

## **SEFHA Meeting Minutes January 17, 2012**

SEFHA members met on January 17 at 6:30 in the banquet room of El Cazador Restaurant in Chatham. There were 26 members present. Members had a chance to socialize before Dave called the meeting to order at 7:00. Mike Bruce said the blessing before dinner was served. Dave introduced four visitors to SEFHA members; we were delighted to have them join us.

There was discussion about our next colt starting challenge. Dave and Ginger Collie have met with Stephanie at Old Dominion Agriculture Complex and there are dates available in October. We discussed possibly having the competition a little earlier in the fall so that it won't be so cold. Currently the complex has 118 parking spaces with more to be added in the future. The cost to rent the arena is \$1000 a day and we would be required to pay \$1,500 in advance, \$500 of the deposit would be reimbursed to SEFHA after the event. The arena will seat 1000 people and everyone agreed that we would want the entire complex to ourselves that day (no other events taking place). The fee includes the use of the arena only and nothing else at this point. There is currently no means of containment for the horses and this would need to be addressed if we hold the event at the complex. Chatham Hall has expressed the desire for SEFHA to hold the colt starting challenge there again. Susan Newton questioned if there were other locations suitable to hold the challenge. Lexington Horse Center and another location in Madison, North Carolina were mentioned as possible sites, along with Chatham Hall.

Tommy Motley, an Old Dominion Agriculture Complex board member, spoke briefly on the center's finances and time frame for completing the equestrian arena and the plan for purchasing more land to expand parking. Tommy thanked SEFHA for being one of the first to donate money to the Old Dominion Agriculture Complex when the project was first started. The board members of ODAC will be holding a meeting on Thursday night and Tommy will advise Cheryl Tuggle on Friday of their discussions and plans.

Dave announced that both Tom Seay and Ken McNabb are interested in returning for our next colt starting challenge. We will try to set a date that makes it possible for both to attend. There are two dates that the ODAC is already booked and not available; September 22 and October 13, 2012.

On March 24 and 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a Colt Starting Challenge in Yadkinville, NC. Dave Tuggle has agreed to be a judge and SEFHA members are invited to attend. All horses in the challenge are Paso Finos.

Members discussed clinics they would like to see take place this year. Kathy stated she would like to see a clinic on how to work with horses that have sensitive ears and issues with bridling. Dave mentioned that Leslie Keck would like to see a clinic on how to take equine vital signs (checking temperature, pulse, gums, etc.). It would be nice to incorporate equine dental issues with this clinic and we would ask Suzanne Newcomb from Cherrystone Animal Clinic to teach the clinic.

Dave mentioned that he does farrier work for a group called Re-Run. This organization works with off track thoroughbreds and Dave suggested that it would be nice to see SEFHA and Re-

Run jointly hold an event of some kind .

The club's next event is the SEFHA Second Annual Swap Meet being held on March 3, 2012. Club members discussed ways to promote the event and advertising. Dave has talked with Liz Beason and they will place flyers for our event in their shopper's bags at a cost of \$15 for 300 flyers. They would also advertise the event on their website, Equine Extravaganza. All members agreed to the \$15 fee for advertising with Liz Beason. Lisa Geyer has designed the flyers and will get 300 copies printed and mailed to Liz. The deadline for sending the flyers is February 13. Dave suggested that SEFHA give a free table to Harmony Rescue at the swap meet. Jerry Shedd made a motion in favor with Reggie Meads making a second motion, everyone voted in favor.

Kathy and Alvin Petty are planning a weekend camping and trail ride in Cheraw, South Carolina for SEFHA members on the weekend of March 17. The travel time from Danville is approximately 3 ½ hours. Details will be provided at a later date.

Several members inquired on the date of the St. Jude Trail Ride. Dave says it is usually the last Saturday in April, but he will check with Cloverdale Farms and let us know.

Jerry Shedd brought up the subject of putting Pay Pal on SEFHA's website in order to make it easier for SEFHA to accept payments for events such as the swap meet, colt starting challenge, or other events that require payment. Lisa Geyer explained how Pay Pal works to club members and indicated that there is a small fee for each payment processed. Mandy Wrenn expressed concerns over the fee and how SEFHA would offset those cost. Lisa Tuite made a motion that SEFHA utilize Pay Pal and Susan Newton seconded the motion, all members voted in favor. Jerry Shedd will work with Leslie Keck on setting up a Pay Pal account and placing it on the SEFHA website.

The next SEFHA meeting will be announced at a later date.

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

Respectfully submitted.

*Lisa Geyer*

SEFHA Secretary

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