

## **SEDA Board Meeting**

**July 20, 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 7:33 PM.

**President** – Nicole Miller began by presenting an Inclusivity Statement to the board. The Board discussed revisions and the proposed Inclusivity Statement was as follows: *SEDA Statement on Equality and Inclusivity - The Southern Eventing and Dressage Association (SEDA) is proud to represent all of its members, be a resource for the equestrian community, and to support inclusivity in all aspects of sport. We strive for continual improvement in our sports and our organization. We believe we are stronger together.* Motion by Marilyn was made to adopt the Statement, seconded by Paula. It was unanimously passed. The Board discussed that it was open to suggestions for options for inclusivity. Due to a request by a SEDA member to the Vice Chairman and Board and per the SEDA Policies and Procedures, a Recall meeting was scheduled after the Board meeting.

SEDA Nominations for Region 9 GMO Awards: Region 9 Volunteer of the Year – After much discussion and several candidates, the Board decided to submit a SEDA candidate. SEDA will also submit an article and the website for consideration of the USDF GMO Awards in their respective categories.

SEDA 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: T-shirts commemorating SEDA's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are available for sale, and posted on the SEDA website. More details on the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party (October 17) will be paused to see what the situation is regarding COVID. The location has been secured. (Judi will check to see if her contact would be available to DJ.) Sponsors for the Anniversary Party would be welcome. Pictures from the past, or even more recent, should be sent to Nicole. The 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lapel pins have come in, and are very attractive.

The SEDA Volunteer Coordinator position is open. The Fleur de Leap show is coming up in September, and the Board would like to fill the position before then. It could be possible to split the job between two people. Isabella volunteered to be part of a backup plan for Volunteer Coordinator and had some candidates in mind.

The USDF Region 9 Summer Meeting will be held August 1, 2020 from 2-4 pm on Zoom by Regional Director, Sherry Guess. Interested in attending can contact Sherry Guess.

The USDF Convention will also be held in December in a virtual format.

**Vice President** – Paula Gregory reported that she is in the process of applying for a grant under the Region 9 Adult Education Fund. Her proposal is a Zoom Sports Psychology Seminar; she had three potential speakers in mind. Paula also planned to apply for a GMO Education Initiative Grant to bring in judge/clinician to cover travel expenses. The venue would be donated.

**Eventing** – Emily Jackson has contracted with a judge for the September Fleur de Leap, Marty Taylor-Harper will be the show secretary. She has been working with USEA to update the contacts for the show. She will contact USEF to make sure that the correct contact, show manager and show secretary are listed. Emily has checked regarding COVID provisions and organization.

**Dressage** – Judi Dauterive feels that Le Bon Temps dressage show, scheduled for Halloween weekend, October 31-November 1, should be well-attended, since De Luna dressage show in Florida has canceled. She discussed some of the safety measures that will be used at the show. Judi requested and has received additional information from other GMOs who have hosted shows.

Judi said that Amen Corner would be holding their schooling show in September, and it would be a practice show for Le Bon Temps.

The SEDA Schooling Show Championships will be held January 23-24, 2021. There are a few more schooling shows with which to qualify for Schooling Show Championships.

**Juniors** – Isabella Rodwig reported that she and Paula may do a Zoom meeting with the Juniors in order not to lose connection with them. An ice cream or theme Zoom party was suggested. Once arrangements are made, Marie will include it on Bleeps. Since their show is postponed until 2021, a possible clinic was discussed. Isabella reached out to Juniors and parents and will investigate a combination dressage and jumping clinic for the Juniors. The weekend of January 9-10, 2021 was discussed as possible dates.

**Treasurer** – Since many activities have been paused due to COVID, Rebecca Smedley reported that there was not much change in SEDA's financial status. She did make the Board aware that there are SEDA bucks that people may be using for events, and discussed making show secretaries aware of the limit of \$100 SEDA bucks per event.

**Membership** – Natasha Fernandez said that SEDA received about 5 new members and 3 renewals for May and June. There are 119 current paid members. The USDF member and roster submission has been easier.

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

**Secretary** – Minutes have been posted.

**Recall Meeting** – The Vice President called the Recall Meeting to order. The recall policy and procedure was discussed, a Motion was made by Judi and seconded by Rebecca not to begin recall proceedings and the Board unanimously voted not to begin recall proceedings.

Adjourned at 8:58 PM.

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