

### ***Highlights:***

- *Year End Awards—get your volunteer hours*
- *Dressage Who - Christina Arrington*
- *Dressage at Lexington - July 10-12*



# *Collective Remarks*

*June/July 2020*

*VADA Central Chapter*



## *Next Meeting Information*

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



Christina Arrington

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.

**2020 Year End Awards** - For 2020, riders will only need 4 scores including at least 1 at the highest test of the level. Remember 6 volunteer hours are required to qualify.

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## Volunteers Needed:

**Dressage at Lexington is looking for a few volunteers.**



# President's Letter

It's been a summer no one saw coming and obviously not one full of fun. We have at least taken advantage of this lull in riding, showing, visiting, partying, traveling, gathering and the world in general by working on and revising the by-laws. Now there's a dry job if ever there was one but Jane Walker, Alison Douglas, Sue Rowdon, Tara Dean, Anna Schriebl, and I have been busy at several meetings getting said dry job done! I'm proud of all of us! Not once did I hear a snore and everyone sounded at least mostly alert. Actually there was a lot of good thinking that went on and I think we've done a good job on some outdated paperwork. I think the biggest difference we made was in reflecting the changes technology has made in all our lives. The by-laws now acknowledge and adapt to the ability for fast communication that was not reflected before, and we hope they will work well for us for at least several years to come.

A change in by-laws of this scope requires a general membership vote so once the board has approved the new by-laws for vote, we will be getting them to all VADACC members. I know they are not particularly exciting, but please vote. Those of us who see by-laws in our dreams would love to see them passed and done.

Please consider joining us in the next board meeting on June 16 on the phone. The good news is that these meetings are going fast these days, so it's a good chance to have a quick chat with everyone without a long meeting. The minutes will go out to all members in a week or so. The call in number is always at the top of the minutes.

May this summer improve, and may we never have to go through this again, at least in our lifetimes.

Please stay healthy and enjoy riding if you can..

*Lynda*

# Year End Awards

## VADACC Year End Awards—2020

### Summary Requirements

1. Six (6) or more volunteer hours
2. Scores must be 55% or higher
3. 4 scores (at least 2 shows and at least 2 different judges)
4. 1 score must be from the highest test of the level
5. See website for more information and requirements for FEI and In hand

**Below are the ways to earn volunteer hours:**

**Log your hours on the website: <https://www.vada-cc.org/volunteer-information>**

**Remember: For VADA state level awards, you need VADACC hours, in addition to the state volunteer hours. Don't wait until the last minute.**

### RULES:

- Volunteer hours are credited to active members only. The rider, family member, or horseowner may fulfill the volunteer requirement as long as that person is a VADACC member.
- The volunteer is responsible for reporting their hours earned to the volunteer coordinator.
- Hours may be earned at VADACC events; this does not include sanctioned events.
- Volunteer hours must be earned/applied in the same membership year (Dec 1 – Nov 30).

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- One hour for each article submitted to the Collective Marks newsletter.
- Actual hours spent for each VADACC Board or general membership meeting attended.
- Actual hours spent for each VADACC committee meeting attended.
- Actual hours spent for carrying out duties of a VADACC office or committee.
- Actual hours spent working at a VADACC-hosted event, such as clinics or annual banquet.
- Actual hours spent with VADACC JR/YR program meetings or events.
- Actual hours spent teaching a VADACC clinic.
- Actual hours spent for allowing VADACC to use your facility (no rental or rider fees) for a VADACC event, maximum of 12 hours per event.
- One hour for sponsoring a class at Dressage at the Meadow.
- One hour for obtaining a sponsor/advertiser for Dressage at the Meadow.
- One hour for obtaining an advertiser for the Collective Marks newsletter.
- One hour for recruiting one new VADACC member (new member must list recruiting member on membership application).
- One hour for preparing food to be sold at a VADACC-hosted event.

