

Fredericksburg Chapter of the Virginia Dressage Association August 2023



Collective Remarks

By Anna Fox

“Teamwork makes the dream work.”

John C. Maxwell

Which is why we need your help for next month’s dream of pulling off a fantastic horse show! VADA-F’s licensed competition is rapidly approaching on September 9th and 10th, and we are still looking for volunteers. This show is our one opportunity to make



And of course, the money pays for all the fun stuff we like to do throughout the year. So, come on out. Bring the family—or don’t—whatever you prefer. We can find jobs for everyone! Dressage at Rose Mount is a great tradition. We have many of the same competitors returning year after year simply because of our wonderful volunteers. If you are planning to compete, don’t fret, we can still provide you with volunteer hours! If you haven’t volunteered before, don’t sweat it. What better place to get your feet wet than on your home turf with your fellow club members? Can’t volunteer for two FULL days, no worries. You can come for a day, a half day, or a few hours. We’ll take whatever help we can get! If the weekend doesn’t work for you, or if you just like a little slower pace, help us set up. Wednesday (the 6th), we pull the arenas and supplies out of storage. Thursday (the 7th), we set up the arenas, parking areas, stabling, and just EVERYTHING, so we can use all the help we can get! Friday (the 8th), we need help to answer competitor questions and making sure they get their trailers parked in the right places.

I know, I know, some of you just can’t volunteer. It’s a busy time of year, we get it. Would you help us by raising a little money instead? Even sponsoring just one class can help pay those expenses and leave more money for club fun stuff, and those awards we like to get at the end of the year. It’s also a great opportunity for local businesses to advertise, so ask your favorite places if they’d like to take advantage of inexpensive advertising space.

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I just wanted to send a heartfelt Thank You to VADA Fredericksburg for your gracious support of the USDF Region 1 Teams Challenge Fredericksburg dressage teams! I was invited to ride with Lottie Crawford, Emma Packett, & Isla Bromwell and was so excited to ride with them and be a part of such a fun, talented and experienced team.

I started riding dressage last June with my OTTB and we love it! The expense of it all can be overwhelming so having support from you made this show possible! We came home with the Mixed Level Team Champion! Sailor and I fished the weekend with the Teams Champion, 2-1st, 1-2nd, 2-4th, & 3rd in the Championship Equestrian class.

Thank you again for your support!
Montana May & Easy Sailing



Member Column—Isla Bromilow

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We wanted to take a moment to reach out and thank all of the officers and members of VADA-F for their generous support of our USDF Youth Championship riders. This was our first experience with this show and we had a wonderful time, learned a lot, and were blessed to come home with a team win.

Support like this means so much to the kids who feel enormous pride in knowing that there are people out there who believe in them so much that they're willing to support their efforts.

Thank you!
Isla and Abigail Bromilow



Member Column—Lottie Crawford

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I would like to thank the VADA Fredericksburg board and membership for supporting me and my teammates in the 2023 USDF Regional 1 Youth Challenge! This show is so much fun for all of us because it allows us to compete against other youth from the region and it is just us! This is my second year representing VADA Fredericksburg and it is exciting that we increased from one team last year to three teams this year and we were the largest representation of a Virginia chapter at the show! All of us are proud and honored to represent a chapter that is so eager to support its youth in opportunities to learn and grow withing dressage! Thank you again for all that you do for your members and specifically for us as junior/young riders!

Sincerely,
Lottie Crawford and Get It In Ink
VADA Fredericksburg Mixed Level Team

Photo credit: Jennifer Taylor



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Congratulations to VADA-F's Mixed Level Team—Champion!

Left to right: Isla Bromilow; Emma Packett; Lottie Crawford and Get It In Ink; and Montana May and Easy Sailing



Member Column—Carolyn Briggs

I recently had photos taken of my two Hanoverian fillies and thought the club might like to see them. All photos were taken by E. Berkery Photography (and used with permission).

Dark bay filly is Eva by Epic Eastwood out of Zabella (Ferro)

Light bay filly is Freya by For Dance out of Keauxmanda (Ferdeaux)

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Congratulations to Carolyn Briggs for a fine performance at
Dressage at Lexington, July 14-16

Third place in the Second Level SHAC and
7th in the USDF Musical Freestyle Challenge on her horse Kaiya!



Photos courtesy of
Aster Equine Photography

Member Column—Kristine Slovis

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Congratulations to Kristine Slovis for a fine performance at
Dressage at Lexington, July 14-16

First place in the Training Level SHAC and
4th in the USDF Musical Freestyle Challenge on her horse Faccini Negro!



