

Highlights:

- *Dressage at the Meadow*
- *Dressage Who - Robin Floyd*
- *All USEF Shows, Events and Clinics canceled through May 3rd; Schooling show scores from March 16th to May 3rd will not count for USDF year end awards.*



Collective Remarks

April 2020

VADA Central Chapter



Meeting Information April 21st

Meeting starts at 7 pm;

Agenda:

Approval of Meeting
Minutes
Old Business
New Business

Location:

Like teleconference

Dial In for meeting:

605-468-8002
Access Code# 368091#

Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday
of each month

Dressage at the Meadow Canceled

Due to COVID-19, the facility determined that our event needs to be cancelled. Thank you to everyone who worked on the planning for the May show and we hope to have your support next year. Everyone who worked on the planning for the event should enter their hours in the online portal.

Who needs a puppy? These beautiful golden retrievers will be available in April. Mom: AKC CGC, health clearances. Dad: AKC Champion, health clearances. Call or email for pics/additional info: debbiehoward08@aol.com or 804-598-5477



VADA Central is a Chapter of the Virginia Dressage Association (VADA). VADA is a U.S. Dressage Federation (USDF) Group Membership Organization (GMO); all VADA members automatically become USDF Group Members. The 2020 membership year runs from December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020.

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Member Updates for 2020: The Board in Action

Schooling Show Sanctioning for Year End Awards Eliminated - Schooling shows with a L judge or higher can be used for year end awards.

Dressage at the Meadows - Cancelled. All USEF/USDF events canceled until May 3rd.

2020 Year End Awards - For 2020, riders will only need 4 scores including at least 1 at the highest test of the level.

Volunteers Needed:

President's Letter

Unfortunately it looks like a long, dull show season, *i.e.* one that doesn't happen at all. No complaining though. If that's the worst thing that happens this spring/summer, we will be lucky.

Marci Drewry had a super suggestion at the last board meeting. I guess it had been mentioned by a western group online or something. We can have virtual clinics/shows! What a great idea this is! You ride a test and have it filmed from C. Everyone turns in their test for the "show" or "clinic" and a judge or clinician judges/critiques them! I personally think this is a brilliant idea for restless equestrians and I want to thank Marci for passing it on. Perhaps our Activities Committee, Nina Berhasoni Cwirko (cwirkowhisperwindfarm2000@gmail.com) and Sandy Monolo (ssmonolo@aol.com), would put a couple of these together to give us something to do. Anyone who is interested in helping Nina and Sandy, or putting on one of these themselves, please drop them a line.

By the way, Marci has reconsidered on the secretary job and realized she may, in fact, have the time. She is our new/old secretary. Joanne Collins will continue on with the membership job.

We had a discussion at the last board meeting about the excess of negativity that seems to have gone on in the club in the past few years. We decided that yes, it has become a problem and yes, we all need to work very hard towards making the club atmosphere a positive and kind one. Please help.

Lynda

USDF All Breeds Award Winner 2019 - Congrats

Patty Howell and Kynynmont Maxwell

Reserve Champion Training Level Adequan®/USDF All-Breeds Awards - Open, Adult Amateur, and Vintage Adult Amateur Divisions, and Received American Connemara Pony Society Dressage Award of Excellence

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Check virginiadressage.com in the upcoming months for more information about the
symposium, including rider and auditor information.



Dressage Who - Robin Floyd

Edited by: Debbie Howard



How old were you when you first started riding horses and what sort of riding did you do?

I was 11 years old when I got my first pony Comanche, a 13 hand chestnut and white pinto. Comanche was a 3 years old green broke pony and I was a beginner, but we learned together and somehow it worked out great! We became best friends and rode lots of trails, practiced barrel racing and swimming in the James River below Boshers dam. I was the youngest of five, so I just learned riding from watching my siblings and the riders at the local Western riders shows. Later in high school, my sister Starr and I talked my Dad into letting us take one season of riding lessons at the new Twin Hickey Stables. There we were introduced to English riding and jumping. I continued riding until I married, then many years later

when my children were older; I decided it was time to get back into riding. I was introduced to Dressage at Quantico Marine Base Riding Stables and fell in love again.

Do you have a favorite breed of horse?

I don't have one favorite breed, but I do favor Pintos, Paints and Quarter horses. Since I grew up riding them, they will always have a special place in my heart.

Why do you think you love horses?

I have always loved all animals, but I love the bond one can get from horses. There is nothing better than when one has that feeling of being one together. My favorite time of day is when I can leave a stressful job or busy day and go out to ride or just be with horses. It is my happy place!

What is your happiest/maybe funniest memory with a horse?

