

SEDRA 2011-2012 Year End Business Meeting
Saturday, June 30th 2012
Black Prong Equestrian Center

I. Call to Order @ 1:06pm by President, Kim Huck

II. Secretary's Report - Leah Greenleaf

Review and vote to accept 2011 annual meeting minutes

- a. Minutes from last year's meeting was printed in the program that was handed out at the door.
- b. After giving those members in attendance a few moments to look over those minutes, they were asked if there were any questions/comments/concerns to address and nothing was brought up.
- c. Kim Huck then asked for a motion to accept the minutes from last year's annual meeting as printed in the 2011-2012 Awards Banquet Program.
 1. Penny Staffney thus motioned.
 2. Alex Marx seconded the motion.
 3. No one opposed the motion; motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report - Caren Stauffer

- a. Caren presented the report as printed in the Awards Program.
- b. She told the membership present that a more complete log was available for them to look over back with her, upon request.
- c. Kim Huck then asked for a motion to accept the minutes from last year's annual meeting as printed in the 2011-2012 Awards Banquet Program.
 1. Jean Shaw thus motioned.
 2. Doug Shearer seconded the motion
 3. No one opposed the motion; motion passed.

IV. Committee Reports –

A. Rules – Carol Thompson

Review of rules voted on in 2011-2012 season. 140 ballots were sent out with 42 ballots being returned. Results are:

1. Unruly horse – passed.
2. No digital readout or displays – passed.
3. Cash awards – passed.
4. Bucking/Kicking straps for drivers – passed.

B. Sanctioning – Carolyn Maillard

1. In the 2011-2012 season, there were 7 SEDRA sanctioned CTRs and 26 SEDRA sanctioned endurance rides.
2. So far for the 2012-2013 season there are 4 SEDRA sanctioned CTRs and 13 SEDRA sanctioned endurance rides.
3. It was also brought up that GERA for 2012-2013 season (event just happened mid-June), was not sanctioned with SEDRA within the 60 day sanctioning rule; therefore, any SEDRA members who rode in this event will receive miles only, no points.

C. Drug Testing - Carolyn Maillard

1. Three tests were pulled during the season at various rides.
2. No positive tests were reported.

D. Membership – Caren Stauffer

1. 171 total members
 - a. 40 family memberships

- b. 101 single memberships
 - c. 21 junior memberships
 - d. 1 non-competing membership
 - e. 8 lifetime memberships
- 2. 28 new horses nominated this season; 5 futurity nominations; and 1 SERA/SEDRA Achievement nomination.
- E. Protest – Kim Huck presented information on behalf of Maris Ramsay who was not present.
 - 1. There was one protest this past season. Kim Huck read the highlights of the protest to those present and told them that the protest was reviewed by the Protest Committee and that the Committee gave their recommendations to the Board of Directors (BOD).
 - 2. The BOD reviewed the information and voted to uphold their recommendations.
 - 3. Kim Huck said that if there were any questions/comments about this protest to contact Maris Ramsay who headed up the Protest Committee.
- F. Appeals – Kim Huck presented information on behalf of Maris Ramsay who was not present.
The above mentioned protest was not appealed.
- G. Trails – Helen Koehler
 - 1. Helen Koehler told those present that support for trails is pretty “iffy” in the political scene.
 - 2. She also mentioned that the Florida National Scenic Trail, which is currently being managed for single-use, mainly hiking; could become a shared-use trail in the future as its single-use status is currently being questioned.
 - 3. Helen specified the need for riders to get to know the land managers where they ride. Also, it makes our type of organized events/rides become more receptive to the land manager when/if the ride manager will make a donation to that public land entity.
 - 4. Helen will be traveling to the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference (SETC) in KY, representing distance riding/driving in the SE. She will man the exhibit tables from SEDRA-SERA & AERC.
- H. Driving – Kim Huck presented information as Maris Ramsay/Linda Gasparini were not present.
 - 1. There were three CTRs open to drivers this past season (Boggy Creek, Withlacoochee, and the FHA 100).
 - 2. There were a total of four drivers this past season.
 - 3. Maris Ramsay’s horse, Mistral, was driven this year in the FHA 100 by Jackie Baker and completed. This is believed to be the first time ever in the state of Florida for such an accomplishment.
- I. Steward – Kim Huck
 - 1. This past year, Kim Huck took sections of the rule book and put them on-line for those who said that they were interested in being part of the “Steward Group” to look at and discuss.
 - 2. Kim asked the members present if they were interested in her doing that again this season.
 - 3. Carolyn Maillard suggested that it should be put out to the entire membership, not just the “Steward Group”.
 - 4. Kim will let us know how she is going to proceed with this during this ride season.

V. FHA Report – Wes Maillard

- a. New FHA President, Wes Maillard, discussed the FHA annual meeting which recently took place.
- b. The meeting was very productive with a great mixture of “experienced” and new members present.
- c. FHA 25 will be put on at Spruce Creek by Cheryl Van Deusen, IF A DATE CAN BE FOUND ON THE CALENDAR.
- d. FHA 2-Day 50 will be at O’Leno over the Thanksgiving weekend (November 23-25, 2012). It will be 25 miles each day. Trails will be marked by the Shaws.
- e. FHA 3-Day 100 will be at Black Prong March 14-17, 2013. The facilities have electric sites, showers, and stalls.

VI. Old Business

- a. On-line voting
 - 1. Kim Huck asked for a volunteer to head up a committee to gather information on using on-line voting (price, privacy concerns, etc. addressed).
 - 2. Susan Wilson volunteered her services and will begin to gather the information to present to the BOD.
- b. Database

1. Carol Thompson has a skeleton version but needs someone to tutor her in the ins and outs of the program, "Access"
2. No one at the meeting had knowledge of the program (or at least no one spoke up).

