

SEDRA 2015- 2016 Year End Membership Meeting Minutes June 25, 2016

1. Call to order by President Maria Florkiewicz @ 12:23

Thanks to all who set up today, Lindy and Kim for the ballots, Maris for the slide show, public land owners, private land owners, award sponsors and the Board of Directors.

2. Vice President's Report: This year Lindsay and her committee developed the criteria for Special Awards and Hall of Fame. Thanks to Carol Thompson, Stephanie Sutch, Megan Davis, Mary Nord, Leah Greenleaf and Jackie Baker.

3. Corresponding Secretary's Report (2015: Jo Harder)

a) The annual Meeting Minutes from June 27, 2015 were reviewed. Maris made a motion to approve the minutes, Carol Thompson seconded. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

4. Treasurer's Report (Kim Huck)

a) The Treasurer's Report from June 27, 2015 was reviewed. Jo Harder moved to approve the report, Tom Florkiewicz seconded. All were in favor. The 2015-2016 Annual Treasurer's Report was approved.

b) Kim noted that SEDRA made a profit due to the clinic which brought in some new members. Kim also suggested that SEDRA support trails organizations such as Greenway Equestrians and Back Country Horsemen with yearly memberships.

5. Update on membership. (Carol T. and Kim)

a) Carol requested that members take brochures to other horse events, hunter paces, etc. Chris Littlefield shared that her local trail club in the Tallahassee area is willing to reciprocate with information about activities on each other's website. We may be able to extend this opportunity with other clubs as well. It was suggested to place SEDRA brochures at all other trail heads. Michelle Shearer mentioned that the Greenway equestrians are at the Tack Shack to promote their organization. Riding clubs have placed mounting blocks at trail heads. Please let Carol T. know if anyone has other ideas for increasing awareness of our organization. Membership numbers are provided in the treasurer's report.

6. Sanctioning Secretary's Report (Tom Florkiewicz)

a) In the 2015-2016 ride season, there were 6 SEDRA sanctioned CTRs and 22 sanctioned SEDRA Endurance rides.

b) Presently there are 5 SEDRA sanctioned CTR's and 22 sanctioned endurance rides sanctioned for 2016 – 2017.

c) Tom reviewed the process for rule changes and answered questions from the membership. The bottom line is if you want a rule change, put it in writing and submit it to the Board of Directors. The BOD decides if it should be presented to the general membership for voting at the annual meeting. Two thirds of the membership must agree with the rule for it to pass. If the BOD does not approve the request, the person submitting will be notified. The person requesting the rule has the option to reword the rule and resubmit.

7. Website: Jo Harder

a) The goal for the website is to have all information from the distanceriding.org website on the sedrariding.org website as well as ride results by the end of the summer. Discussion ensued on how to make the web site more user friendly. Members stated that they prefer the old web address distanceriding.org instead of sedrariding.org because it is easier to remember. Additionally, our brochures have the "distanceriding.org" address. Jo will see if this can be done without losing any data. Another suggestion was

to allow submission of rule changes on the web site using a submission form. It was also proposed to put the photo album back on the site which will be done.

8. Facebook - One member commented that he/she doesn't want to have an open Facebook page. Kim Huck, our Facebook page manager stated that we have not had any problems with nasty comments thus far. It is mostly a venue for sharing information at this time.
9. Committee Reports
 - a) Protest Committee (Lucy Hood): No protest this year.
 - b) Appeals Committee (Ruth Ann Pivirotto): No appeals this year.
 - c) Judges and Judging Committee (Wes Maillard): Discussion about the issue of judges being hands on with the horse at the same time as the vet (see rule change section g). Since CTR is dying, FHA is going to have 2 vets. One will be the trail judge and one the regular vet.
 - d) Public Relations Committee (Lindy Griffith): Best of America by Horseback, Article on Hydration written by Lindy and Carol Thompson is on the website. Please submit any ideas to increase publicity via email to the committee.

A suggestion was made to send the newsletters as attachments in an email to membership to keep everyone up to date.

Trailhead kiosk posting – It was agreed that this is a good idea if allowed by trail personnel. Also, for Horse and Pony when we advertise, we can write an article to go with it. Suggestion was made to put a calendar showing with our advertisement for upcoming rides.

