

PRAHA Club Meeting of August 21, 2010

Members present:

Bob Callahan
Catherine Coats
Gabriela Cowan
Irvin Cowan

Renate Cowan
Joe Marchi
Sheri Nebel
Calvin Ryan

Phyllis Ryan
Meranda Scott
Cindy Tobeck
Sharon Youngs

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. after everyone had the chance to enjoy a great trail ride and BBQ! We welcomed guests Franziska Giesbrecht and Peggi McIntyre. It was nice to have you with us! We also welcomed new member Sheri Nebel!

Education

Phyllis Ryan provided us with the very educational opportunity of learning what a Houie Stick is and how to make it work. This fascinating device is quite magical and requires the help of a very special child in order to make it work. We were fortunate that we had Rosalyn Tobeck with us so we could see the Houie Stick in action and have our educational moment.

Also, during lunch (before the meeting) Phyllis had the opportunity to demonstrate how to load a horse, that does not want to load, all by yourself. If you were not there you missed a great demonstration of the master at work!

June Minutes

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

October 2010 Show

The local 4H group, Blazing Saddles, has volunteered to clean stalls as a fundraiser. After the show and the stalls are clean PRAHA will determine an amount to be donated.

Vendor spaces are still be worked out. There have been some inquiries and more information is to come.

Sharon Youngs is going to manage our silent auction. If you have something to donate for the auction please let Sharon know as soon as possible. All items for the auction must be at the show office by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 16th. If you can get a picture of the silent auction item to Renate Cowan she will have it posted on the PRAHA website before the show so we can generate some interest. The silent auction will close at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 16th.

Sheri Nebel will coordinate the security for the show for both Friday and Saturday nights.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was not provided.

August Trail Ride Update

The trail ride was a success. Our number of riders was up and the weather was perfect. We even made more than we spent!

The first 25 riders received goody bags just for coming. Every rider also received a raffle ticket for coming with the opportunity to purchase more. There were some great donations for the raffle.

A huge thanks to Mark Scott for coming out and providing his cooking services, especially since it was his birthday!

I also have to give a huge thank you to Peggi McIntyre for coming out with me Friday night to mark the trails.....until 9:30 at night.

Trail ride surveys were provided to the participants too. I'm so hoping they will take the time to provide feedback so the ride can be improved for next year. Yep, that's right we are going to do it again next year. There was a motion for the trail ride to be done again and for me to coordinate it too. Interestingly enough the motion passed without a hitch, groan, or opposition. Hmmmm....I think I need a new line of work!

Thank you to all those folks that came out and helped set up and take care of the participants. This event could not have been possible without everyone that helped. I so appreciate you all!

Member Info

Member Sheri Nebel recently became the owner of a stunning purebred Arabian gelding. His name is Remi and they are going to Sport Horse National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show in Nampa, ID! We wish you luck and can't wait to hear about your success!

Regional Update

The Arabian museum at the Kentucky Horse Park is doing quite well.

Breeding of Arabians is down. The Sweepstakes Program is doing well.

Region V will be sending two youth judging teams to Nationals this year to compete. The two teams raised enough money to pay for the trip.

Region 5 Trail Ride

Don't forget that Region 5 will be hosting the first Region 5 Trail Ride this year. It will be held at the Horse Park in Cle Elum on September 11th and 12th. All riders and breeds are welcome to come enjoy the fun! More information is to follow at the next regional meeting.

The cost is \$25 per stall and \$25 per person. Stall use is required. Fees include camping and meals from Friday's dinner through Sunday's lunch.

There will be choices of difficulty for trail riding.

Check in time begins Friday, September 10, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. Dinner will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bring your own chair!

**RESERVATIONS FOR THE REGION 5 TRAIL RIDE NEED TO BE IN
BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2010!!!**

More details can be found at the Region 5 website: www.regionv.com/events/R5campRide.htm

Regional Meetings

The next regional meeting is scheduled to be held at the Region 5 Trail Ride in September.

National Convention

The National Convention is being held in Florida this year and in Vancouver, BC in 2011.

Miscellaneous

The number of participants for the Canadian National Show is up.

For the first time ever, Arabians are going to be raced at the Kingland Race Track.

A motion to redraw the regional boundaries has been made, which, if approved, would result in fewer regions. The purpose would be to help balance the number of members in each region which would also balance the number of delegates for each region.

Spring Sport Horse Show

Cindy Tobeck, Renate Cowan, and Sheri Nebel will be gathering information and conducting a feasibility study on the possibility of holding a two day Sport Horse Show in the spring of 2011. Stay tuned for more exciting details to come!

People Helping Horses

We received a request for a financial donation to support the work of People Helping Horses. A motion was made to have Catherine Coats draft a procedure that defines the guidelines that organizations need to meet in order to request and receive a monetary donation from PRAHA. The motion was second and it carried. A draft of the procedure might be available for review at the next meeting.

Due to the motion for a procedure being approved a motion to table the request from People Helping Horses was made. The motion was second and it carried.

S.A.F.E Horse Show

Catherine Coats volunteered at the S.A.F.E. horse show fundraiser. The show went well and was a good fundraiser. PRAHA was a proud sponsor of this event and worthwhile group.

State Websites

Meranda Scott found that the address for PRAHA on the website for the Department of Revenue is incorrect. The registered agent information on the Secretary of State website has an incorrect address too. The address is also incorrect on the Department of Licensing website. A motion was made for Meranda to verify the address information with the various state websites. The motion was second and it carried.

Membership

Gabriela Cowan provided us with a membership update. We have 59 adult members and four youth members. We need to grow our membership. Please encourage friends, family, and anyone you meet that owns an Arabian, Half Arabian, or Anglo Arabian to join us! Membership information can be received by contacting: Gabriela Cowan at hex3gln@comcast.net or 360-352-0667.

Reminders

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

- 09/11 & 12 – Region 5 Trail Ride
- 10/09 – PRAHA Meeting
- 10/16 & 17 – PRAHA Show

Next Meeting:

- 10/09/10 at the Elma Fairgrounds (Sheri Nebel will make the arrangements for us). There will not be an educational moment at this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Meranda Scott
Secretary