

SEFHA Meeting Minutes April 10, 2012

SEFHA members met on April 10 at 6:30 in the banquet room of El Cazador Restaurant in Chatham. There were 27 members present. Dave called the meeting to order at 6:50 and Mike Bruce gave the blessing before food orders were taken.

Elections for the four officers and five board of directors were held. Ballots were handed out to each member present for the meeting. The four officers ran unopposed and have all accepted continuing in their positions. (Reggie Meads takes Lisa Tuite's place as Vice President). There were seven nominees for the five board of director positions. Nominees were: Deb Bender, Mike Bruce, Logan Barker, Judy Schwepee, Susan Newton, Bill Scott, and Karen Hill. Lisa Tuite and Marsha Barksdale tallied the ballots and the new board of directors are:

- Deb Bender
- Mike Bruce
- Logan Barker
- Bill Scott
- Susan Newton

The SEFHA officers hold their position for one year; the boards of director positions are held for two years.

Dave talked about being a judge for the colt starting challenge held in Yadkinville, NC several weeks ago. There were some great horses and competitors at the challenge and Dave acknowledged how much he enjoyed being a part of the competition. Dave has been asked to return next year and graciously accepted.

Bill Scott, and his wife, Martha have invited all SEFHA members and their families to a hot dog supper at their home on June 2 at 6:30. Their address is 1345 Tight Squeeze Road, Chatham, VA. Dave will send out an email with the address and other information. Bill asked that members RSVP so he would know how many to expect and how many to cook for.

Lisa Tuite had spoken to Dave prior to the club meeting about the Gretna Memorial Day Parade. Dave asked how many members would be interested in participating. The parade will be held in the daytime on Saturday, May 26 and participants are asked to dress in patriotic attire. Reggie Meads volunteered to be the contact person between SEFHA and Gretna parade officials.

In our last meeting members were asked to consider SEFHA becoming a member of the Virginia Horse Council. The cost is \$100 annually and it is felt that being a member will benefit SEFHA and help us stay informed on current state legislation that may affect the horse community, as well as help advertise SEFHA in the state. Linda Singer made a motion for SEFHA to become a member, and Lisa Tuite seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously to become a member.

Dave reminded everyone of the St. Jude Ride being held on April 28 at Cloverdale Farms in Sutherlin, VA. The ride starts at 10:00, the entry fee is \$25 and participants must bring a current negative Coggins. 100% of the proceeds will be sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

SEFHA members that attended the Cheraw, SC camping/trail riding weekend shared their fun weekend stories with SEFHA members. Dave told members that the campground is awesome and that the trails for riding are great, mostly very easy trails that anyone can ride.

Alvin Petty and Dave are working on the sponsorship advertising for our 2012 Colt Starting

Challenge, and they have designed a new sponsorship application. SEFHA will use Pip Printing again for printing the programs. Dave will email a copy of the application to SEFHA members and anyone that wants to contact possible sponsors can make copies. The cut off for accepting ads this year will be September 1. Prices for the sponsors will be the same as last year, however, as mentioned in our last meeting, we will not offer a $\frac{3}{4}$ page ad, we will offer $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and full page. The inside covers and back cover have already been taken (sponsors from last year were offered these spaces first and all have acknowledged that they wish to have those spots again). Cheryl mentioned that we have plenty of programs left over from the 2011 Colt Starter Challenge and members may wish to use them when making contacts for program sponsors.

Dave also mentioned that Pepsi will be a sponsor at the St. Jude ride on April 28, and Dave would like to talk with Pepsi and see if they are interested in being a sponsor for the 2012 Colt Starter Challenge. Dave will also try to make contact with the newspapers and television stations again in hopes of gaining coverage for the event. Mike Bruce stated that we still do not have the finished DVD's from last year's challenge, but we hope to have them soon.

Dave announced that he had received an email from Ann Walker at Dogwood Farm in Axton, Virginia. Ann wanted SEFHA members to know about the upcoming Competitive Trail Challenge on June 30. Members are encouraged to participate, or volunteer for the event. More information may be obtained by going to www.ACTHA.us.

Mandy Wrenn passed around a flyer for a local child that is in need of financial funds for medical bills. SEFHA members discussed holding a benefit trail ride to raise money. Scharlie Dillon is a seven year old that suffers from an incurable disease called Eosinophilia Esophagitis. Other than cantaloupe, grapes, potatoes, and apples, Scharlie is allergic to nearly every food and weighs a mere 35 pounds. Susan Newton made a motion that SEFHA host a benefit trail ride and the motion was seconded by Deb Bender and all members voted unanimously to host the benefit ride. More details will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next SEFHA meeting will be held on May 8 at 6:30.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth (Lisa) Geyer

April 13, 2012