

## **SEDA Board Meeting**

**October 19, 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 7:35 PM

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

1. The first report was by Emily regarding the size of the crushed rock and footing at the water complex of the cross country. Emily, based on her experience, feels that the size of the rock is okay. A suggestion was to hire someone to look at the footing, and Emily will email Cathy W. to get her view. Since water is not normally kept in the water jump, Emily thought that a fee to fill the water jump for schooling would be in order. Schooling days at the water complex should be scheduled. The fee above regular schooling would go toward the maintenance of the water jump.

The bottom of the water jump (when drained) is solid. The footing along one side is uneven. Marie will take photos of the base and footing around the water complex.

It was pointed out that the division of responsibility between SEDA and LEC as to maintenance should be defined.

There was discussion of whether the water jump should be open for the December schooling show.

Marie pointed out in her experience that some events have a bucket of crushed limestone to fill any holes around jumps. Emily will ask Cathy W. if this would be a good idea.

Natasha will discuss with Sharon usage of the water complex.

2. The banquet theme is 70's/80's. Judi will check on a DJ. Nicole reported that the prizes have come in.
3. New SEDA bucks will not be ordered, as many people do not use them. Other volunteer incentives will be investigated. This is the last year for SEDA bucks, and the new incentive system will be publicized for the new year. Lydia is tracking volunteer hours. Lydia will track the incentives that someone is due.
4. The Board felt that there should not be an exemption of volunteer hours for trainers, but that the trainers' students could volunteer time and donate the hours for the trainer, or the trainer can pay the fee.
5. An issue was raised by Judi for Schooling Show Championships that there was a qualified horse that was not going to be available for Schooling Show Championships due to exceptional circumstances, and that there was a substitute horse available. The Board approved limited substitution for exceptional cases only. A substitution/change fee was discussed. Approval for

future substitutions will be at the discretion of the SEDA Board and may apply a change fee.  
Motion by Judi second by Marie, passed by Board

6. The shelves in the storage area at Lagniappe need to be replaced. Natasha suggested a work day, to replace the shelving and organize the shed. Nicole suggested taking measurements and metal shelving. Marie, Judi, Rebecca, Isabella, Emily Lydia, Natasha and Nicole will come on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The discussed budget was approximately \$500.
7. There was an inquiry as to whether SEDA could have a Paypal account. Nicole said that there is and that the address is [payments@sedariders.org](mailto:payments@sedariders.org) Rebecca needs to be notified when Paypal will be used to keep everything organized. (Paypal contact to be transferred to Board member.)
8. Laura Ashley Killian clinic was well received. Le Bon Temps has increased entries significantly over last year. Joe Stegman is cooking delicious food for the competitor party. Looking for an additional scribe. Need someone to help set up the party. Natasha and Isabella volunteered to help. The waiver for axe-throwing was discussed.
9. Marie wondered if SEDA could have an auto-renew provision for membership. Lydia is looking into how to set up auto-renew.
10. Mills Farm provided breakfast at the Dressage 4 Kids clinic. It was really enjoyable.
11. Show schedules: There was a show conflict for Sharon for FDL because USEA has the show Sept. 30 – Oct. 1. The USDF Region 9 Championship is Oct. 5-8, 2023. Emily will check with Area 5 as to what options are. Motion to approve LEC's show dates made by Nicole, seconded by Judi. Passed.
12. The Treasurer's report was provided by Rebecca. The SWDC check was sent in earlier in the year for show recognition.
13. Natasha will represent SEDA at the USDF Convention. She will be taking a basket.
14. Nicole reported that the SEDA won two USDF awards: one for website and one for Nicole's article about her clinic experience.
15. Lydia reported that she sent a note to Natasha, Nicole and Rebecca that Membership Works is going up to \$35 per month as of 2023. SEDA is approaching the limit, so Lydia is going to purge the people listed that have not renewed since 2018. SEDA has 21 people signed up for 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm, Motion by Marie, seconded by Nicole.

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**Post Meeting Business**

Post October 19, 2022 meeting business by email (next page):

1. Judi prevailed despite many challenges to a successful LBT.
  2. The management proposal for FDL Schooling Show submitted November 2, 2022 by Sharon was approved by the Board, as it was similar to the prior year.
  3. Natasha sent out feedback on the water complex and possible handling of indentations in the ground, i.e. using a sand rake and gravel to help even the ground.
  4. The Board agreed that cross country should be closed two weeks before the FDL Schooling Show.
  5. Judi sent a report about the Dressage Schooling Show Championships. Board to vote on qualification of competitors. Judi polled the Board about substitution of rider for Dressage Schooling Show Championships, Board recommended that if other competitors were okay with it, that it would be okay. Then substitution of horse with health issue – allowed.
  6. Nicole revised the Volunteer Incentive Program document for 2023.
  7. The Board supported breaking out Freestyles by Division for awards for rated/recognized shows.
  8. The Board voted to allow payment of membership by SEDA bucks.
  9. The Board voted to allow a competitor to participate for Awards upon retroactive correction.
  10. The Board voted on the Competing Volunteer of the Year and the Non-Competing Volunteer of the Year.
  11. The Board voted to donate an entry to recognized FDL to the Region V silent auction, so long as the USEF guidelines are followed.
  12. The Board voted to have Sharon manage the Spring FDL Schooling Show.
  13. Judi reported by email on the Dressage Schooling show Championship as a success.
  14. Nicole reported by email on a very successful Annual Banquet/Awards. Nicole has done further research on tweaks to make the Annual Banquet/Awards even more successful for next year.
- End.