# Dressage Who - Christina Arrington

Edited by: Debbie Howard



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

I got involved with 4H before I started riding and was 8 years old when I first started taking formal hunt seat lessons with a Quarter Horse trainer who gave me the opportunity to compete in the local/regional 4H shows. After that I started lessons at a local jumping stable and was able to lease my first horse in 6<sup>th</sup> grade --a really cool Appaloosa. During this whole time, I literally saved every penny to eventually purchase my first horse, an OTTB for \$1,200 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. At that point I got connected with a local private stable whose owner introduced me to dressage and became like my second mom. Through high school I mainly did competitive dressage, low level jumping, and lots of trail riding in the hills of Western Pennsylvania on my horse and many other “catch rides”. After graduating high school, I somehow convinced my parents to let me go to Lake Erie College in Ohio (the half tuition scholarship probably helped convince them more!). I had the wonderful opportunity to ride every type of horse imaginable and primarily did competitive dressage and low level eventing, but also participated in their intercollegiate hunt seat and western teams. After graduating and spending the summer working at the college’s stables, I came to Virginia for graduate school and have been here ever since.

**Do you have a favorite breed of horse?** Gosh—that’s a tough question! I’ve been lucky to work with so many different breeds of horses, and they’ve all

been great. So, I don’t think I necessarily have a favorite breed but rather a favorite *personality* of horse. I always seem to have a soft spot for the quirky, the misunderstood, or otherwise somewhat difficult. I have enjoyed taking my time trying to figure them out, giving them confidence, and having them enjoy their job in life (whatever that might be). At the end of the day, I think a good horse is a good horse...

## **Why do you think you love horses?**

Their ability to calm and comfort, their noble spirits



and ability to humble humans in a split-second, as well as their unique personalities.

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

I have lots of fond memories of bringing horses along, as well as plenty of somewhat legendary stories of equine-assisted solo flights for comic relief. However, I think my most recent happiness is sharing my love of animals with my 4-year old daughter who just loves being around my mare, donkeys, and basset hounds at home.

## **Why did you want to do dressage?**

I enjoy how challenging it is and how it provides the opportunity to improve any horse and rider regardless of discipline. I appreciate how it allows everyone to be on their own journey and to continuously learn and grow with all types of horses. I have truly enjoyed introducing dressage to riders over the years and supporting them on whatever journey they are on with their horses.



# Upcoming Clinics

## **Dressage Clinic with Olivia Lagoy-Weltz**

**Hosted by VADA-Fredericksburg**

**July 25-26**

**Great Scott Farm, 8736 Lawyers Rd., Spotsylvania VA**

**VADA-F members \$120; non-members \$155**

**\*Auditing is free for VADA-F members and \$20 per day for non-members**



Olivia is a USDF bronze, silver, and gold medalist. A knowledgeable and skilled rider and trainer who has earned scores as high as 80% at the Grand Prix atop her own horse Rassing's Lonoir. She was traveling reserve rider for Team USA at WEG as well as an active competitor in the CDIs in Wellington, FL ([www.mountaincrestfarm.com](http://www.mountaincrestfarm.com)).

\* Auditors must also RSVP. In order to adhere to safety guidelines we will be ensuring the number of auditors complies with social distancing measures put forth by the CDC.

**Please reserve your spot by sending a text or calling Roberta Dascoli at (804) 836-2226, or email [rdascoli1234@yahoo.com](mailto:rdascoli1234@yahoo.com)**

# VADACC Board Meeting Minutes

## VADACC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2019 at 7pm

**Location: Teleconference**

Board members present: Lynda McCann, Wanda Escobar, Marci Drewry, Bethany Larson, Alison Douglas, Sandy Monolo, Deborah Howard, Gail Markey, Jane Walker and Tara Dean.

**President's Report** – L. McCann. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

Quorum met for board meeting.

There was a motion to waive the reading of the May Minutes and accept them as previously sent to the membership by T. Dean which was seconded by D. Howard. The motion passed unanimously.

L. McCann discussed the By-Law committee, asking A. Douglas for an update. There were a few additional things to discuss so the committee will meet once again before providing the amended By-Laws to the board for review and decisions at the meeting in July.

