

PRAHA Club Meeting of April 18, 2009

Members present:

Meranda Scott
Renate Cowan
Bob Callahan
Gabriela Cowan
Calvin Ryan

Phyllis Ryan
Verdell Marchi
Cindy Tobeck
Sharon Youngs
Teri Truax

Joe Marchi
Catherine Coats
Irv Cowan
Diane Gassman
Sharon Youngs

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. A great pot luck was enjoyed by all at the home of Renate and Irv Cowan.

We welcome guests Greta and Haleigh Scalf to the meeting. It was wonderful to meet them and we looked forward to getting to know them better!

The treasurer's report was given. There were no changes since the last meeting. We did find out that we do have to file taxes for the club due to regulatory changes.

Old Business

February Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Motion was second and carried, the minute were approved.

Celebrate the Horse

We will be participating in Celebrate the Horse at the Puyallup fairgrounds this year. The dates are June 27th and 28th. We have six stalls and a tack room reserved. This is an opportunity for us to spread the word about the Arabian, Half Arabian and our club.

We have the following exhibitors lined up for this event:

- Chris Hoover will exhibit her horse in Native Costume.
- Joe and Verdell Marchi will be there with a mare and foal.
- Claudia Mitchell will exhibit her horse in Show Hack.
- Joyce Thomas may be there with a couple of students.
- Lorraine Mitchell is tentatively going to be there.
- Bob and Lanora Callahan will be in attendance as well.

All the proceeds from this event will benefit People Helping Horses a non-profit organization that helps rescue and place horses in need. More details can be found at: www.celebratethehorse.com

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids/military/seniors. There will be exhibitor booths, an Art Walk and Silent Auction, and for the kids there will be face painting, stick horse races, a scavenger hunt, and coloring contest. It is a great event for an awesome cause and fun for the whole family!! Participating clinicians and breed demonstrations include:

- Gypsy Horses
- Marchadores
- Ken McNabb
- Nokota Mustang
- Kiger Mustangs
- Dr. Suzan Seelye, DVM, CVA, CVT
- Leigh Shambo of HEAL in Chehalis, WA (Equine Assisted Therapy)
- Icelandic Horses

If you would like to participate with your horse please let Renate or Meranda know.

Donations

We received thank you cards from People Helping Horses and Hoofed Animal Rescue of Thurston County. Second Chance Ranch sent a thank you but it was lost in the mail. All these wonderful organizations appreciated our donations and would appreciate continued support. If you can donate just even \$5 a month or volunteer you can make a difference!

October Show

Meranda will be asking Tack Room Too to donate fleece coolers for the high point awards again this year. Meranda's friend, Chris, has graciously volunteered to embroider the PRAHA logo on the coolers for us. Meranda brought in a sample of the embroidery. It was received well by the members present and we look forward to the finish product!

All the officials are in place for the show. The judge is coming from ID. We will be paying for her mileage to and from, the cleaning of her clothes and hotel.

A motion was made for workers at the show to wear badges so participants know who to contact for information. After some discussion it was decided that badges that read 'Event Staff' would be created so they would be reusable and that Meranda would purchase the materials to make the badges. The motion was second and carried.

Signs for the show that read, 'Minors must be actively supervised by an adult at ALL times' will be created and posted at the show. Last year children were running around the seating area creating much noise and disturbances to the participants and judge.

The ad for the show in the Region 5 newsletter has been created and the fee paid. Our ad should be in the June issue. Something to ponder and discuss at the next meeting would be whether or not we want to run it again in the following issue.

Meranda will create the show flyer for members to post. If you are able to post some where you live, work, and play (be creative libraries, feed stores, gas stations, grocery stores, any place that has a public bulletin board) please let Meranda know and she get the flyer to you.

Trail Ride

Meranda will create the flyer for the upcoming trail ride in August. She will also create laminated arrows for trail marking. It is a great idea if you are participating in another trail ride before ours ask the host if they wouldn't mind our flyers being available to the participants. Another great way to get flyers out is to have a stack in your rig and put them on cars at trail heads when you go for a trail ride. If you can help handout flyers please let Meranda know and she will get them to you.

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Joe and Irv will clear and mark the trail. They will also look into extending the trail if possible.

New Business

Saddle Up for St. Jude Ride

Griffinwood Stables will be hosting a Saddle Up for St. Jude Ride on May 30, 2009. If you are not able to attend consider sponsoring a rider or table! For more details contact member Catherine Coates for more details or check out the website: www.griffinwoodstables.com. The event is from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Membership

Gaby reported that we currently have a total of 54 members. This includes six junior members. We need to get more members. Please refer friends, family, and other horse enthusiasts to check us out and become members! If they are members of another club have them come check out one of our meetings or events and join the fun!

Since our youth members are growing in numbers it was suggested that the club look into creating a judging team for them. Cindy and Phyllis will work on this later this summer. Stay tuned more to come!

Member News

Our very own Cindy Tobeck had a wonderful article written about her in the March issue of the Arabian Horse Times! Be sure to check it out.

Reminders

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

- 05-30-09 – Saddle Up for St. Jude Ride
- 06-27/06-28 – Celebrate the Horse at Puyallup Fairgrounds
- 08-15-09 – Trail Ride at Felicity Farm
- 10-11/10-12 – PRAHA Show at Trails End Arena

Next Meeting:

- 06/20/09 at 4:00 p.m. General Club at the home of Diane Gassman

Meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Meranda Scott
Secretary