

PRAHA Club Meeting of May 23, 2010

Special Meeting

Members present:

Bob Callahan
Lanora Callahan
Catherine Coates
Renate Cowan

Joe Marchi
Verdell Marchi
Calvin Ryan
Meranda Scott

Cindy Tobeck
Teri Truax
Sharon Youngs

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Our show in October was scheduled to be held at the Trails End Arena. The Trails End Arena is closing its doors effective May 31, 2010. This special meeting was called to discuss the venue options for our show.

The following facilities were contacted for availability for the weekend of our show, October 16th and 17th:

- Tacoma Unit – it was already booked.
- Donida Farms – was not available as the owners are out of town that weekend.
- Clark County Fairgrounds – it was already book
- Elma Fairgrounds – was available!

Renate gave a report about the costs to hold our show at the Elma Fairgrounds. She also provided details about the facility as follows:

- The covered arena is 200 x 110.
- There is seating for 1,800 people.
- There are 209 stalls.
- The outdoor arena is going to be covered by October and there are plans for another arena to be built by October too.
- There are hookups for RVs at the fairgrounds and there is also an RV park nearby.

Shavings for the stalls are not provided unless the facility is specifically asked to provide them. Renate found baled shavings at the Elma Feed Store that are 12 cu. ft. for \$7.50 each and they will deliver them.

Meranda is going to check with the Farm Store in Chehalis and Townsend Feed on cost for bales of shavings. Calvin is going to check with Morris Brothers on the cost for bulk shavings to be delivered and with another company that has been offering bales of shavings for purchase to Felicity Farm. Joe is going to check with a shavings company in the Elma/Montesano area that he has contact information for. Updates will be provided at the June 19th meeting.

There is no fee charged to change the location of our show with AHA. We are looking into the cost (if any) that USEF may charge. Since we have an emergency situation with the Trails closing we may qualify for a grant from USEF to help cover the expenses of the new facility. Bob is looking into that for us.

We will still have the exhibitor appreciation dinner and the silent auction. The silent auction will be held during the exhibitor appreciation dinner.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Meranda Scott
Secretary