One of my happiest moments was many years ago with my first pony Comanche. We did not have a horse trailer, so he had never been in one. He had only been in a pick-up truck with wooden sides and no top. Some friends had a trailer and when the adults tried to get him to load, he refused. After quite some time, the adults started to use a whip to get him on the trailer. I was horrified and jumped in and told them to stop. I petted Comanche and talked to him for a little while, then quietly led him onto the trailer. He followed me because he totally trusted me.

Why did you want to do dressage?

I first wanted to ride dressage when I saw the Lipizaner's years ago at the Richmond Coliseum. I was totally awed by the beauty and grace of those horses and riders. Being a self-taught rider at the time, I was amazed how the riders could get the horses to perform without any visual aids. I still love to watch dressage, especially the FEI Riders!

Upcoming Shows & Clinics

Clinics

April 25th VADA– CH Afton Stables

Carter Bass Clinic - How to improve your scores (Training thru Grand Prix) - auditors

June 27-28 VADA Esmont, VA

Discover your potential and build a foundation - Williams/Warren - auditors welcome

Licensed Shows

Please check USDF Omnibus for Updates including **cancellations**

May 23-24, 2020 Culpeper, VA

Isabel F. DeSzinay Memorial

June 13-14, 2020 Culpeper, VA

Virginia Summer Show

July 10-12, 2020 Lexington, VA

VADA Dressage @ Lexington

Other Events

See Website for list of local schooling shows

Virginia Dressage Association, Central Chapter will be represented at the **USDF Region 1 Youth Team Challenge**

Hosted by Lehigh Valley Dressage Association (LVDA) at HITS Commonwealth Park in Culpeper, VA on Saturday, June 27-Sunday, June 28, 2020!

The team (pictured below right to left: Sarah Bucehren, Mattie, Lottie Crawford and Ella Escobar) will be competing at First Level and appreciate the support and commitment from the Chapter to be able to compete at this show!

Sponsors needed. Please contact Heather Crawford to help.

Also, the show is having a difficult time with obtaining sponsors. Please donor to the show itself, in addition to our team if possible.



Support our Youths

VADACC is looking for sponsors to send it's 4-8 juniors to the USDF Region 1 Junior Team Championships, June 27-28th at HITS Commonwealth Park! This is a fun filled weekend of serious showing, team comradery, sportsmanship, giggling, and fun that will make life time long memories for these kids! With entry fees, travel, food, and a weekend away this is a very expensive weekend. VADACC is sponsoring part of the trip, but we'd love to get enough sponsorships that participating on a team costs the family as little as possible. If you'd like to help, send your donation to Alison Douglas 11909 Halcyon Way Prince George, VA 23875. Please put "Junior Challenge Teams" on your check. THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to the sponsors helping to make this happen for these girls and their families!

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Phone:
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(804) 276-FIRE
(804) 276-3473

Help support the youth of the Virginia Dressage Association - Central Chapter as they head to the Region 1 Youth Team Competition in June. I will donate \$10 to the youth team for every person who calls and asks for a "quote for good." So what are you waiting for? Pick up the phone today!



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*Contact Heather Crawford via email at
heather.crawford1129@gmail.com*

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Bethany Larsen at hoofprints91@gmail.com!





DRESSAGE AT THE MEADOW I & II

MAY 2 & 3, 2020

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Ads for the program should be sent in the following formats: .pdf, .jpg, Word, Publisher. MAC formats not accepted. **Ads are due by April 8, 2020** to Jane Walker at jwalker348@yahoo.com. Please make your check out to VADA-CC and send to: VADA-CC, c/o Jane Walker, 201 Race Course Street, Ashland VA 23005 **OR** use the PayPal link in the upper left hand corner of our webpage www.vada-cc.org.

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VADA Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2020

VADA MINUTES – CONFERENCE CALL MEETING 3-11-2020

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 Tobey (SVDA), Anne Draine (NEVADA), Robyn Nunally (SVDA), Diane Nathan (NEVADA), Angie Stanaway (NEVADA), Diann Carpenter (NOVA), Joanne Collins (F'burg), Bethany Larson (Central), Laura Nelson (SWVADA)

The meeting was called to order at 8:02.

Sheli King made the motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Anne seconded and the Board approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported via email that the combined balances are around \$108,000. The drop in the balance would be from some show expenses and the awards banquet. The awards banquet numbers were down from prior year as were the silent auction donations. We are requesting that chapters bring a minimum of 5 door prizes next year. She also gave the financial report on the Purple Book. The cost to the club is \$5.40 per book which eats up almost entirely the \$6.00 per person in membership we get from the chapters. The board would also like to recognize Robin Dannels who does a wonderful job producing it.

Chapter Participation: How do we get the current members more invested and how do we get younger people to join and participate in running our organization? Anna Fox via email to Tina, had some great feedback that we'd like to share- The highlighted area is from her email-

I think one of the biggest issues is the USDF participating membership and the fact that its just as easy to be a participating member and not join a GMO. That being said, I think promoting the CBLM and making it younger crowd friendly is one place to start.

Also, in my experience, people are more likely to help when they are reached out to personally. Even by email or social media in this day and age. Mass emails have a place, but don't generally generate a whole lot of participation.

I've also found that networking and really getting to know my members (and using them to get to know other people) has been really helpful in finding the right people to do jobs. Giving people responsibility and ownership in something is key. I really encourage my committee chairs to actually form an active committee and be responsible for delegating.

Finding the right motivation is also key, sometimes that takes a bit of research to figure out what your target audience wants, but it is well worth it. I find that once people see that the club is willing to reinvest their sweat equity into the members, they get more interested.

There was also discussion among board members regarding supporting junior and youth teams. Chapters are encouraged to support their kids who will be attending the JR/YR Team competition in Culpepper June 27th & 28th. For example, trainers from SVDA and Central are helping that effort by donating their time to coach. Members have made monetary contributions to help offset the costs associated with attending.

Chapter Challenge: Sheli reported for the committee that their choices for judges were Nancy Lowey and Donna Kelly. The board approved and Sheli will let Meredith know so she can contact them.

2020 GAIG and DAL: Dianne is working on officials for both shows and everything else is on track. Sue Mandas will be the breed show judge for DAL. The prize list for the GAIGs will be out on May 1st.

2020 Clinic: Williams-Warren Clinic to be held June 27th and 28th at Stave Mill Farm in Esmont, VA. Sheli is working on finalizing the The Dressage Foundation grant and is also working on having other breakout sessions that are auditor friendly (yoga for instance). Deadline for rider applications is April 1st.

USDF Schooling Show Awards Program: New form is available for chapters to submit to Tina for reimbursement from VADA. Shows are allowed to offer western and gaited dressage classes; however these classes will not count towards the awards program.

USDF Region 1 Spring Teleconference: We need PM delegates for the Dec 2-5 USDF Annual Meeting in Omaha, NE. Please let Lori Kaminsky know if you're interested by April 18th. Jessie will now be in charge of the Region 1 Awards. She will be accepting nominations thru April 1st. The application deadline due date for 2020 is Sept. 30th so that awards can be presented at the convention. Nominations for Region 1 and USDF Volunteer Awards will be able to be submitted on the Region 1 website.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:01 pm

Next meeting will be held via teleconference on Wednesday May 6th at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Douglas

VADACC 2020 Membership Application

December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020

Membership is for the Central Chapter of the Virginia Dressage Association. VADA is a USDF Group Member Organization. All members of VADACC are automatically USDF GROUP Members. Membership expires on November 30, 2020 for the 2020 year.

Your VADACC Individual, Junior or Family Membership entitles you to the following benefits:

1. One subscription to the VADA CC Collective Marks monthly newsletter.
2. Eligibility for USDF Rider, Pas de Deux and Quadrille Team awards.
3. Eligibility for the USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program.
4. One subscription to USDF Connection magazine
5. Refunds of Multiple GMO dues.



Enclose a check payable to "VADACC" and mail with application to:

Joanne Collins
4172 Range Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Name: _____		
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____	E-Mail: _____	
Date of Birth (if 21 years or younger as of 1/1/2020): _____		
Were you referred by a current member? If so, whom _____		

Please check ONE of the following boxes:

Individual	\$55
Junior (17 and under on 12/31/2019)	\$35
Family (2 or more members who live at the same address) Primary Family Member: _____ Supporting Family Member: _____	\$75 first 2
Additional Family Member (s): _____ _____	\$20 each
Affiliate (Members of other VADA chapters who wish to participate in VADACC-sponsored clinics and year-end awards) Please provide the name of your primary VADA chapter: _____	\$40
Friend (Newsletter Only)	\$20
Patron (Organizations/businesses interested in VADACC activities and opportunities but are ineligible for VADACC awards or programs.)	\$35

Volunteer Interests:

Please volunteer to help with one VADACC Committee (circle your choice):

Membership, Activities, Junior/Young Rider Activities, Licensed Show, Fundraising, Awards

VADACC Lending Library

VADACC members may borrow books for up to 6 months. Request mail delivery, pickup in person in Toano, or coordinate pickup at a VADACC event.

Available Titles:

Ljungquist	Practical Dressage Manual
Decarpentry	Piaffe and Passage
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Xenophon	The Art of Horsemanship
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Loch	Dressage
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Seunig	Horsemanship
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