Photos courtesy of
Kristine Slovis

VADAF USED TACK SALE**USED TACK, RIDING APPAREL,
& BLANKET SALE
AT ROSE MOUNT FARM**

Next month, our club will host two days of exciting competition, a variety of vendors with their wares for display/sale, and an area under the big tent with a variety of used tack and clothing for sale. Dust off and clean up that saddle you've replaced with a new one, shine those bits and boots no longer in use, and entertain thoughts of having some extra Christmas money from your efforts. Outgrown or unused blankets and sheets are a "hot" item with the approaching cooler season. Be sure all saleable items are clean with repairs made. As in years past, VADA-F will receive 15% of each item, owner gets 85%.

Thank you for participating in the Used Tack Sale. In order to ensure a successful sale, we ask that you follow these guidelines for submitting items. You will find a submission form on the next page of this newsletter for listing your sale items.

1. All items **MUST** be string tagged by owner. We will be removing the tags at the time of sale, so please do not use tape to mark your items.

2. Tag your items in the following manner:

Description of the item, price, your last name, and item #. Please use a 2-digit number, such as the month of your birthday, followed by the line number on your submission form.

EXAMPLE:

Item 1: Leather dressage girth, \$40.00, Smith, 0801.

Item 2: Black polo wraps, \$5.00, Smith, 0802.

3. Place a copy of the submission form on top of your items for the sale when you bring them to the tent the morning of the show. A club member will help with questions about sale items, should there be any. All items to be checked in after 8:00 a.m. both days of the show.

*****All items must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday*****

If you wish to donate unsold items to USERL, mark your form accordingly.

Please address any questions you may have to Barb Ellis, 540-903-9049 or Chris Balasi, 540-273-1740.



Attention All Members:

Our Annual show, Dressage at Rose Mount, is next month.

The show generates our income for the year. If we do not make a profit on the show, we have no funds to sponsor our teams and clinics. The only way we can make a profit is to bring in sponsorships. The more sponsorships that we find, the more profit we make, the more teams, and clinics, and awards we can support.

All members are encouraged to secure at least one sponsorship for the show. You personally can sponsor a class. Or a high point award. Lots of possibilities. Please contact Hannah Bowers for ideas.

So far this year, we have sponsored three Youth Teams and one clinic. At least one more clinic is being planned. Help your club keep these activities happening by securing sponsorships for the show.



VADA-F Business

The Fredericksburg Dressage Chapter of the Virginia Dressage Association (VADA-F) is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization created to serve the needs of the dressage community in Fredericksburg and the surrounding area.

The VADA-F's Mission is to:

- Advance the discipline of dressage
- Promote the welfare and care of equines
- Offer and develop educational clinics and seminars
- Sponsor Adult and Youth Teams
- Sponsor an annual Licensed Show
- Support schooling shows

VADA-F is a chapter of the Virginia Dressage Association, which is a GMO of Region 1 of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF); all VADA members automatically become USDF Group Members. The 2023 membership year runs from December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023.

VADA-F Meeting Minutes—July 11, 2023

Attendance:

Anna Mitchell, Kristine Slovis, Teresa Crater, Nancy Mendonca, Carolyn Briggs, Karen Rice, Sharnette Atkinson, Tara Dean, Jenny Lamb, Sharon Kipping, Barb Ellis, Chris Balasi, Jamie Ramirez, Sarah Grady, Minza Glover

Meeting Start: 7:03 pm

Membership: 27 individual, 12 youth, 3 youth affiliate, 9 affiliate, total = 51 members

Education – Will be sending out a survey for the Dressage at Devon or possibly the Washington International Horse show soon! A plug was also put in Bruno's ear for a possible clinic in November, stay tuned! Discussion about a possible fix-a-test as well.

Rose Mount – Prize lists are on the website! Sponsors and volunteers are still needed for the show, start planning early. Tack sale forms are on the website, if you would like to participate please check it out. A Rose Mount schedule discussion will be done during the August meeting. (Tentative schedule: storage unit pick up Wednesday, setup Thursday, arrival Friday, show days Saturday and Sunday, cleanup Sunday after last rides)

Donation – Discussion about donating to Central VA Horse Rescue, decided to wait until after Rose Mount to decide. Donations can also be made during the tack swap at Rose Mount.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm

End VADA-F Meeting Minutes

VADA Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2023

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Sandy Toby (SVDA); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Anna Simmons (F'burg), Laura Nelson (SWVADA), Jane Palmer (ShenVADA), and members Rachel Rice, Lisa Beckwith, and Diane Boyd

Minutes: The June minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Tina reported that our combined balance is \$184,426. but she hasn't moved the Paypal funds from DAL over yet so that amount will increase. She has also almost finished setting up a credit card payment feature with authorize.net that will allow competitors to pay for entries using a credit card through Horse Show Office. The advantage of this is we are not charged a fee for refunds, and it will also allow us to accept credit card payments at the show grounds.

