

E.I. Board Meeting Minutes 10/19/2014 Meeting

Attendees:

Diana Axness, Rebecca Chatfield, Gunn Cooper, Meika Decher, Sarah Johnson, Penny Leggott, Lynn McGrew

Agenda and Notes

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

1. Division Reports

a. Eventing Division – Meika Decher

Meika presented year end financials for eventing. The year end EI Horse Trial in September had excellent attendance and financial results. The only thing that could have been better is a better plan could have been developed for serving the volunteers.

Additional eventing equipment will be purchased with the profits from the 2014 eventing shows. A dressage arena and letters has already been purchased. Meika presented a plan for the additional needed equipment and expenses which include a cargo trailer to haul the equipment, storage fees, insurance, red and white flag poles from cross country (which are safer then the wood poles currently used), and ads in Flying Changes.

b. Dressage – Gunn Cooper on the J Ashton Moore Clinic

The Friday dinner lecture was a good experience and those attending found the information presented valuable. Similarly the Saturday and Sunday clinic was well received. All of the ridden clinic openings were booked. There were not as many auditors as anticipated. Overall the clinic cost about \$3600 more than expenses – which is acceptable since this was an educational offering and within our charter for providing equestrian educational opportunities.

c. Driving – Diana Axness

The 2014 driving event results were presented at the previous board meeting. The driving committee is now planning for the 2015 events.

2. Annual Meeting Preparations – Rebecca Chatfield

Rebecca will prepare the presentation for the meeting. Each of the divisions and the Treasurer need to provide information for their presentations to Rebecca.

3. Affiliates Renewal Status – Rebecca Chatfield

Affiliate renewals for USDF, ADS, and USEA needs to be completed by December 2014. Gunn Cooper will handle the affiliate renewals.

4. Board Succession Updates including IT Management – All

Rebecca Chatfield, Lynn Palmer, Alison Moss, and Lori Fleming will all be retiring from the EI board at the end of this term. Their service to the board is greatly appreciated. Rebecca's excellent leadership of the board for the last 5 years was brought forward during the meeting as something that needs to be recognized. Her dedication and stellar leadership has been instrumental in EI's success and the creation/update of governance documents. Similarly Lynn's leadership of the dressage division, Alison's diligence as the board secretary, and Lori's service on the board were recognized and appreciation expressed.

5. Discussion of NWSHBA/Sporthorse Division Idea - All

We have received the bylaws and 2012 tax documents from the Northwest Sporthorse Breeders Association. Allison Moss received legal advice from a lawyer colleague. There was a general consensus that there is a good business case for adding a Sporthorse Breeding division to Equestrians Institute since sporthorses are used in all three of the current EI divisions. Plus there is already a sporthorse day as part of the Chablis dressage weekend.

It was decided that the decision to add a Sporthorse division would occur after the EI Annual meeting and would become a 2015 board decision. If the NWSHBA votes to dissolve their organization at their annual meeting, EI can vote on adding a new Sporthorse Breeders division. This would not be a merger and EI would not assume any liabilities of NWSHBA. Additional legal counsel will be sought to ensure we have an acceptable plan that does not create additional liabilities for EI. Gunn Cooper has the action to contact EI's legal counsel for advice.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.