

SEFHA Meeting Minutes February 13 & March 3

SEFHA members met on February 13, 2012 in the banquet room of El Cazador Restaurant in Chatham at 6:30. There were 20 members present. Members socialized prior to the meeting, food orders were taken, and Dave said the blessing. The meeting was officially called to order at 7:00 by club president, Dave Tuggle.

Members discussed the upcoming SEFHA Horse Tack Swap Meet being held on March 3. Lisa Geyer designed flyers for the event and Pip Printing printed 300 flyers that will be mailed to The Equestrian Exchange and distributed at their show in North Carolina on February 24/25. Six club members acknowledged that they will be planning to participate in the swap meet. More flyers were given to Cheryl and David Tuggle to distribute locally in the coming weeks.

Dave reminded members of the weekend camping/trail riding trip scheduled for the weekend of March 16 in Cheraw, South Carolina. Contact and trip information was given out for those who would like to go.

Members were also reminded about the Colt Starting Challenge in Yadkinville, North Carolina on the weekend of March 24/25. Club president, Dave Tuggle will be a judge at the event. For those interested in attending, the cost is \$50. Dave reminded members that this cost covers attending on both days.

Members discussed SEFHA's Colt Starting Challenge for 2012. Dave has spoken with the Old Dominion Ag Center and they have promised to have the arena completed, additional parking facilities completed, containment for horses arranged, and all other facilities ready before the challenge date. The cost is \$1,000 per day (the Colt Starting Challenge is a one day event). No contract has been drawn up yet. There is a mandatory requirement that The Old Dominion Agricultural Center be listed as a beneficiary on SEFHA's insurance for this event and Jerry Shedd will check into arranging this.

Jerry Shedd recommended we use The Old Dominion Ag Center for hosting the Colt Starting Challenge. Susan Newton made a motion that we use ODAC, Leslie Keck seconded the motion and all members were in favor. There are two dates that the center will not be available, those being September 22 and October 13. SEFHA members will need to decide on a firm date to hold the event so that the selection of trainers, horses, and judges can be started. The club would like to have Tom Seay and Ken McNabb return as announcer and head judge but their schedules appear to be booked up for the coming year. Dave will check into their availability. The club members discussed two possible dates for the event; October 6 or October 20, 2012. Members were more in favor of October 20 and this will be our tentative date.

Members discussed if we wanted to keep the same distance range for selecting the trainers or if we would like to expand out further (3-4 hours travel distance), and also if we would want to have three new trainers, or consider offering the option for one of the three former trainers to return and try competing again.

Dave advised that the club needs to find as many trainers as possible and asked members to put the word out about the event and that we are looking for trainers. The club will form a Trainer Selection Committee at our next meeting so everyone should be thinking about who may want to

do it. We will also need to be looking for suitable horses. We will need four horses (three horses and one alternate) for the challenge.

Leslie Keck and Jerry Shedd explained issues with placing a Pay Pal Account on the current SEFHA website. The current website is a Blog and will not allow for a "Pay With Pay Pal" button to be placed on the site. We only have the option to place a "Donate With Pay Pal" button on the site which may cause confusion for people wishing to purchase tickets for events, etc. on the site. Jerry Shedd has been working on a new website. The cost for the website is approximately \$85 annually. Jerry gave Leslie all of the log-in information and Leslie will go in to the site and see if it will work for us. A final decision on the website will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting date will be announced at a late time. With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Geyer

SEFHA Secretary

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Addendum

3/3/12

There was a brief 10 minute meeting for SEFHA club members after the SEFHA Horse Tack Swap Meet on Saturday March 3. There were approximately 12 members present. Dave announced that he and Deb Bender had been working on a possible Head Trainer for the 2012 Colt Starting Challenge. They have been in contact with Richard Winters of Richard Winters Horsemanship in California. Richard is the 2009 winner of Road To The Horse.

Richard is available to come on October 20 and offered to come and be a judge at no charge other than travel expenses (flight from California and hotel/meals). If Richard comes, that will mean leaving his ranch and having to have someone run it during his absence, which would be an additional cost of \$500. Richard also advised that he would like to be present for the "meet and greet" gathering as well as the actual competition.

All of this will be discussed at SEFHA's next scheduled meeting to be held on March 13 at El Cazador Restaurant in Chatham at 6:30. All members are encouraged to attend the next meeting to hear more about this exciting news.