

## **SEDA Board Meeting**

**August 4, 2021** – Zoom conference call.

Board Members Present: Marie Cobb, Judi Dauterive, Natasha Fernandez, Paula Gregory, Emily Jackson, Marilyn Kulifay, Nicole Miller, Isabella Rodwig, Rebecca Smedley. Guest: Sharon Londoño

Call to Order at 7:31 PM

**President** – Nicole conducted the meeting via Zoom.

Fund Raiser and Improvements to LEC for the benefit of SEDA Fleur De Leap shows: Guest Sharon Londoño updated the Board with the progress in fund-raising to update LEC's cross country course and jumps. Donations are still coming in, and she is working with two donors regarding donations for the water complex and the new bank complex. A third donor is working on donating materials. Jon Wells has built several new jumps, and Morgan Vaughn has taken lead on cleaning and updating existing jumps. She also updated the Board with exciting news about changes in the cross country course and new jumps and complexes. The goal is to have everything ready for the recognized Fleur de Leap show in October, but no one can guarantee completion date. Dr. McCarthy has contributed money and materials to help make the course better, as well as letting SEDA use the course. Sharon will continue to keep the Board updated through communication with Nicole. The Board was grateful for all of Sharon's efforts and excited about the level of community support for this project and Nicole stressed the importance of recognizing donors and all who made this project possible.

Elections: Nicole is working on Elections and discussed the need to 2 election officials to oversee the upcoming SEDA elections.

USDF GMO awards: Volunteer of the Year has been submitted. And the remainder of the nominations are due by August 31. The SEDA delegate designation for the USDF convention is due by August 31. The convention will be a hybrid - partially on-line and in-person in Houston, TX.

Region 9 Mid-Summer Meeting will happen on August 7 at 4:00 PM. It is a Zoom meeting. All are invited to attend. The link is posted on the Region 9 website.

**Vice President** – Paula has reserved Benedict's for the 2022 banquet. The date will be January 29, 2022. The contract has been signed and the deposit sent. Of note, the time frames for set-up (decorate) and tear down have been shortened per the contract. The contract also had more stringent provisions regarding cancellation. Due to the shortened times, a contest for the best decorated centerpiece was discussed. The centerpiece could be done by a barn or an individual. Paula will propose what the centerpieces theme will be, which will help determine the banquet theme. The basket raffle will also take place. The contract has been signed and the check has been sent.

**Treasurer** – Rebecca sent the Balance Sheet and P&L through June 30 by email before the meeting. The current bank account reflects the fund-raising efforts for improvements at the LEC cross country course that SEDA uses for its recognized and schooling eventing shows (but does not include the most recent July deposits).

**Eventing** – Emily reported that Morgan has headed up cleaning and pressure washing the cross country jumps at LEC and will soon start the painting and staining project. Emily has communicated the new plans for the Fleur de Leap show to Area V and Area V is supportive. Area V is also encouraging shows to add

Modified, but at this time, there is not enough land to be able to do it for Fleur de Leap. For 2022, the recognized Fleur de Leap show will be on the same weekend. (Emily noted that there is a conflict with Willow Draw, but that it should not affect the FDL show.)

**Dressage** – Judi reported that there has been an update to the 2021 Le Bon Temps judges, Judy Downer will take the place of Kristi Wysocki, who had a conflict arise. Judy will be ordering prizes and ribbons. She reminded the Board that we intend to have a competitor party and possible stall decorating competition. Since Judy has numerous responsibilities during the show, she suggested that SEDA look into having someone help organize and run the party. She also proposed to have a used tack sale at the show, where each person selling tack would rent the space and be in charge of selling their goods.

**Schooling Show Championships:** The Schooling Show Championships will be held on Saturday, with a clinic on Sunday. Judi has contacted Laura Ashley Killian to judge the Schooling Show Championships and confirmed that Laura is willing to stay on Sunday for the clinic.

**Affordable Dressage Clinic:** Paula suggested that SEDA could also find clinician(s) willing to donate their time for an Affordable Clinic, which would be low cost or free to SEDA members.

**Juniors** – Isabella is working on having a Juniors' breakfast. Hosting the breakfast at various events were discussed – Le Bon Temps, Fleur de Leap, or schooling shows. Paula suggested that the Juniors could have a priority spot at the Affordable Dressage Clinic. Judi suggested that Isabella talk to some trainers who could donate their time to an Affordable Dressage Clinic.

**Membership** – Natasha reported 2 new members, totaling 147 members for the 2021 year.

**Communications** – Marie will send out communications to SEDA members noting the updates to eventing, and all the deadlines and clinics. Marie will be busy from August to October with shows.

**Secretary** – Motion by Nicole, seconded by Paula to approve the minutes for May and June was passed unanimously. Marilyn has updated the Year End Awards, Guidelines for Organizers, and Volunteer Incentive Program hand-outs with review by the three SEDA score compilers (Emily, Meredith and Sally), Judi and Nicole. Judi and Nicole also reviewed the Schooling Show Championships update. On-line forms and fillable report forms to report scores will be drafted. Judi suggested that an updated checklist for organizers be drafted.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:43 PM by Rebecca, seconded by Emily.

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