VADA-CH BOARD MEETING MINUTES - March 9, 2026

Meeting Minutes

The VADA-CH Board Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm and concluded at 7:40 pm. Seven members were present: Eleszabeth McNeel, Melyni Worth, Tina Longaker, Nancy Doody, Nancy Lowey, Sabine Desper, and Joyce Howard.

The treasurer's report was provided by Tina Longaker. The chapter currently has $24,403.28. This is the balance after the two $250 scholarships and $710 insurance checks which have already cleared. Ribbons have been ordered but not yet delivered.

The secretary's report. The board agreed that since the meeting minutes are being sent to all chapter members and has been read by the board, a recap of the previous meeting minutes was not required. The board approved the February 2026 meeting minutes and no changes needed.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Sabine Desper reported the chapter currently has 32 adult and 1 junior member. Two of the members are new and the remainder are renewals.

There was a discussion about the distribution of the membership list and the information that is required for submission to Beth Ripple (Name, address, DOB for juniors, USDF#, phone, email). The updated membership list needs to be submitted monthly. Updated membership lists will be distributed to Tina L (who submits checks to Beth Ripple - $5 to VADA and $25 to USDF), Nancy D for newsletter, and Joyce H for meeting minutes and Zoom link.

Newsletter - Nancy Doody had no updates at this time.

Old Business

Schooling Shows: Update by Tina B: Insurance is in place and she has submitted the three schooling shows to the online omnibus.

Clinics for 2026: There will be no April 2026 VADA-CH sponsored clinic because we have not been able to secure a date from Jim Koford.

Awards: The board expressed appreciation to Nancy D for all of her organizational efforts and creative and beautiful contributions making the awards luncheon held on February 22nd a special event.

New Business

Sarah Geike Clinic - April 11th - 12th
This clinic is being organized by Karen Rice - rice.kc@gmail.com

There are still openings for both Saturday and Sunday ($200 per ride). Auditors are welcome - $10.00. Please contact Karen Rice directly if you are interested.

George Williams Clinic - Dates TBD
A motion was made and approved for the VADA-CH to sponsor a George Williams clinic. Chapter sponsorship gives members a $25 discount on the clinic fees. The board discussed options for a host facility. More details to come.

Trailer Care, Maintenance, and Maneuvering Clinic - Dates TBD
The board discussed a possible chapter clinic in the fall to review trailer care, maintenance, and maneuvering for both bumper pulls and goosenecks. More details to come.

Maddie Piplico Clinic - fundraiser for Hope's Legacy Farm
Nancy Doody brought to the meeting information about a silent auction being held as a fundraiser for Hope's Legacy Farm. One of the auction items is a Maddie Piplico Clinic held at Afton Stables for up to six riders. The opening bid is $200 plus a $25 fund-raising fee. Bidding ends on March 14th. A motion was made and approved to authorize Nancy Doody to bid up to $250 on the clinic for a total cost of $275 if she wins the auction. The clinic will be opened up to chapter members if won.

Naming VADA-CH Scholarships
A motion was made and approved to name the two chapter educational scholarships after late long-time members of the VADA-CH Chapter: Carter Bass and Catherine Sutton

Signage for Shows
This will be discussed in further detail at next chapter meeting however, Tina B reported she has many signs for the upcoming schooling shows.

Discussion of Old Website (www.vadach.org)
Tabled for next meeting.

Regular Meeting Each Month - 2nd Monday of the Month
The next meeting will be an in-person meeting. It will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 13th at Timberwood Tap House, 245 Merchant Walk Ave Unit 100, Charlottesville, VA 22902. For those who cannot attend in-person, an option for remote attendance will be available.