

USDF EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB) MEETING

Teleconference – September 11, 2023

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Members Present:

George Williams, President	Kevin Reinig, Vice President
Debra Reinhardt, Secretary	Lorraine Musselman, Treasurer
Bettina Longaker, Region 1 Director	Debby Savage, Region 2 Director
Charlotte Trentelman, Region 3 Director	Anne Sushko, Region 4 Director
Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director	Noah Rattner, Region 6 Director
Carol Tice, Region 7 Director	Helen van der Voort, Region 8 Director
Bess Bruton, Region 9 Director	Susan Mandas, Activities Council Director
Sue McKeown, Technical Council Director	Barbara Cadwell, Administrative Council Director

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Sarah Garn, Kathie Robertson, Connie Huy, Stephan Hienzsch, Ross Creech, Sarah Delahanty, Sharon Vander Ziel, Melissa Schoedlbauer, Krystina Wright, Chelsey Burris

Guest in attendance: Roberta Williams and Roz Kinstler joined the meeting for the USDF nominee for the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award agenda item.

The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m. EST by Zoom teleconference.

Determination of quorum, roll call and conflicts of interest

Approval of agenda

Heather Petersen moved and Noah Rattner seconded **to approve the agenda**. Motion carried.

USDF nominee for the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award

FEI Youth Committee Chair Roberta Williams and National Youth Programs Committee Chair Roz Kinstler joined the meeting to provide an overview of the nominees, then left the meeting.

Heather Petersen moved and Noah Rattner seconded **to put Ryder Mosqueda forward as the USDF nominee for the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award**. Motion carried

President's remarks

The Para Equestrian Dressage Association has made a request for USDF to assimilate para representation, which is in the preliminary stage of being explored.

Executive Director's remarks

Sponsorships for this year have all been renewed for the regional championships and US Dressage Finals. ProElite (a Cargill brand) has signed on as title sponsor of the ProElite/USDF Breeders Championship Series.

Adult Programs Committee – Additional convention topics

Sue Mandas moved and Debby Savage seconded **to recommend the following topics for education sessions at the 2023 annual convention in this order: Training Challenges (but**

don't limit to 3rd and 4th Levels); Conformation; and Total Rider Wellness as back-up. Motion carried.

Policies and Procedures proposed edit – Judges Committee structure – Stephan Hienzsch
Sue McKeown moved and Bess Bruton seconded to approve the proposed edit as written with an effective date of 1/1/24. Motion carried.

USDF appointment to USEF FEI International Disciplines Council – George Williams
Heather Petersen moved and Charlotte Trentelman seconded to appoint Lisa Gorretta to the USEF FEI International Disciplines Council for another term. Motion carried.

Chair of the L Program Committee – George Williams
Helen van der Voort moved and Kevin Reinig seconded to appoint Joan Darnell as chair of the L Program Committee and Kathy Rowse as vice chair, effective January 1, 2024. Motion carried.

USEF Pegasus Awards – George Williams
Charlotte Trentelman moved and Noah Rattner seconded to nominate the following:
Sonnenberg Farm, LLC – Ellen Scripps Davis Memorial Breeder's Cup
Lois Yukins – Lifetime Achievement Award
Taylor Allen – Junior Equestrian of the Year
Lilo Fore and Hilda Gurney – Walter B. Devereux Sportsmanship Award
Carol Lavell – The Richard E. McDevitt Award of Merit
Motion carried.

Possible spring meeting dates for 2024 – George Williams
The spring meeting will be held on April 23rd (all day) and 24th (AM), 2024.

Schedule Zoom meeting for October – George Williams
The next Executive Board meeting via Zoom will be Monday, 10/16, 6 p.m. EST.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Reinhardt
USDF Secretary