is that horses create different feels in their contact, often based on their conformation or level of training.

Another critical component to connection is the ability of the horse to swing through its back. As we know all the training pyramid steps are interconnected. None of the steps exist perfectly without the others. Connection becomes a medley between the horse’s hind legs, his back, his mouth and the rider’s hands.

Frequently riders say that their horse is stronger on one rein than the other. If your horse is not even in the contact, generally you need to improve the horse’s straightness. The horse can’t be “made” straight from the reins but must be ridden straight from behind so he doesn’t lean on one rein or the other. When a horse feels heavier on one rein, (most commonly the left), it is more helpful to think of him not taking the contact on the “lighter” rein, (most commonly the right). Riding a slight shoulder-fore position can be helpful to straighten the horse and allow him to fill the rein where the contact is missing.

The rider’s position and influence of aids is critical to the horse’s ability to seek and establish contact. The rider must always stay balanced and straight on the horse with relaxed arms and hands, legs that work independently and a supple seat and back. When things need improvement, always look to your own position first. Every rider becomes stiff or unbalanced at some point. Through constant self-evaluation you can dissect your position and the way that you apply your aids. If you can’t be lunged on your horse, then riding without stirrups is one of the best ways to develop an independent position.

In conclusion, remember that the horse’s trust in the rider’s hands and in the bit is a good start and critical component to him seeking the contact. Never take that trust lightly – it is developed gradually and can too quickly be lost.

Kathy Rowse



VADA Board Minutes

VADA Teleconference Board Meeting January 13, 2010

Board Members Present on the call: Dr. Angela Stanaway- NEVADA, Lea Ann Hansen-Central, Alison Douglas-Central, Catherine Kern-Charlottesville, Tina Longaker-Charlottesville, Jessie Ginsburg-NOVA, Sheli King-NOVA, Alison Head-NOVA, Judith Harroun-Lord-ShenVADA, Jane Palmer- ShenVADA, Tracey Smith-Oliver-SWAVDA, Janet Brown-SWAVDA, Beth Rippel-SVDA, Robyn Nunnally-SVDA, Sandy Johnson-SVDA, Anne Draine-NEVADA.
General member: Diane Boyd-NOVA

Minutes from the last meeting are unavailable due to a computer malfunction. Alison Douglas will try to re-create them from a recording.

Treasurer's Report- Jessie Ginsburg reported \$121,147.36 total cash in our accounts. She thinks we made around thirty thousand less ribbons on the GAIG show. Tina thinks it should be closer to fifty thousand and they will reconcile among themselves.

Membership Report- Beth Rippel reported that we have 223 memberships in to USDF and another 103 that she has received but hasn't forwarded on yet. She had not received anything from Fredericksburg, Central and NEVADA chapters. It was noted that we need to look at our by-laws and make sure that the membership years are consistent between the chapters and USDF, i.e. December thru November. Beth reported that she had received communication from USDF that our membership was late and we were subject to a fine, but they accepted the membership list and we have not been fined as of yet.

GAIG Wrap Up- Any outstanding bills need to be turned into Jessie. She and Tina will reconcile to make sure that all income and expenses are accounted for in determining the profit for the event.

Annual Meeting- Reservations need to be sent to Alison by next week. There will be a board meeting that morning at 10:00.

2010 Activities- We will host the BLM show in October and the Adult Team with Charlottesville in September in Culpeper. Tina would like someone to do a write up on the Adult Team for the USDF Connection as it is being run in conjunction with the Charlottesville Twin Shows, kind of a novel idea. Alison Douglas volunteered. The awards ceremony for the Adult Team will only be on Sunday. VADA will have to determine a method of helping sponsor the chapter teams within the USDF rules, which would not permit us to pay a portion of the entry fees directly as the Adult Team is part of a licensed competition.



Website- It was decided that [VADA events calendar on the website should include only VADA events, and clinics sponsored by chapters.](#) [Other events, such as clinics hosted by a farm, would need to submit a paid classified ad and be listed under the advertising link.](#) There was also discussion about having a web developer as a VADA position next year. There might be a possibility of generating revenue by selling ad space or links for vendors. [The Board will need to consider how much to charge and how these ads or links will be promoted on the website.](#)

Japanese Restaurant Sponsor- Jessie was approached by [someone who knows the manager of two Japanese restaurants \(one in Woodbridge and one in Charlottesville\)](#) and offered to donate funds to the club after members purchased \$1000 [in food](#) a month. It was decided that probably not feasible. [Jessie will follow up and suggest that the restaurant donate gift certificates to the silent auction as a way of supporting VADA and generating business.](#)

2010 Chapter Officers & Volunteer of the Year- Tina only has the Chapter Volunteers for the year for Central and NOVA, she needs the rest. Chapters also need to submit their new officers and info for the website and the Purple Book. There were no nominations for the Shel Gafford Award this year.

2011 Clinic- There was some discussion about having a clinic in February, [March or April](#) and using the East Complex at the Lexington facility vs. Morven Park. Nothing was definitively planned.

[2011 Championships: The Board agreed that VADA should apply to host either the 2011 GAIGs or BLMs, with a preference for the GAIGs. USDF Region 1 will meet in the spring to decide, as there are multiple bids from different GMOs for the GAIGs.](#)

Dianne Boyd reported to the Board that the Horse Center has three capital projects that they are looking to have funded this year: replace lighting, repair the footing in the stalls, and repair the roads. The discussion among the board leaned towards buying new rings and donating them with the understanding that we would not have to pay rental fees for using them for five years. Dianne suggested that VADA consider making a substantial donation to the Horse Center to support these capital improvements. While VADA pays a great deal to rent the facility for the fall show, that amount does not cover these ongoing needs for upgrade and maintenance. She also reported that [the NCDCTA headsets we have been borrowing for the judges' commentary at the fall show are getting old, and recommended that VADA purchase new headsets, between 20 and 25 of them.](#) Beth Rippel volunteered to source and price them and report back to the board. [The Board agreed to consider how much to donate to the Horse Center after determining whether VADA's bids to hold one of the regional championships in 2011 is approved by Region 1.](#)

Alison Douglas reported that Central Chapter is urging their members to donate used horse and human riding equipment while doing spring cleaning this year to a worthy non-profit. The club will collect and disseminate. She noted that this might be something that other clubs do for non-profits in their local areas.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Douglas



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January 12, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

KATHY ROWSE, ROBYN NUNNALL, JANICE MUMFORD, CAROL JORDAN, BETH RIPPEL, SHAWN OWEN REETA EDMUNDSON, DONNA ROWLAND (phone), SARAH MILLER, SANDY JOHNSON, TRISTIN HARDY BUTLER CAROL GONYO, JULIE SPENCER, WENDY MURRAY

President Kathy Rowse called the meeting to order Fire Mountain Restaurant at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes from the previous board meeting held December 3, 2009 were approved with the following corrections: in the first paragraph, change 2008 to 2009.

- Treasurer: Shawn Owen reported that she is currently working with Wes Bowen for a reduced rate of \$60/hour to help her get acquainted with our accounts as well as QuickBooks. SVDA will pursue purchasing Quick Books for approximately \$150. We have an approximate balance of \$12,000 in our checking account. The second half of the banquet fee has been paid, and Omnibus ads for the licensed shows are paid. Shawn would like for us to fax reimbursement forms to her at 591-2601 as needed. Tristin Hardy-Butler requested reimbursement for the lessons she did at her clinic (she did some but had to re-schedule some due to inclement weather). Sandy Johnson also had some receipts to submit for reimbursement.
- VADA Rep: Beth reported that the Region 1 Adult Team Competition date has been changed to September 4th and 5th and will be held in conjunction with the VADACC Twin shows in Culpeper. Volunteers are needed and more information will be available as Tina finalizes items for both events. VADA year-end awards banquet is scheduled for February 7th in Charlottesville. Reservations are due by January 25th. Chapters are asked to submit baskets for the auction. Beth Rippel will do SVDA's banquet, please submit items with a "Beach" theme. Donations are currently being accepted to be a Purple Pal (to sponsor the Purple Book). See the VADA website for application, deadline is January 15th. The next VADA meeting is January 13th at 8 pm via teleconference. In 2011, USDF will increase membership rates by \$3 for individuals.
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- Recognized Shows: Donna reported Judges and EMT are hired for both shows. A storage area is not available at Carlton Farms, so Donna will pursue storing the ring and other show equipment at the Winchell's farm in Wakefield. Sarah Miller said she had room to store the ring itself at her house. Donna will discuss with Dianne Boyd, show manager and/or secretary, the show licenses and perhaps changing them from 1 to 3 years. Donna will distribute, at the banquet, information concerning the new opportunity classes at the licensed shows. It was also suggested that in the future, the board should have some input as to which judges are hired.
- Membership: Reeta reported that we have 46 members to date. Membership manuals will not be mailed this year as the information is on the website. Each chairperson is asked to send their updates to Wendy so she can keep the website up to date.



- Clinics: Rene absent; Kathy reported that clinics are scheduled in January for Pati Pierucci and Kathy Rowse. The weather is not cooperating for clinics so far this fall and winter and everyone is asked to keep checking the web and your email for updates if the forecast is bad on a clinic date. Renee Hall has scheduled low cost clinics for members with Sandy Johnson at HVEC on February 21 and Tristin Hardy-Butler at Bridlewood Estates on a date to be determined in March.
- Scholarship: Sandy reminded everyone that the deadline to submit scholarships is April 1st. Criteria and application are available online. Sandy motioned for an extension of Mary Winchell's 2009 scholarship deadline due to a couple of serious injuries Mary has sustained, as well as her mother's critical health condition. Tristin seconded the motion, which was carried by a vote of all members.
- Ways & Means: Julie reported we have an inventory of SVDA logoed items that are for sale. Julie will bring items to the banquet to sell. Food Lion has changed the MVP card policy and is uncertain if SVDA is eligible to receive funds under that program. Julie is checking on that and also pursuing a Sally Foster Wrapping Paper drive to begin in August.
- Newsletter: Carol J. asked for clarification of newsletter submissions. Care should be taken that "congratulatory" articles do not appear to be advertising.
- Awards: Carol G. reported all is in order for the awards banquet. Carol also suggested extensive changes to the year-end awards qualification criteria, as well as wording changes to clarify and simplify this entire process. Most notably, SVDA will no longer keep scores, so riders need to keep their tests and submit copies at the end of the year, along with their award applications. Vintage Riders do not need to declare this as in the past, rather they will just indicate this division on the awards application. Carol's suggestions are indicated in red on the attachments to these minutes. New awards forms, which clearly state the revised criteria, will be available on the website.
- Unfinished Business: The restaurant was closing for the evening, and there was no time for discussion of additional business.

The next board meeting was scheduled for March 2, 2010 at the El Patron Restaurant in Chesapeake at 7pm & the meeting was adjourned by President Kathy Rowse at 9 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted by Robyn Nunnally, VP, for Amanda St. John, Secretary (absent)

