

## **SEFHA Meeting Minutes November 29, 2011**

SEFHA members meet in the banquet room of El Cazador Restaurant in Chatham at 6:30 on November 29, 2011 with 24 members present. Club members had a chance to socialize a bit before Dave called the meeting to order at 6:50. Bill Scott said the blessing and everyone enjoyed a nice meal while we discussed the Colt Starting Challenge on November 12.

Everyone was in agreement that the Colt Starting Challenge went great. We had very few unexpected surprises and were well prepared for the day. Dave stated that he had received lots of phone calls complimenting the club on the event and showing interest in becoming a member of SEFHA. Dave reported that our head judge, Ken McNabb, complimented the club on how well the challenge was put together and to definitely count on him returning if we do this again next year. Dave also reported that the three trainers were pleased with the event.

Jerry Shedd, club treasurer, gave a report on the club's financial status from the Colt Starting Challenge. The club spent approximately \$7,000 and took in \$10,500. As of tonight's meeting, all bills have been paid.

The "Trainer Buttons" SEFHA sold at the event brought in \$39.00 for the Horse Rescue League. SEFHA members discussed donating more than the \$39.00 with Susan Newton making the motion that we round the amount off to \$100, Judy Schewpee seconded the motion and the club voted unanimously to send \$100.

Randy Abernathy, winner of the Colt Starting Challenge, donated the 500 pounds of horse feed back to the club. The club discussed who we may want to donate the feed to. A motion was made by Deb Bender, and seconded by Lisa Tuite that the club should split the feed, one half going to a therapeutic riding facility in Reidsville, North Carolina and the other half to a horse rescue located in Roanoke, Virginia.

The club also discussed its appreciation to Chatham Hall for allowing SEFHA to use their facility for the event at no charge. Members discussed donating \$300 to Chatham Hall's Equestrian Program in SEFHA's name. Logan Baker made the motion with Charlie Crane making a second. The club voted to send a \$300 check to Chatham Hall.

DVD's are being made of the Colt Starting Challenge and should be ready in six weeks or so. HR TV has also expressed interest in obtaining one of our DVDs and may put a portion of it on TV. HR TV will promote the Colt Starting Challenge on Facebook.

Jerry Shedd recognized Dave and Cheryl Tuggle for all of their hard work making the Colt Starting Challenge come to life and for its huge success. Lisa Geyer also recognized Deb Bender and thanked her for hosting the Meet and Greet for all of the club members, Tom Seay, Ken McNabb, and the trainers. Everyone had a wonderful time and the food was delicious.

SEFHA's silent auction was a great success. Club members donated items for the auction and we took in \$635.00. Dave also mentioned that two of the three Behlen Round Pens have been sold. Behlen is very interested in participating again if we hold another event next year.

Dave asked members if they would like to hold another Colt Starting Challenge next year and the club members excitedly said yes. Deb Bender made the motion, with a second being made by Lisa Geyer and all agreed to start working on the Colt Challenge for 2012. Tom Seay has said that he would love to come back again, as well as all of the judges.

Randy Abernathy, winner of the Colt Starting Challenge, has agreed to hold a one day clinic for some of the SEFHA members. Dave asked any member that was interested in participating in the clinic to let him know. We will draw five names to participate in the clinic and Randy has agreed to travel here to hold the clinic.

The Chatham Christmas Parade in this Saturday, December 3. Bill Scott asked that all members wishing to participate be in Chatham by 10:00. Members will meet on Hurt Street at the Imagination Station Day Care parking lot. Lisa Geyer has purchased candy canes to hand out along the route. Members who do not wish to ride their horse can ride on the Tuggle's truck

Members discussed our planned Swap Meet which is set for March 3, 2012. We have secured a reservation at the Ag Center and will start making plans for our second swap meet after the holidays.

Tom Seay has expressed an interest in a get together with SEFHA during the Christmas holiday. Deb Bender volunteered her home for the dinner. Club members voted on December 17 at 6:00 and we hope Tom will be able to attend. Dave will get in touch with Tom to invite him.

Dave reminded members that May is when membership dues should be paid. May is also when the club holds its election of officers. The club has four officers; President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The club also has five executive board members. Dave reminded members that anyone interested in holding office could consider running, but the president must be a farrier. Cheryl stated that starting with the next membership renewal, SEFHA membership cards will be issued.

The club again acknowledged their appreciation to Leslie Keck for her hard work on our website. She has done a wonderful job!

The next club event will be a club trip to H. Cooper Black Campground in Cheraw, South Carolina. This will be a weekend camping and trail ride event on March 17, 2012. Cheraw is approximately 3 ½ hours from Danville.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10. We'll see everyone on December 17 at Deb Bender's for our Christmas gathering.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Geyer*

Secretary