

## **SEDA Board Meeting**

**May 11, 2020** – Telephone conference call.

Board Members Present: Nicole Miller, Marie Cobb, Judi Dauterive, Natasha Fernandez, Paula Gregory, Emily Jackson, Marilyn Kulifay, Isabella Rodwig, Rebecca Smedley. None absent.

Call to Order at 7:37 PM.

**President** – Nicole Miller began the meeting by requesting feedback on SEDA 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative items – pins and shirts. The board was in consensus that the pins should be brass. Board members express their preference on design. There was some articulated preference that the center be bright brass. It was suggested that the founding year be placed on the pin. For T-shirts, the board was in favor of a dark color, suggested was blue with silver print. The shirt pocket emblem was favored. Discussion was held whether to sell them at SEDA events, or through an on-line store. The on-line store would give members more flexibility in ordering and receiving their shirts. Nicole will follow up to see if the on-line store can be set up so that people could order a variety of colors.

Board members plan to reach out to founding members of SEDA and its predecessor, and suggestions were made as to who could make contacts.

The 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic is set for October 17, 2020, location to be confirmed. Amen Corner Pavilion was discussed and Nicole informed the Board that Kristin Dowdy had offered to host a fund-raiser at her facility. Nicole will go to see it. Paula Gregory liked the idea of having a sheet cake celebrating SEDA's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary at convention, and will find out how to make the arrangements.

Nicole reminded the board that due to the cancellation of the Fleur de Leap Spring Show, SEDA will need additional sponsorships, and asked the board to help support that endeavor.

**Vice President** – Paula Gregory reported that SEDA has contracted with Benedicts for the banquet in January 2021. Awards and themes were discussed.

Paula also suggested that SEDA contemplate a 2 day adult camp with an Adult Education grant. A musical freestyle clinic, sports psychologist seminar and a clinic on conformation and riding were suggested. There is currently a GMO book club discussing "Dressage for the Not So Perfect Horse" that GMO members can sign up for, and a discussion will be held June 21 on Zoom. Marie Cobb also reminded the board that outreach to Western dressage and other disciplines can help sustain membership.

**Treasurer** – Rebecca Smedley presented the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements. SEDA has a positive balance at this time, but has shown some losses from events that would normally be covered by the cancelled Fleur de Leap show.

Rebecca Smedley brought up that Ashley and Chris Lewis were in a terrible accident, and that a GoFundMe account had been set up to help with their expenses. Rebecca Smedley made a motion to support Ashley and Chris Lewis with \$500.00, seconded by Marie Cobb. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Eventing** – Emily Jackson has contacted an experienced eventing show secretary to help distribute the responsibilities of the show office and grow the show, and presented her quote. Marie Cobb moved that Emily contract with the show secretary for \$18.00 per entry plus meals and accommodations, seconded

by Judi Dauterive. Emily will check on what the arrangements should be made for travel. An office fee will be charged to competitors to cover the cost of additional office personnel. Emily will also check to see what the show secretary rate would be for a schooling show.

From the Eventing survey and discussions, it was determined not to reschedule the Spring Fleur de Leap show to a summer date.

**Dressage** – Le Bon Temps dressage show is scheduled for Halloween weekend, October 31-November 1. USEF has posted recommendations for dressage shows, and Judi Dauterive outlined many of the protocols that other dressage shows are using to stay safe. Le Bon Temps is expected to have more riders this year as riders will be ready to compete.

The SEDA Schooling Show Championships will be held January 23-24, 2021. There are four more schooling shows with which to qualify for Schooling Show Championships. A suggestion was made that there be an invitational for those competitors who were only able to obtain one qualifying score, and the suggestion will be considered.

**Juniors** – Isabella Rodwig reported that due to a number of circumstances (including the current health pandemic), the Junior show will be postponed until 2021.

A one day Ride-A-Test clinic Just for Juniors was discussed and she will contact the juniors for suggestions and recommendations. The possibility of asking non-member juniors to participate was discussed, along with juniors from other disciplines (i.e. Western Dressage, jumping). The Sambolas have offered to do a stadium jumping clinic.

**Membership** – Natasha Fernandez said that we have 120 active members which includes 53 junior members. She has received a few additional memberships and renewals since the last meeting.

**Communications** – Marie Cobb asked that Board members send her information to include in Bleeps and on Instagram.

Adjourned at 9:42 PM.

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Email Votes (between March and May meetings):

On March 25, an email vote was taken in that the local pony club had an open dressage show scheduled at their rally scheduled for May 2-3, but they may have to reschedule to May 23-24, and will be hosting Dressage and Stadium, so they could offer an open CT and/or Dressage Only. However, the new date was in close proximity to two events, one on May 16 and one on May 30-31, thereby being too close to other shows with similar events. The Board voted to allow recognition for the show if they had to move the date: 5 for, 1 no and 2 no response.

On April 24, an email vote was taken whether LEC would be permitted to make their June 13 show a Horse Trials in a day, instead of the currently scheduled CT, and if their judge was unable or uncomfortable coming, that Leslie Morris be permitted to serve as judge. The Board voted to allow LEC's proposal 7 for, 1 no response.