

SEDA Board Meeting

April 23, 2018

Conference Call- 7:30

Present Board Members- Nicole Miller, Watson Copeland, Gwen Swanbom, Rebecca Smedley, Katie Tharp, Aryelle Stafford, Cameron Dauterive, Rebecca Stewart, Emily Embree

1. Juniors Report

- a. Discussed budget for Junior Show- proposed budget of approximately \$2,400 to include possible dunking booth and stick horse games
- b. Discussed SEDA sponsoring drinks for competitor party or potluck lunch
- c. Discussed the need for volunteers at the Junior's show. The Aaron Nobbs clinic will not be sponsored by SEDA since it is only one day.

2. President Update

- a. SEDA tax info has not been filed since 2005, therefore we have lost our tax exempt status. Discussed changing non-profit status to 501(c)3 and hiring a CPA and writing articles of incorporation in order to rectify the situation.
- b. Proposed addition to Policies and Procedures for SEDA sponsored events. Proposed setting a dollar amount for any unexpected expenses. Watson suggested \$300. Also suggested naming a point person for every SEDA sponsored event. The revised P & P will be sent to Board for approval, and will be made available to membership.
- c. Discussed allowing the rental of our Dressage letters. Unanimous vote to approve a \$15 rental fee for letters.
- d. SEDA hired Marilyn Kulifay as show organizer for Le Bon Temps

3. Vice President Report

- a. Watson is exploring options for the next banquet. Based on discussion with various members and an idea proposed by Kimberly Schultz, he proposed raising membership fees to cover the cost of including a banquet ticket with membership. The Board then voted unanimously to not include banquet ticket fees with membership because many of the people that attend the banquet are not members, and the increased membership fees might discourage others from joining.

- b. Discussed having a membership meeting to be held during banquet per bylaws. This will be included in the 2019 banquet.
 - c. Discussed awarding lifetime membership for outstanding volunteers as thanks for their dedication to our club. If anyone has suggestions for this, they should let Watson know and he will present to the Board for a vote.
 - d. Discussed SEDA yearbook for member achievements to be presented at banquet.
 - e. Watson presented many ideas for volunteer incentives. The Board discussed possible volunteer incentives such as free x-country schooling, free class at a SEDA show, clinic discount. Additional information and ideas will be gathered and presented by Watson.
 - f. Discussed allowing a \$100 fee to allow a member to receive year end awards without completing the mandatory volunteer hours. This would allow for those that absolutely cannot volunteer to still receive their awards, but is a high enough amount that it will be used as a last resort.
 - g. There was concern over allowing people to donate volunteer hours to another person. There was a unanimous vote to allow donation of volunteer hours only if the donation is stated at the time the hours are earned.
4. Membership Report:
- a. Currently have 127 members
 - b. Discussed advertising SEDA at other events such as jumper shows
5. Treasurer Report
- a. The club is financially sound. Rebecca is still going over records to verify everything is in order and properly balanced. Please remember to keep all receipts and turn them in, especially when using the club credit card.
6. Dressage Report
- a. Steinberg clinic report-Clinic was well attended, but SEDA did lose money. People are interested in having him back.
 - b. Discussed Le Bon Temps-Volunteer coordinator is Alysia Maloney. Paula Gregory has some ideas for volunteer recognition- possible volunteer reception, goody bags, door prizes, volunteer orientation

- c. Katie has awards and ribbons from the previous year, and will be ordering the remaining prizes
- d. Le Bon Temps will need to be moved for 2019, because Serenity is no longer willing to host it. Looking at possible locations, and may need to move dates to accommodate other locations.

7. Eventing Report

- a. Fleur de Leap went well
- b. Request to hire Morgan for the fall FDL
- c. Fall FDL now recognized for Areas 3 & 5
- d. Re-writing of descriptions for allowable obstacles for eventing and combined test divisions was discussed and approved:

Pre-mini amoeba: poles on the ground

Mini amoeba: 8" cross rails

Pre amoeba: 8-12" cross rails

Amoeba: 18" cross rails and verticals (typically we make everything crossrails and then the ones that were set as oxers for precious divisions we make them verticals)

Tadpole: 2' cross rails and verticals (same concept for which ones are verticals vs cross rails)

Pollywog: 2'3 verticals and oxers

Up to this point no combinations are allowed. The following heights are as follows and combinations are exactly like USEA rules.

Beginner novice:

- Show jumping is 9 to 11 obstacles at a speed of 300 mpm (meters per minute), with max height 2'7".

(The jumping course should be inviting and straightforward, preferably with lines of six strides or more and may include one double of two strides which may include only one oxer.)

Novice:

- Show jumping is 9 to 11 obstacles at a speed of 320 mpm, with max height 2'11".

(The jumping course should be inviting and straightforward, preferably with lines of six strides or more and shall include only one or two doubles a double of two strides, which may include only one oxer. Each combination may include only one oxer.)

Training:

- Show jumping is 10 to 12 obstacles at a speed of 325 mpm, with max height 3'3".

(The jumping course must include either (i) two doubles; or (ii) simple triple combination in the second part of the course with only one oxer. If the oxer is at the "b" or "c" parts of any combination it should be set on two strides. The course should introduce simple technical questions with some related jumps on five strides or more. If a liverpool is used it must be built as a vertical over the center of the liverpool tray and a straight forward alternative jump must be offered.)

Prelim:

- Show jumping is 11 to 13 obstacles at 350 mpm, with max height 3'7".

(shall include two doubles, or a double and a triple combination, it should be more technical than the Training Level and may require lengthening or shortening of stride)

8. Communications Report

a. Requested content for social media

Appendix-

The board voted via e-mail to approve the addition of a Combined Test to the Lagniappe Eventing Derby on May 26.

Voting was: Yays: 6

Abstentions/No vote received: 3