

## SEDA Board Meeting

September 20, 2019

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

Call to Order: 6:40

### PRESIDENT

1. Elections- Nicole needs those wanting to run to let her know before October 1<sup>st</sup>
2. Election officials- Natasha Fernandez and Danielle Aymond offered to be the election officials
3. USDF awards- Waiting to hear if we win anything
4. SEDA basket for Convention- They are offering a prize for the best basket, so Nicole would like input as to what we should put in our basket. She needs it no later than the end of November.
5. IRS status- They recommend a change in our bylaws to list us as a 501 c3. Nicole would like to change the bylaws at the awards banquet.
6. Banquet- Ashleigh Lewis is happy to help, but is concerned about doing everything herself. She would like any help/input we can offer.
7. Calendar dates- Nicole needs a final list of dates from Lagniappe, but everything needs to be in order.
8. Proposed change to the P&P regarding communications- Nicole wants to make sure communications about club events should come from club sources. Unanimous vote yes to adopt the new policy. Nicole's main concern is that it be approved by a board member before it is posted or emailed. Nicole will resend the proposed changes to the board to confirm.

### EVENTING

1. October FDL- Morgan currently has 23 entries, and anticipates another 15-20. The charge for the new course designer will be around \$8,000. Morgan still needs volunteers.
2. December FDL- Aryelle will start getting volunteers after the October FDL. She is working on forming an eventing committee.
3. Eventing Committee- Aryelle would like a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 members. Emily is volunteering.

4. Adults Show- Additional expenses were incurred. Many ribbons and prizes are left over, so they will be used next year. Aryelle is checking on using some leftovers for the Christmas FDL. Sharon gave us a big break on the cost of the facility for the adult's show. Nicole said feedback was generally positive. The only complaints were about the food location and some tests were messed up. Some people suggested that we do morning and evening classes. Aryelle suggested that we do limit entries so it doesn't go so late. Rebecca Smedley said that Sharon did not charge us for cross country or dragging the rings several times. We did lose money because we paid for a medic. Aryelle suggested that we keep it simple, and don't do a clinic or cross country school.

#### DRESSAGE

1. LBT update- Already have judges for next year. Needed 5 more entries to break even for the May show.
2. Schooling championships- Currently 15 riders are qualified. Several people only need one more score. Judi and Aryelle have to organize the championships for the December FDL. Nicole brought up making the dressage completely separate from the horse trials and the combined test. Aryelle thinks it will take a lot of entries away, so she thinks it would not be worth it to lighten her load.

#### TREASURER

1. Financials- Rebecca wants to be conservative on our future expenses because we are spending so much on the cross country field.

#### MEMBERSHIP

1. Current membership- 154 members, 1 new this week
2. Volunteer hours for chair positions- Rebecca Stewart is questioning the amount of volunteer hours we are giving to board members and chair holders. Nicole said that historically the board members and chair holders are awarded the 4 hours that are required. Aryelle suggested the volunteer coordinator be awarded more hours/payment.
3. Membership dues increasing by \$5 Dec 1 – voted on last year

#### JUNIORS

1. Working on a date for 2020 Jr Show- Judi suggested that she use her judge for the Amen Corner show on Saturday for a Sunday Junior's show so she can split the cost with SEDA. Judi suggested doing a potluck Saturday evening before the Junior's show. Tabling for further discussion.

Watson is working on a Karen O'Connor clinic for next year. Cameron is looking into hosting a sports psychology clinic.

Adjourned at 7:47

ADDENDUM OCTOBER 29, 2019

The Board voted to approve changing Le Bon Temps to a one ring show, still with two judges, due to low entries. Projected loss is \$1000-\$2000.

The Board voted to approve the following addition to Section 3 of the Policies and Procedures documentation:

G. If all candidates for Board positions are running unopposed, an official election ballot need not be distributed to membership for voting. Instead, after the period of declaration of intent has passed, all names of candidates for the Board election will be made available to the general membership via all current communication methods for a period of two weeks. After the period of two weeks, the Board will declare the election final and the candidates approved as the next Board. The new Board will start their duties as of the close of the Annual Awards Banquet.