

## **SEFHA Meeting Minutes May 8, 2012**

SEFHA members met on May 8 in the banquet room of El Cazador Restaurant in Chatham at 6:30. There were 24 members present.

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:00 and asked Mike Bruce to say the blessing before dinner orders were taken.

Dave reported that the SEFHA St. Jude Trail Ride held at Cloverdale Quarters was a huge success, with 70 riders participating. A total of \$2,650 was taken in with all proceeds going to St. Jude Children's Hospital. The money will not be sent in until Friday, May 11 and there is plenty of time if anyone is interested in making a contribution before then.

SEFHA has several events scheduled during the spring/summer months. The next SEFHA event will be the Memorial Day Gretna Parade held on May 26. Reggie Meads gave members information concerning the parade and guidelines the Gretna parade officials were asking us to follow. The parade starts at 2:00 p.m. and all participants are asked to be at the Gretna Elementary School at 1:00. Those with horse trailers may park in the school bus area. Participants are also asked to dress in patriotic attire (red, white, and blue).

Bill and Martha Scott are hosting a cook-out dinner for SEFHA members on June 2. The gathering will start at 6:30 and a SEFHA meeting will follow. Dave reminded members to please RSVP to Bill so he and Martha will know how many to prepare food for.

Lisa Geyer and Jerry Shedd will host a de-spooking clinic on June 16. The clinic will start at 10:00. Anyone that would like to bring their horse is encouraged to do so. There will be plenty of fun obstacles for owners and their horses to work with. An email will be sent out to members with all the details and directions.

Dave cautioned all horse owners to be diligent in limiting their horses grazing time. The pastures are extremely lush right now and there have been many, many cases of founder and laminitis reported from horse owners in the area.

SEFHA's new board of directors held a closed meeting and discussed the need for the club to have a Membership Coordinator. This position is an annual elected position. Susan Newton spoke to club members about the responsibilities and duties of a Membership Coordinator and informed members that the board of directors recommended Deb Bender for the position this year. Lisa Geyer made the motion that we accept the newly created position and that Deb Bender be approved, Jerry Shedd made a second motion and all members voted in favor of the additional officer position and Deb being nominated for the position.

Dave asked all members to keep Linda Singer in their prayers. Linda was in a horse riding accident and has serious injuries to her leg.

Members were reminded of the ACTHA ride being held on June 30 at Dogwood Farms and hosted by Ann Miller. SEFHA members have volunteered to serve a light breakfast.

Members gave updates on the planning progress for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Colt Starting Challenge.

SEFHA has chosen their third competitor. Jerry Shedd advised that he had written to Ken McNabb asking if he would give SEFHA his official endorsement for the 2012 Colt Starting Challenge. Ken contacted Jerry and wrote a very nice endorsement for us to use in our advertising.

Cheryl advised members that if they would like to have a copy of the contact sheet for sponsors from last year they could see her at Southern States and she would give them a copy.

Members discussed if they would like to continue with our current domain name for our website. The annual fee is due and must be paid if we wish to keep the name; otherwise someone else can register the name. Lisa Geyer made a motion to keep the current domain name and Millie Crane seconded the motion, all members were in favor. Jerry Shedd also mentioned that the club needs to quickly make a decision about our website; keeping the existing blog site, or creating a fully functional website that will allow us to use PayPal. If our website can feature PayPal, we will be able to sell tickets online for the Colt Starting Challenge and any other future events that involve a fee.

The next meeting will be in conjunction with our gathering at Bill Scott's on June 2.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted.

*Lisa Geyer,*

Secretary