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SAHA NEWS

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Steve Rother Clinic !!!

HELLLLP!!! We are looking for a venue for this clinic!!

Steve is the 2 time winner of the Trainer's Challenge at the Mane Event

Is anyone interested in hosting this clinic held on April 30th, through to May 2nd, 2010. The Friday night is for 2 hours for the demonstration portion of the clinic and the other days are from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

The venue we had planned on is too costly to make the clinic viable. We are looking for a free venue if at all possible. Steve and Francesca will give the donor barn a spot in the clinic free of charge. For more information please contact Linda at 780-914-2936 or visit Steve's website at www.horseteacher.com

Local Group Plans Trip to Africa!

Hello everyone!

We are the staff of the Walk-In Medical Clinic in Fort Saskatchewan. We are planning a trip to Africa in 2010. The purpose of this trip is to have a first hand look at what is happening in that part of the world with various orphanages and hospitals dealing with the HIV orphans and Children of HIV positive parents and how we as a community can help. We are fundraising our way over to Africa and are looking for support from the community in either monetary donations or donations of raffle items, air miles and or aeroplane miles that we could redeem.

You may be asking well what good are you going to be doing over there? Again I state the purpose of our visit is to see first hand what is happening and how we can make a difference over here by raising awareness and donations. For more information on our trip and how you can help contact our project planner Ashley @ 780-997-0177

Steering Committee Minutes

STRATHCONA ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, November 1, 2009 1:30-4:00PM at Zelt's, 52226 R.R. 215

Chairman/Facilitator: Wendy Zelt.

In Attendance: Phil Coatta Donna Rae Coatta Carol Spriggs
Linda Von Grad Ken Zelt (recorder)

1.0 Review Terms of Reference for the Committee

PURPOSE: To keep SAHA viable by defining new goals and direction for the future of the Club and developing a program which encourages and supports volunteers and is FUN.

REPORTING: develop a plan and recommendations to take back to the next general meeting for approval by the members

2.0 Determine outcome of this meeting and members expectations

- agreed that this Committee will not decide the future of SAHA. This meeting is to evaluate the programs and events of the past 6 months, outline possible changes and a program for 2010 and determine what would be required for 2010 to continue with SAHA.

3.0 EVALUATE 2009 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS-review 2009 changes and results and make suggestions for 2010

MEETINGS:

Changes-meetings every other month, new location at Ardrossan-members were phoned about meetings

Results-attendance at meetings was lower than we would like-still the regulars

Suggestions 2010-go back to regular monthly meetings (Sept-May), line up better speakers or activities, phone everyone to remind them about meetings

SOCIALS:

DOG JOG

Changes: changed to Wed. July 1st

Results: very successful, 30+ people attended

Suggestions 2010-continue, keep on July 1st

NIGHT AT RACES

Changes: none-mid August

Results: 25-30 people in attendance-excellent food and fun

Suggestions 2010: continue, keep in August

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BOWLING

Changes: added into program in July

Results: unsuccessful

Suggestions 2010: do not run if not enough interest

25TH ANNIVERSARY/XMAS PARTY

Changes: combined 25th Anniversary and Xmas, phoned as many old and present members as we could, booked larger space at OLPH,

Results: ticket sales are slow

Suggestions 2010: continue with Xmas party on smaller scale

SHOWS:

MOTHER'S DAY

Changes: one show only in 2009, changed format, reduced classes, daily fee, concession contracted out

Results: successful show, done on time, very easy to administer and run, break-even financially

Suggestions 2010: continue with Mother's Day Show if can get 8-10 people to run it, advertise more, send out prize lists, take pre-entries, review stakes and cost of some classes

EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES:

TRAIL RIDES

Changes: only 1 trail ride offered with breakfast

Results: 10 people to breakfast but only 4 riders

Suggestions 2010: offer 1 Trail ride but must pre-register or cancel. Look at offering Beginner Trail riders clinics (Fee) at Blackfoot with small group and paid guide

DRESSAGE TEAM/CLINICS

Changes: none

Results: 10-12 riders in this group, very successful, several clinics

Suggestions: continue under SAHA, advertise to members and take additional riders if possible

TRIP and VERSATILITY/MILESTONE

Changes: None

Results: less people than usual, confusion on lists of who has signed up, late starting as many thought SAHA was folding

Suggestions 2010-still viable & should continue-need to fix logistics-advertise at next meetings, Xmas party and General Meeting

OTHER: Club could consider renting an arena once/week-spring, fall, and offering Adult Beginner Group lessons with instructor.

COMMUNICATION/NEWSLETTER & MEMBERSHIP

Changes: members were phoned about meetings and activities, ads were placed in newspapers for meetings and events;

Brenda sent e-mailed additional information to those with e-mails

Results: membership is down 50% from 2008, meeting attendance was low, confusion on who is on membership list, web-site has not been updated, newsletters have not provided required information on events.

Suggestions for 2010: newsletter needs to be mailed out to members, members need to be called to remind them about meetings and events, web-site needs to be updated and provide more information. