

SEDA Board Meeting

July 15, 2024 – Zoom conference call.

Board Members Present: Natasha Fernandez, Danielle Aymond, Lydia Chiasson, Judi Dauterive, Emily Jackson, Marilyn Kulifay, Nicole Miller and Chrissy West. Excused absence: Marie Cobb.

Call to Order at 7:17 PM

President – Natasha conducted the meeting via Zoom.

1. Natasha reported that the \$500 sponsorship from SEDA was sent to HDS for the 2024 CDI.
2. The cross-country fund-raising has raised about \$6000 for renovating jumps. Thank you notes to contributors were discussed. Nicole requested a list of the sponsors so that they could be acknowledged and recognized.
3. SEDA plans on hosting the 2025 Region 9 Mid-Year meeting. Both New Orleans and Baton Rouge were discussed as possible locations. Natasha will check at the Region 9 meeting for preference as to location. Potential activities for the 2025 Summer meeting were discussed.
4. For SEDA's 50th anniversary, having a cake or decorations at the Annual Banquet was discussed. Both T-shirts and baseball caps with SEDA 50th anniversary logos were discussed.
5. A dues increase was discussed, and Emily made a motion to raise membership fees by \$3 for each membership level/category, and the motion was seconded by Judi. Approved by the Board.
6. An idea for sponsorships was to send out emails/Facebook messages to see if members wanted to sponsor a cross-country jump. This idea was tabled until 2025.
7. Volunteer of the Year for Region 9 was discussed and based on hours, Chrissy West was nominated by Marilyn nominated Chrissy and Nicole seconded. The Board approved the motion. Danielle's articles will be submitted for the USDF GMO articles awards.

Vice President – Banquet location is set; advertising has gone out for it. Nicole has ordered Champion and Reserve prizes. Reserve prizes are insulated cooler containers, Champion prizes will be chairs.

Dressage – Judi reported that for the Schooling Show Championships, 13 people are already qualified and 87 have paid fees, so could qualify. Le Bon Temps will be held in November, Dinah Babcock will judge. Danielle volunteered to scribe at the November show. Some additional publicity will be needed. Judi noted that the Louisiana Horse Council has grants that they award for various aspects of shows. She will send the information to Danielle, who has special expertise in grant-writing.

Eventing – Emily reported that we have all our officials for Fleur de Leap, the show secretary has been confirmed, and Emily has contacted an organizer to assist in running the show (Nicole Hackett's team-Pearl's Office). She was in the process of moving, so more details will follow. Cathy W. has been to Folsom, and there is a list as to repair of jumps, new jumps, and those to remove from the course. Since Starter is now recognized, those jumps need to be inspected to ensure that they comply with the rules. Emily is waiting for the builder to contact her. He brings his own supplies and equipment. The lumber company (Gabriel's Building Supplies) is giving SEDA the contractor discount.

Treasurer – Lydia sent out financial reports for January 1 – June 1, 2024. SEDA is in reasonable financial order. Marilyn will send the necessary paperwork to Home Bank.

Juniors – Danielle presented the plan for the Junior Good Sportsmanship Award at the last meeting. Danielle will send out the plan by email to Board members for an email vote. Danielle and Conner are working on a video clip to reach out to Juniors, Young Riders and Youth. Nicole suggested the video go up on the Facebook page, and to put a link on the SEDA website to go to the Facebook page.

Membership – Current membership is 176 members.

Mini-Olympics - Cameron D. had presented the idea for a Mini-Olympics next year at the prior meeting. The first step would be to establish a date. Danielle will check into the date. Tentatively it would be a one-day event.

USDF Region 9 Omnibus – Nicole suggested that Board members encourage fellow members to advertise in the Omnibus. Judi suggested that we have a 50th Anniversary party at Le Bon Temps (May 2025).

Motion to adjourn (8:30 pm) – Nicole moved to adjourn, and Chrissy seconded.

Post Meeting Business:

Aug. 26, 2024 – Natasha forwarded a request by the Regional Director to donate to the 2024 USDF Convention held in Houston in December. After email discussion, the Board voted to give \$250 to the USDF Convention, \$500 to GAIG/USDF Region 9 Championships, and \$250 to SWDC Championships.

Updates:

July 16, 2024 – Marilyn sent necessary paperwork to Home Bank.

Aug. 29, 2024 – Gerlinde Beckers – GrandBeck Farm sponsored a cross-country jump. The Board voted to fund the acknowledgement/thank you sign.

Oct. 5, 2024 – Danielle Aymond volunteered to write up the SEDA nominee for the Character of a Champion candidate and submit to Marsha Lewis for consideration at Region 9 Championships. The award is sponsored by the Yi family and Houston Dressage Society.

Oct. 15, 2024 – The Board voted to sponsor a Lauren Spreiser clinic on Jan. 18-19, 2025, at Kalie Beckers' facility. In return for use of the facility, Kalie will get two free rides and four volunteer hours. Danielle will apply for grants for the clinic. Marilyn sent her suggestions for grants.

Nov. 6, 2024 – The Board voted to purchase give-away bottle openers for the USDF convention at a cost of approximately \$360 and a cake celebrating SEDA's 50th anniversary.

Next meeting Monday, November 18, 2024.