

SEDA Board Meeting

November 5, 2018

Board Members present: Nicole Miller, Watson Copeland, Gwen Swanbom, Rebecca Smedley, Aryelle Stafford, Cameron Dauterive, Emily Embree, Judi Dauterive

Call to Order: 7:35

PRESIDENT

1. IRS update (our non-profit paperwork has FINALLY been sent off)

Nicole is waiting on IRS to OK everything

2. Dressage Arena issues

Nicole reports that Morgan is attempting to get the missing section of arena from the company. Hoping to have everything by the Christmas Show.

3. Meeting scheduled with Pony Club

Meeting at the December Show to come up with ideas to have joint activities with the Pony Club

4. Just a reminder that SEDA has preprinted thank you cards for use as needed. Nicole has these, contact her for some if you need them.

5. Recognition of Gulfport shows for Kathleen Aertker

Leslie Morris sent a report. Tabled discussion for a later date.

6. Storage unit

Have reviewed unit at Lagniappe, this will be suitable, need to schedule time with Morgan to clean out and organize. May need to purchase shelving.

7. T-shirts: some remaining

VICE PRESIDENT

1. Quick review of Volunteer Incentive Program.

Watson suggests that we give more hours for organizing an educational event. Judi suggests getting Allison Barca to give a talk. She agrees with Watson that we should award more hours for these talks.

2. Banquet update: Watson is still in discussion with Benedict's about details. No contract has been signed as of yet.
3. Adults only show in 2019: Watson will be organizing with Judi's oversight. Watson has spoken with Richard Howard. Also spoke with Oak Hill about use of their facility for a clinic following the adult show. They are unable to commit at this time. Watson wants to go ahead and contract with Richard for the show.

DRESSAGE

1. LBT brief update

Judges and facility are secured.

2. Presentation of proposed changes to guidelines for schooling dressage year end awards

Judi proposes that we change the guidelines to encourage participation. She suggests syncing our show year with the show year recognized by the USDF. Also suggests that we allow scores to be sent in at the end of the year, and requiring only four scores for the final standings. She suggests that one of the scores has to be the highest in the level. Emily wholeheartedly agrees, but suggests that we do not require them to ride the highest test of the level. Watson thinks we should require the highest test of the level. Rebecca and Watson do not want to make our year match the USDF year. Judi points out that we follow the USDF year for recognized dressage, but not for schooling dressage. Nicole is concerned that it will cause confusion to change. Rebecca has questions about the proposed requirement to have judges that are rated. Judi wants to require that our judges have at least participated in the "L" program. Watson is concerned that this will cause issues with some of our currently used judges that have no rating. Judi believes this is important for quality control. Aryelle asks if we have had complaints about our non-rated judges. Judi also points out that local trainers have too many students here to ethically be able to judge. Aryelle thinks we should not change the show year because it would cause too much confusion. Nicole asks for input on whether we implement this for 2019, or table it for later discussion. Watson motions that we postpone to 2020. Aryelle suggests we bring this up with members. Watson brings up that some organizers might have already hired judges for 2019. Cameron agrees that we wait for 2020, but wants to bring it up at the open forum in December. Watson requests that he go on record saying he would vote against requiring our judges to be rated. Watson, Aryelle, Rebecca, Emily, Gwen all agree to table the discussion until a later date. Nicole agrees to bring this up at the forum. Nicole requests feedback on Judi's proposed volunteer incentives. Rebecca wants to get member opinions and table for next year. Aryelle agrees that there are plenty of great ideas

(specifically the sponsor). Judi also suggests possibly giving up the volunteer hours that are required, and giving a nice volunteer of the year prize to incentivize volunteers (Possibly charging a fee to be considered for the prize). Judi feels that requiring the volunteer hours can cause resentment. Aryelle feels like that will cause her major problems with having the number of volunteers to run the events. Watson brought up the point that we attempted to get rid of the volunteer hours in the past, and it did not work. Nicole feels that it was a disaster to do that, and that it was still the same people volunteering every time. Nicole agrees that we should offer a nice award. Watson suggests that we get opinions from all the show organizers as to who receives the award. We ended with a unanimous vote to create an award for the most volunteer hours worked that includes junior and senior awards separately.

EVENTING

1. Review of Fall Recognized FDL and how to move forward

Had the most volunteers to date. Still have the issue of the conditions of the stall floors and working electricity. Aryelle is asking for stall location preference when entries are sent. Nicole suggests staggering entry fees to encourage early entries. Emily suggests a date change because of the close proximity to the Holly Hill Horse Trials. Our 2019 and 2020 dates are already set, but we can look into changing future dates.

2. Aryelle's requests for future shows

Requesting compensation for organizing the schooling show, cabin at Lagniappe during show, and allowance to ride in the schooling Fleur de Leap. Morgan is still willing to run the recognized FDL for 2019, and they are looking into the cost for hiring a show organizer. Rebecca pointed out that we do not pay the show organizer for LBT. Nicole says that historically we have compensated the organizer for the schooling FDL. Unanimous vote to pay Aryelle for her organizing, as well as renting her a cabin for the FDL weekend and allowing her to show.

3. Christmas FDL update

Emily brought up that the entry form and prize list have conflicting information. Aryelle is planning on redoing the entry for the March FDL.

TREASURER

1. Financials update

Financial in good standing.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership update

People are updating, and the membership works program is working well to encourage members to renew.

JUNIORS

1. Any pertinent information

No information pertaining to juniors. Cameron proposes that we get someone from the "L" program to participate in one of our schooling show to have a double judge schooling show. This would allow our local competitors to get feedback like you would get at regionals. Emily suggests that we include that as an educational opportunity. Cameron also proposes a schooling show series championship. Judi proposes that we offer a championship show that follows the same guidelines as USDF. Nicole suggests that we add this into our discussion at the open forum at FDL. Unanimous vote to present this at the forum.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Any pertinent information

Asking for any content for social media