

## **SEDA Board Meeting**

**February 21, 2022** – Zoom conference call.

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

Call to Order at 7:05 PM

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

1. The Banquet was great fun, 120 people attended and the jackets were well received.
2. New ideas for a clinic were to have a saddle fitting clinic by Zoom.
3. The Board voted not to extend the deadline for Awards retroactively for competitors who did not fulfill the requirements. Motion by Lydia, second by Judi, unanimous vote.
4. The minutes for December 2021 were approved.
5. The GMO membership challenge was discussed. The largest increase in GMO membership from February through July gets a full page ad in the Region 9 Omnibus plus an article about the GMO.

**Vice President** – The banquet was discussed and Nicole will conduct a venue inquiry.

**Treasurer** – Rebecca sent out financial reports and discussed the updates.

**Eventing** – Emily has been working to facilitate the completion of the cross country course. She is checking into whether we have a contract with the current course designer.

**Dressage** – Judi gave a recap on the Schooling Show Championships and how to encourage more competitors to participate. One suggestion was to send an invitation to those who qualified next year. Judi also indicated that more committees and volunteers are needed at the dressage shows due to the amount of work necessary to host the shows. Upcoming dressage show is The First Dance.

**Membership** – Lydia reported that as of February, there were 138 members.

**Juniors** – Isabella is formulating plans for 2022. She will conduct a poll (with assistance from Nicole) about the Juniors show, and what may be needed. She will consult with Judi about having Laura Ashley Killian conduct a clinic, and she will consult with Emily about a Dom Schramm clinic (to include Juniors). She will also encourage Juniors to attend Dressage 4 Kids clinics.

**Communications** – Marie is increasing the frequency of sending out the Bleeps.

**Secretary** – Continuing to work on Policy and Procedures for Board contact of Contractors.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm, Motion by Nicole, seconded by Marie.

### **Post Meeting Business**

Post February 21, 2022 meeting business:

1. On February 23, 2022, Lydia sent to Board members a prototype of an Invitation for Qualified Schooling Show horse/rider competitors.
2. On February 24, 2022, Judi presented a request from Sharon to use the leftover Banquet prizes for the FDL show. Passed.

3. On March 3, 2022, a request for a refund of competitor fees came through a Board member. The prize list stated no refunds after closing. The majority of the Board voted to abide by the prize list policy.
4. On March 14, 2022, a vote was taken to allow Natasha Fernandez to be a signatory on the Home Bank account. Passed.
5. On March 17, 2022, a vote was requested to allow Pony Club to move their Rally to May 6-7, 2022. Passed.
6. On March 25, 2022, a vote was requested to allow LEC to hold a combined test on April 9, and a horse trial on June 18 (previously approved, but switching dates). Approved.
7. On March 25, 2022, a request for feedback regarding potential venues for the Annual Banquet was sent for Board feedback.
8. On March 28, 2022, Judi requested approval to change her Schooling Show date to September 24-25, 2022. Approved.
9. On March 31, 2022, the Board approved a request to sponsor the Houston Dressage Society, Tex-Over Farms CDI in the amount of \$500.00 for 2022.
10. On April 19, 2022, the Board approved having the 2023 Annual Awards Banquet at Money Hill.
11. The next SEDA Board meeting will be May 16, 2022.