- e) Drug testing Committee (Denise Secino) Member: Tom Florkiewicz. This year the drug testing policy was fully implemented. The riders were randomly selected. There was one positive drug test at the 25/100 CTR in February. There were six ride opportunities for drug testing this year of which two were selected in accordance with our rules providing a 33% testing rate. The rider with the positive horse is under a one year suspension. If she has another positive test ever again, she will be banned for life. The rule requires disqualification for the entire year of the offense, “any repeat offender of illegal drug use will be permanently barred from SEDRA competitions”.
- f) Trails Preservation Committee (Doug Shearer): SEDRA members have helped maintain trails throughout Central Florida. Doug will be going to the National Trail Ride Organization meeting in NC in July. We are very fortunate in Florida since we are gaining trails. Most other states are losing trails. It is important to volunteer for the trail maintenance and then use the trails. There are a few BCHA (Back Country Horse Association) organizations that are working with trails and the trail managers. Greenway Equestrians work with SWFMD, for example. Jo stated that 23,000 acres were purchased from the Babcock Ranch in South West Florida. There are also new trails at Silver Springs as well. Jo asked if trail markers can be purchased through the SEDRA Trails Preservation fund. This is a possibility.
- g) Rules Committee (Carol Thompson): This was an Ad Hoc Committee this year. Their goal was to develop a definition and purpose for the Rules Committee. This was done, and we will be voting on whether or not to establish this committee. This committee has also worked on the rule book. All the rules that were passed by the BOD with a two-thirds vote and voted on by the general membership are in the current rule book, which is titled 2016. Thanks to Carol, Norma Caron, and Tom Florkiewicz for their efforts.
- h) Education Committee (Vicky Thompson and Carol Thompson): Vicky put on another successful clinic this year assisted by BeBe Edwards and Sherry Tornwall. Thanks to all the clinic volunteers. The clinic was very successful.
- i) Nominating Committee (Tom Florkiewicz): Thanks also to Lindsay and Stephanie

Nominations and Elections for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors Officers: Directors and alternates Directors were voted on at the end of the meeting.

Slate of officers for the 2016-2017 Season:

Officers	Directors	Alternate Directors
President – Maria Florkiewicz	Leah Greenleaf	Kim Minarich
Vice President – Lindsay Campbell	Jo Harder	Ruth Ann Pivrotto
Corresponding Secretary – Lindy Griffith	Lucy Hood	Donna Shoaf
Treasurer – Kim Huck	Denise Secino	
Awards Secretary – Carol Thompson	Duffy Willard	
Sanctioning Secretary – Tom Florkiewicz		

10. Special Awards Voting:

Special Awards were voted on by the membership. Results are as follows:

- a. Cathy Booth Memorial horsemanship Award: Linda Kropp.
- b. Mickey Blanford Excellence in Competition Award: Yvette Vinton.
- c. King’s OCS Lad Memorial Trail Horse Award: Teese.

11. Proposed Rule Changes and New Rules:

- a) Discussion was held on each rule and proposed rule with Q&A from the members. One member recommended listing rule numbers that are being voted on in the future. A quick Board meeting was called by Maria in order to obtain a two-thirds vote to change the wording of the Rules Committee. There was a unanimous vote by the board to change the wording. Therefore, a change to the wording of the definition of the rules committee was submitted by Maris Ramsay and voted on unanimously by the BOD and the general membership. Significant discussion was held on the rule for having a veterinarian present. This proposal will stand to be voted on.
- b) Members voted by ballot. All proposed rules were passed.

12. Old Business:

- a) Data Base is still in progress. (Carol Thompson).
- b) The committee for Special Awards and HOF did a great job coming up with the criteria.

13. New Business:

1. FHA Report – Tom Florkiewicz. Tom brought an informative display on FHA history to the meeting. The FHA/SEDRA distance riding clinic will be held October 1st and 2nd at Renab Ranch. The FHA 25 will be held at Doug and Michelle Shearer’s place October 8th, 2016.
2. Accomplishments this year:
 - i. We have an updated Rule Book on the Website (version 2016).
 - ii. Lindsay and her ad hoc committee worked diligently on the criteria for Special Awards and Hall of Fame.
 - iii. The drug testing procedure has been fully implemented.
 - iv. We have codified the definition of the Rules Committee (the general membership voted to make this a standing committee).

14. Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Florkiewicz and was seconded by Lucy Hood. The meeting was

15. adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully Recorded by Lindsay Campbell and typed by Lindy Griffith

SEDRA
Treasurer's Summary Report
Income/Expense Summary

	<u>Jun '15 - May 16</u>	<u>Jun '14 - May 15</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Advertising Program	759.50	458.00
Awards Program	1,430.00	2,412.00
Educational Program	2,592.50	1,815.00
Sanctioning Program	1,895.00	1,430.00
SEDRA Membership Program	4,026.00	4,324.00
Tack Swap Income	25.00	0.00
Trails Preservation	225.50	427.00
Total Income	<u>10,953.50</u>	<u>10,866.00</u>
Gross Profit	10,953.50	10,866.00
Expense		
Advertising Program Expense	829.00	1,749.09
Award Program Expense	5,302.95	7,441.22
Educational Program Expense	2,471.56	1,557.67
Membership and Administra...	1,402.68	171.51
Sanctioning Program Expen...	183.75	-132.25
Trails Preservation Program	350.00	100.00
Total Expense	<u>10,539.94</u>	<u>10,887.24</u>
Net Ordinary Income	413.56	-21.24
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Interest Income	3.55	9.18
Total Other Income	<u>3.55</u>	<u>9.18</u>
Net Other Income	3.55	9.18
Net Income	<u><u>417.11</u></u>	<u><u>-12.06</u></u>