**Vice President** – No report.

**Treasurer's Report** – A. Douglas reported a balance of \$23,125.06, with a membership deposit pending.

**Secretary** – No report.

**Membership Chairman** – No report.

### **Committee Reports-**

**Activities Planning Committee** – S. Monolo was given suggestions for possible clinics and the opening up of shows in the area was also discussed. The issue of social distancing was discussed and how to conduct a clinic with this restriction due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions. D. Howard brought up the possibility of having Ellie out of Stubben come for a saddle fitting and flocking clinic perhaps in the Fall. T. Dean suggested when things open back up to look into having a clinic with Felicata von Newman. She is an expensive clinician but very good at classical dressage. A. Douglas suggested we wait on this possibly into 2021. Getting a grant for the clinic was discussed. M. Drewry asked T. Dean if she would consider conducting a Musical Freestyle Tempo clinic. T. Dean agreed and suggested her farm as social distancing could be done at her location. We will look at 25 or 26 July for this clinic and put it out on FB to see if there is interest. All involved will bring their own food and drinks to be safe.

**Competition Committee:** - All VADA and USDF horse shows are following the USDF guidance concerning the Covid-19 pandemic. There are some schooling shows in the area being conducted.

**Fundraising/Public Relations Committee** – No report

**Awards** – D. Howard lead a discussion on what we are going to do as far as volunteer hours and scores for this year due to the curtailment of most showing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The volunteer hour requirement will stay the same as there are opportunities for members to come to the telephonic meetings and write articles for the newsletter and volunteer for committees.

**Junior/Young Rider Committee** – B. Larson reported that the first level Junior team will show virtually for their show, however the training level team is not inclined to do the same. The actual physical show has been cancelled.

**Website** – T. Dean related that she still needs photos from the membership.

**Newsletter** – No report.

**Volunteers** – No report.

**VADA report** – No report.

### **New Business** –

L. McCann reiterated that the amended By-Laws will be distributed prior to the July board meeting for review and asked that all board members read them and be prepared to discuss them at the next board meeting.

**NEXT MEETING is Telephonic or if restrictions for Covid-19 are lifted, TBD.**

# VADA Meeting Minutes—June 10, 2020

## VADA MINUTES – CONFERENCE CALL MEETING 06-10-2020

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), Angie Stanaway (NEVADA), Laura Nelson (SWVADA), Jane Palmer (ShenVADA), Beth Rippel (SVDA), Annie Connelly (SWVADA), Dianne Boyd (NOVA), Diane Nathan (NEVADA) The meeting was called to order at 8:03.

Anne Draine made the motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Dianne Nathan seconded, and the Board approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** - Jessie reported very little activity. Main activity is from sponsorships. Balances are 112K.

**DAL:** Is happening!! VHC has posted their COVID requirements on line so please review. VHC will take care of temperatures checks for people coming on the property as well as a health screen. They will be using a wrist band system to identify people who have been checked. Hand washing and sanitizing stations are located throughout the property. They will be doing additional cleaning. Food service is still undecided, but they will provide food trucks more than likely. We'll be using Alison Campbell as usual but with bag lunches with a pre order requirement. There will be major changes for show office setup. Volunteer check in will be on the mezzanine and awards will be upstairs as well. We will have inside and outside vendors with a number of new types of vendors. Will be using the four rings on the downside of the property to keep things a bit more contained. Warm up should not be an issue. We have to have additional written procedures. There will also be changes to our refund policy related to COVID. We are also only accepting COMPLETE online entries to minimize interaction with people and paper. We are investigating how we have judges and scribes interact. We are allowed to use cell phones which is a change. Tina is going to make sanitizer for us. There will be no awards ceremonies and we'll work with sponsors for photo opps. The program will only be online. Music for freestyles will also have to be uploaded- we will not accept CD. Competitors should bring appropriate PPE such as work gloves, paper towels for the bathrooms, etc. Stabling will be done by barn groups with an empty/tack stall between groups. VHC has a mask on policy unless you're riding. VHC is limiting the amount of people that will be allowed per horse. We will be giving out masks (one size- Adult only) instead of T-Shirts. Volunteers will NOT be sharing hotel rooms unless you're comfortable doing that and tell Rachel who you are willing to share a hotel room with. For stewards, there is no contact with the horse., equipment checks are visual. If there is anything questionable, you call the TD. There will be no competitor party.

**GAIGS:** October 8-11 Region 1 voted to have VADA host the GAIGS for 2021 which was approved by the USDF.

**Webinars:** The South Florida Dressage Association is hosting a virtual USDF GMO Book Club Meeting with Janet Foy on June 24<sup>th</sup>. It is free and they have invited all GMO members to participate. If interested sign up on [https://www.striderpro.com/a/ZCj-C2Rjkb-UHCqv0cu\\_Q](https://www.striderpro.com/a/ZCj-C2Rjkb-UHCqv0cu_Q).

**Bill Warren Clinic-** Gardy is still going forward with her clinic and is looking to get it videotaped. VADA is going to do a clinic next year and all the grants will carryover.

**USDF Region 1 Youth Virtual Team Competition June 27-28<sup>th</sup>**- There is an entry fee but there will be awards. Information is on the Region 1 dedicated to the youth team website with suggestions on how best to videotape. Anne Draine reported that NEVADA has done a couple of virtual shows and they have the virtual scoresheet already so contact her if you'd like it.

**Chapter Challenge:** Nancy Doody did the survey which was sent out with the agenda. We thank her for doing a phenomenal job with the summary. Based on the comments, Tina feels that since this also a new facility and it's supposed to be a team competition, that we don't move forward. Sheli commented that there is a big difference between where people will go for a licensed show vs a schooling show and the chapters in the area did not really respond to the survey. We would like to use this facility for next year. The motion was made by Sherri Booye and seconded by Laura Nelson to cancel this year and have it next year. The motion passed unanimously. The committee will propose a date for next year.

**New Business-** Chapter grants will be available as usual. And there has always been a policy that chapters can rollover years so if you're not doing one this year, you can combine for next year.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:54 pm. Next meeting will be held via teleconference on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 pm.  
Respectfully submitted, Alison



## 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:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$55
<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior (17 and under on 12/31/2019)	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (2 or more members who live at the same address) Primary Family Member: _____ Supporting Family Member: _____	\$75 first 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional Family Member (s): _____ _____, _____	\$20 each
<input type="checkbox"/>	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
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friend (Newsletter Only)	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/>	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
Decarpentry	Academic Equitation
Podhajsky	My Horse My Teachers
Xenophon	The Art of Horsemanship
Wynmalen	Equitation
Burger	The Way to Perfect Horsemanship
Cavendish	A General System of Horsemanship
Brooke	Horse Sense and Horsemanship of Today
De Nemethy	The De Nemethy Method
Steinbrecht	The Gymnasium of the Horse
Nelson	Alexis-Francois L'Hôte: The Quest for Lightness in Equitation
Karl	Long Reining
Loch	Dressage
Stanier	Classical Circus Equitation
Seunig	The Essence of Horsemanship
Seunig	Horsemanship
Blake	Dressage for Beginners
Blake	Intermediate Dressage
Loomis	Reining
Foreman	Monte Foreman Horse Training Science
Chamberlin	Riding and Schooling Horses
Chamberlin	Training Hunters Jumpers and Hacks
Magner	The Classic Encyclopedia of the Horse
Chenevix-Trench	A History of Horsemanship
Mellon	Books on the Horse and Horsemanship 1400-1941
Wells	Horsemanship
Saunders	Your Horse
Self	Horsemastership
Crabtree	Saddle Seat Equitation
Dickerson	Make the Most of Your Horse
Dickerson	Training Your Own Young Horse
Dickerson	A New Look at Classical Dressage (Dressage & CT Magazine)
Littzauer	Commonsense Horsemanship
Littzauer	The Development of Modern Riding
Littzauer	Be a Better Horseman
Steinkrauss	Riding and Jumping

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