

Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2011

The SEFHA club members met on August 16 at El Cazador Restaurant in Chatham in the banquet room at 6:30, with 22 members present. After placing food orders, David said the blessing in advance, and the meeting was called to order.

Ads for the program are going well, but we need more sponsors. David asked all members to approach anyone they could think of to take an ad in the Colt Starting Invitational program. Many of the merchants we have approached have said yes, but there have been a lot of no answers too. Triangle Cycle has been approached to take out an ad, but they also requested that they be able to display one of their 4 wheeler vehicles on the day of the invitational. David questioned if allowing Triangle Cycles to display without paying an additional fee was fair to all of the others that paid the same price to advertise and not display products. After discussion, it was decided that Triangle Cycles would pay the advertising cost plus be allowed to display a 4 wheeler if they paid the additional \$50 for a vendor space. It was also mentioned that if Triangle Cycles displayed a 4 wheeler, it would be courteous to advise Blackwell Dodge that someone else would have a display at the event.

Members discussed how many port-a-johns would be needed for the event. It was decided that two would be needed. Jerry Shedd agreed to contact Handy John and make reservations for the port a john to be rented for one day, with delivery being on Friday afternoon, and pick up any time after 4:00 on Saturday.

There are three entrances to Chatham Hall; one on Route 57, one in the town of Chatham, and one on Chalk Level Road. Cathy Petty will check and make sure that it is okay to use all three entrances, or if Chatham Hall prefers we only use one or two entrances for the event. There will a club member stationed at all allowed entrances to collect tickets.

There was also discussion on the sound system. Due to cost, it is not feasible to purchase the necessary equipment. David had done research on the Internet and found a site that rents sound equipment. One site offered renting two speakers and two wireless headsets, leaving the club to only purchase one additional wireless headset. The purchased headset could be used at other SEFHA events. Dave was going to check on the cost for renting equipment.

So far, we have 5 judges considered for the event. James Morris, Sue Garish, Charles Mentor, Jr., Ginger Henderson, and possibly, Ken McNabb! If Ken McNabb agrees to be a judge, Dave stated that we would work something out to pay for his plane ticket.

The club discussed giving the new Agricultural Center a free full page ad as a way of helping to support and promote the center. When the center opened last year, SEFHA made a \$500 donation. Mike Bruce made a motion that the club give the Ag Center a free full page ad and the motion was seconded by Lisa Geyer, all members were in favor.

Dave has worked hard with the Vacaro western saddle for the grand prize and getting the cost lowered. It seems that the final price will be \$1,100 (original price was \$1,700). Susan Newton made a motion that the club accept the price and purchase the saddle. Jerry Shedd seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. Susan Newton also said she would be in the area prior to the Colt Starting Invitational and would be glad to pick the saddle up.

Dave has not been able to get the CSI pad donated as a prize and the club feels that we would possibly let the idea go. It was mentioned how many members of the club have purchased a CSI pad and that the CSI owners should take that into consideration. So far, they have only agreed to donate a CSI Pad banner.

SEFHA had considered purchasing a video camera for \$400 (previously owned by a television station). Dave had someone check out the camera for soundness and quality before the club made a purchase. Once the camera was checked, it was determined that it did not have good focus. Rather than purchase the camera, the club decided to use cameras owned by club members. We would like to have four cameras and someone to operate them. The video from all four cameras can be edited onto one DVD. It was decided that a copy of the DVD should go to the trainers, judges, and Tom Seay as a gift.

Dave also announced that the Agricultural Center had approached Cheryl and asked if SEFHA would consider using their facility next year for the Colt Starting Invitational. Terrific news!

The tickets will be ready by September 1. Sale locations are Southern States and Karen's Hallmark. To make ticket sales more accessible, they may also be placed at Cherry Stone Animal Clinic. Anyone from the South Boston area can contact SEFHA through the website or a member to obtain tickets.

All members of the club agreed to have an opening prayer before the competition starts, as well as someone to sing the National Anthem.

Club members decided that tickets will go on sale September 12, exactly two months before the event. The same date, September 12, will be the cutoff date for accepting advertising for the program. Any member who wishes to purchase tickets before they go on sale should contact Cheryl and she will bring the tickets to the next SEFHA meeting. Be prepared to pay for the tickets at that time. A limit will be set on how many tickets each person can purchase in advance.

Our next club event, Extreme Cowboy Competition, is scheduled for October 8 and will start at 10:00. Dave and Cheryl will be hosting the event again this year.

The next SEFHA meeting will be held on September 13 at El Cazador Restaurant in the banquet room. The meeting will start at 6:30.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Geyer

Secretary