Membership Report: Sheli will have an update at our next meeting.

2024 Clinic: Sheli reported that Renee O'Leary has not heard back from Sabine Shut-Kery's team regarding any available dates. Sheli thinks we might need a Plan B if Sabine's dates don't work and plan for her in 2025.

DAL Update: Dates are July 14-16. Dianne Boyd reported that everything is ready to go. Nancy Doody reported that there are still a couple of chapters that she has not received sponsorship payment from. We have eleven vendors committed to coming.

GAIG Update: Dates are Oct 5-8. Tina has updated the prize list and Nancy Doody will be posting on our website.

Year End Banquet: Nancy Doody reported that the sub-committee met and discussed the feasibility of relocating to another facility and moving the venue around the state each year. Sheli did a mileage study using the locations of the banquet attendees this year, but she pointed out that what we don't know is who didn't attend because of the distance. Nancy D, along with others in the group, will be visiting potential venues over the next couple of months.

USDF Convention: This year's convention is in Omaha, NE from November 29th thru December 2nd. Tina reported that there will be more educational forums in the agenda this year. Also, all the council chairs are up for election. Based on our current membership, we would have 2 GM delegates. We open this up first to the executive board and then the rest of the board members. If you have an interest in attending as a GM rep, please contact Sheli or Tina. Historically, VADA has given the PM/GM delegates a stipend which we will vote on at the next board meeting. Nancy Doody offered to handle the Chapter Basket.

AOB: Tina brought up that this year we will have two VADA members traveling to Michigan to compete at NAYC- Ella Escobar and Sienna Rowe. The Region 1 kids hold an online auction to raise funds to offset their expenses. Tina will put a link on the Region 1 website as well as the VADA website. Funds earned this year will go to next year's competitors and this year's competitors have the funds from last year's auction. Rachel brought up the sponsorship packages available and Tina made the motion that we do the \$800 package for the team weatherproof jackets that will have our logo on them. Alison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. As an aside, Sheli brought up that since we are a 501c3, we should brainstorm an overall strategy for all of our donations. Rachel also brought up that she volunteered at the Region 1 Youth Competition in Culpeper and that it was well run with three rings, good judges, and lots of team spirit. Lisa said that we had several VADA teams and that next year it will be held at Rose Mount. Lisa is now the zone president (MD to FL) of the IEA (Interscholastic Equestrian Assoc) which has members from fourth thru twelfth grade. They will be holding a regional competition at Averett University in Danville.

Chapter Updates: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE SENDING INFO TO NANCY DOODY FOR THE WEBSITE

Central- July 29-30 clinic with Emily Donaldson at Chestnut Oaks, Oct 21-22 clinic with Nicole DelGiorno at Old Raptor Farm. The two-day licensed show April 27-28, 2024, will be held at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot.

Charlottesville- July 9 clinic with Lisa El-Ramey at Old Raptor Farm

Fredericksburg – They are working on putting together a clinic with Jane Kelly in August.

NEVADA – Sept 16th clinic with Nikki Vogel at Edgehill Farm. Schooling shows at Edgehill- Oct 29, Nov 12, July 20, Aug 3 and Aug 17. They will also have one at the State Fair – date tbd.

NOVA – July 26-29 is their Dressage Camp at Frying Pan Park with Jim Koford and Debbie Rodriguez. Aug 5 schooling show at Morven Aug 26-27 two one day licensed shows, also at Morven.

ShenVADA –

SVDA- Schooling shows- July 9 at Willow Creek in Suffolk, July 30 at Seahorse Run in Suffolk, Aug 27 at Kelly Conye's farm in Virginia Beach, Sept 24 at River Birch Farm in Courtland and Oct 29 at Airfield Conf Center in Wakefield.

Southwest- August 12-13 clinic at VA Tech with Stacy Pattison. October 15 schooling show at Green Hill Park.

NEXT MEETING July 27th AT 8pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas

End VADA Meeting Minutes

Upcoming Events:

August

12, VADA-CH schooling show, Grayson Farm, Scottsville

23-24, ERAHC Virginia Classic Dressage I and II, Lexington

September

9, VADA-F Dressage at Rose Mount I, Spotsylvania

10, VADA-F Dressage at Rose Mount II, Spotsylvania

October

5-8, USDF Region 1 GAIGs, Lexington



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