VII. New Business –

A. Special Awards Nominations and Ballot

1. Every member was given a ballot and told to look at the information printed in the program about the following special awards that will be present later at our Awards Banquet:
 - a. Cathy Booth
 - b. Mickey Blanford
 - c. Kings OCS Lad
2. Each award was talked about, current nominees were listed, and nominations were solicited from the floor.
3. Members were then to vote.
4. Ballot counters were Norma Caron and Debbie Price.

B. Board of Directors Nominations and Ballot

1. On the same ballot mentioned above, the BOD nominations were listed.
2. Nominations were solicited from the floor.
 - a. Majority of meetings were held via "Go To Meeting" (phone service) approximately every 6 weeks.
 - b. Between meetings, any necessary business was conducted via BOD emails.
 - c. First meeting of the year was held in person; as was the last meeting of the season.
3. No more nominations came from the floor, so Carolyn Maillard made a motion to accept the BOD slate of nominations as presented on the ballot.
4. Penny Staffney seconded the motion.
5. No one opposed the motion; motion passed.

President = Maris Ramsay
 Vice-President = Jackie Baker
 Treasurer = Caren Stauffer

Corresponding Secretary = Leah Greenleaf
 Awards Secretary = Carol Thompson
 Ride Secretary = Carolyn Maillard

Directors = Butch Duval , Maria Florkiewicz, Kim Huck, Lindsay Campbell, Lauren King

Alternate Directors = Denise Secino, Tom Florkiewicz, Stephanie Sutch

Quick Break taken here from 2-2:10pm

C. Lifetime membership vote (approved) – Shelley Scott-Jones spoke about the recipient, Wes Maillard.

D. SEDRA Fall Clinic – Kim Huck

1. Much discussion about this.
2. The idea is to bring in new people and help those new people get their start in distance riding.
3. Vicky Thompson's idea
 - a. "The Basics"
 - b. Small group rotations (ideas)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Current judge (discusses what a judge looks for) ii. Bits and equipment iii. The trot out iv. Camp site set-up options v. Pulse / cooling down your horse 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> vi. Conditioning program vii. The weather and how it affects what you need at a ride (for you and your horse) viii. Breeds of horses (distance riding isn't just for Arabians) ix. Care of horse at a ride x. Care of rider at a ride
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4. Ed Casillas – PDF file on our site like AERC does for newbies to reference.
5. Carol Thompson
 - a. Have an experienced rider do the fun ride at one of the rides and be there for the newbies to ask questions. Fun Riders do not have to stay with the experienced rider / mentor, but they are there to help.

- b. Clinic needs to also include information for the experienced rider. Suggestions of what you experienced riders would like to have at a clinic for you?
 - 6. Debbie Price
 - a. Has done informal, monthly mock rides with camping outside of the ride season.
 - b. Lake Louisa would be a great place to do this.
 - c. Have people go out in small groups with a designated group leader to guide them. Do a short loop, return to camp to switch group leaders (head out again on a different loop with a different group leader, thus different information, different approach to distance riding, etc).
- E. Discussion of trailering in on ride morning for points – Pros and cons
 - 1. Much discussion on this.
 - 2. Some cons mentioned:
 - a. Horse at home night before will eat and sleep better in its own barn/pasture, which may lead to an unfair advantage.
 - b. Horse at home night before wouldn't be out in whatever weather conditions the horses at camp would be subjected to (ie- not under cover if raining), which may lead to an unfair advantage.
 - c. Riders coming morning of would miss the meeting and trail information.
 - d. Vets and judges would have to arrive even earlier to vet-in these horses before the ride starts.
 - 3. Stated that this might bring in more riders to a CTR if they didn't have to camp out the night before.
 - 4. Idea to allow this with a point deduction for doing so. Also limit the number allowed to do so (so that there is time for the vetting-in process and still get the ride going on time).
 - 5. Informal vote taken with the results being 9 votes to allow this without any point deduction and 14 votes against allowing this.
 - 6. With the number of attendees at CTRs going down, it was also discussed that maybe a survey should be sent out asking people why they do/don't do CTRs. Why they do/don't do endurance rides. We might be able to address some of these reasons and boost attendance at rides.
- F. Carol Thompson said that the SEDRA Education Fund was originally meant for educating veterinarians about our sport. Discussion about whether or not we should have our CTR veterinarians certified by watching a DVD and taking a test. Tabled for now.
- G. Michelle Shearer asked SEDRA to join the Greenway Equestrians as a group for \$18 for the year. SEDRA would then get one vote. Others mentioned that this would then lead to SEDRA needing to join other groups (why just the Greenway Equestrians?). Tabled until next BOD meeting.

VIII. Adjourn

- A. Motion to adjourn made by Chris Littlefield.
- B. Seconded by Cheryl Van Deusen.
- C. No one opposes.
- D. Motion carries.
- E. Meeting adjourned at 3:27pm.

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Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Advertising Programs	975.00
Award Programs	1,959.00
Educational Programs	105.00
Sanctioning Programs	1,485.00
SEDRA Membership	4,223.00
Tack Swap	20.00
Trails Preservation	310.00

Total Income 9,077.00

Expense

Advertising Programs Expense	543.12
Award Program Expense	5,333.38
Membership and Administrative	898.87
Educational	0.00
Sanctioning Program Expense	110.00
Trail Preservation Program	287.00

Total Expense 7,172.37

Interest Income 9.94

Net Income 1,914.57

	Sponsor							
Units	F	S	J	JR	NC	L	Mbrs	
134	40	101	12	0	1	8	171	
	28 Horses Nominated							
	5 Futurities							
	1 SERA/SEDRA Achievement Nominations							

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