

E.I. Board Meeting Minutes

09/28/2014 Meeting

Attendees:

Diana Axness, Rebecca Chatfield, Gunn Cooper, Lori Fleming, Sarah Johnson, Lynn McGrew, Alison Moss

Agenda and Notes

Rebecca Chatfield called the Board meeting to order at 3:05.

1. Northwest Sporthorse Breeders Association – Rebecca Chatfield

Rebecca introduced Chris Brederson and Laurie McLaughlin, President and Vice President, respectively, of Northwest Sporthorse Breeders Association (NWSHBA). NWSHBA has a membership of approximately 40 and a Board of Directors of 9. It has historically had members breeding horses for all disciplines, but currently focuses on dressage sporthorse breeding. Its major event is the Sporthorse championships, which are usually held the last weekend in August.

From NWSHBA's perspective, becoming a division of E.I. offers the opportunity to eliminate duplicate activities (e.g. insurance and membership) and access E.I.'s stronger infrastructure (e.g. website; Treasurer). Elimination of duplicate activities would free up time to pursue educational opportunities benefitting the division members.

If E.I. creates a sporthorse breeding division, NWSHBA understands that the division would need to be self-sustaining financially and would have its own show committee. NWSHBA would also like the division to have a year-end banquet and be well represented on the Board.

The Board then discussed the due diligence required before making a decision on the creation of a new division that would incorporate NWSHBA or its members: (1) obtain a legal opinion on how to structure the transaction to maintain E.I.'s non-profit status and protect it from any potential liability; (2) obtain and review NWSHBA's by-laws and recent financial information; (3) prepare an email to E.I.'s membership. The Board agreed that the first two steps should be initiated within one week.

2. Year End Wrap-Up – Rebecca Chatfield

Rebecca reviewed the need to renew E.I.'s affiliations (USEF, USDF, USEA, ADS) and the Board's 2014 Task List.

3. Board Succession Planning- All

Rebecca, Lynn, Lori and Alison are retiring at the end of their term (November, 2014). The primary succession task is recruiting new Board members, particularly

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a member willing to serve as Director of the Dressage Division.

Gunn will take over the post office box.

Sarah is willing to serve as Director for the Driving Division.

Lynn will continue on the Dressage Committee and will run the scribe clinic and a mounted clinic.

4. Division Reports

a. Driving Division – Diana Axness

The approved 2014 budget showed a loss of \$1,064; the year end result will likely be a profit of \$1,400. The Board congratulated Diana on a superb result. Diana advised that Sarah did a great job getting sponsors and donors, who are recognized with banners at Driving events. The Division has a good relationship with Happy Trails. The Division has worked hard to keep the E.I brand. Diana asked Gunn to determine whether our insurance covers the contents of the Division's cargo trailer.

b. Dressage Division – Lynn McGrew

Lynn reviewed the budget for the Don Schramm Cross-Training clinic. A nice mix of disciplines and age groups attended.

The Division has retired the perpetual trophies. They used to be displayed at Olson's in between awarding them to new recipients. The Board recommended continuing to display them if Olson's is willing until the Division decides what to do with them.

5. Report on Meadowood – Rebecca Chatfield

Rebecca reported on the background, status of, and plans for the Meadowood facility. It is a potential venue for future events for all disciplines.

6. 2014 Annual Meeting - All

The Board concurred that E.I. should hold a Holiday Bazaar prior to the annual meeting. Rebecca requested Division Directors to send her updated PowerPoint slides for the annual meeting. Diana reported that the slide show of pictures from E.I. events was very popular and asked members to send her pictures for inclusion in this year's slide show.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm