

SEFHA Minutes

November 8, 2011 Meeting

SEFHA members met in the banquet room of El Cazador Restaurant in Chatham, VA at 6:30 on November 8 to finalize all plans for the Colt Starting Challenge and to go over the work assignments. There were 28 members present. Dave called the meeting to order at 6:45 and asked Mike to say the blessing before dinner.

Dave and Logan attended the National Farrier's Convention in Georgia several days ago, and Dave was presented with the **Go Getter Award** in recognition of Dave and SEFHA members for all of their accomplishments. Dave received a beautiful statue of a horse with engraving on the base.

The programs have been picked up from Pip Printing. There were 310 programs printed at a cost of \$1,837.00, slightly less than we had anticipated. Pip Printing, once again, acknowledged to Dave and Ginger what a terrific job SEFHA had done on getting program advertisers (noting that we managed to get ads from businesses that normally do not take out sponsorship ads)! Way to go SEFHA!!

Gift baskets have been made for Tom Seay and the judges. Chic-Fil-A and Karen's Hallmark put the baskets together for us.

Dave attended a colt starting competition in Richmond last weekend and stated that it was not put together well, and that in spite of big name trainers, it was not a professional event.

The three trainers will receive some nice gifts from the Colt Starting Challenge. Dave showed members one of the three BWFA pocket knives that are being given away. Each knife comes with a certificate, is numbered and signed by Ralph Casey. (These knives sold at auction for \$125). Southern States will also donate 500 pounds of grain to the first place winner, and 200 pounds to the second and third place winner, as well as engraved western saddle pads.

Everyone was reminded that Deb Bender has been gracious enough to be the hostess for Tom Seay during his stay in Chatham and she will have an informal floating "social get together" on Friday evening from 6:00 – until. This gathering is for SEFHA volunteers only. Hopefully, Ken McNabb will also be able to join the fun, as well as our three trainers. All volunteers are encouraged to go by and say Hello, either before helping with set up at Chatham Hall, or afterwards. Deb's address is 2006 Spring Garden Road, Chatham, VA 24531.

As of this date, News 13 has not contacted Dave or conducted an interview. There will be information in the Piedmont Shopper, and articles have already been printed in The Star Tribune. Hopefully, Dave will hear from News 13 before the event on Saturday.

The club has sold a little over 300 tickets (400 were printed), and the remainder will be sold at the gates on Saturday. We are having lots of people wait until the last minute to purchase their tickets. Entrance gates will be located off of Route 57 and Route 685. Gate people and parking attendants will wear blaze orange vest.

Last minutes details were discussed regarding cameras, camera operators, and coverage of the

event, (before and during). HR TV has asked if we would send them one of our DVDs and they may edit it down to 30 minutes and show it as one of their programs. Jerry Shedd advised camera operators of the locations of electrical outlets in the arena and of an extension cord that would be available.

All volunteers helping with set up at Chatham Hall on Friday evening should be there at 5:15. The round pens will need to be set up as well as the obstacle course. We will set up and take down as a practice run before Saturday. Jerry Shedd will be at the school by 4:00 to assist with the port-a-john delivery.

The gates open at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and all volunteers are asked to be at Chatham Hall and ready to start working between 6:00 and 6:15 a.m.

Lisa Tuite made SEFHA badges for all members working the event, and everyone is asked to wear the badges on Saturday. If members see someone in the arena show area that is not wearing a badge, volunteers/workers should ask them to leave the area.

SEFHA will have a table at the event and all of the SEFHA membership applications, information, and business cards, banner, etc., will be displayed. This table will be located right next to the Silent Auction table and Karen & Tim Hill will handle any persons interested in becoming a SEFHA member. Karen reported that we have received some very nice items for the silent auction table and she thanked all members who had made donations.

Members discussed who would lead the horses out of the arena once the competition was over. It was decided that each trainer's assistant could lead the horses out and into the appropriate stalls. (We had already set up the three club members that would take the horses in before the gates opened on Saturday morning, but not who would take them out when the event was over)

Buttons have also been made for each trainer (Team Tanner, Team Cooler, and Team Abernathy) and the buttons will be sold for \$1 each. Individuals can show their support for their favorite trainer by purchasing a button, and at the same time, the money we receive will be donated to the United States Equine Rescue League.

One last discussion before the meeting was adjourned...Bill Scott announced that the Chatham Christmas Parade is being held on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Members were asked to think about if they would like to ride their horses in the parade (as a club).

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Everyone have fun on Saturday and remember if a problem comes up just say, *ITS NOT MY FAULT!* (LOL)

Respectfully,

Lisa Geyer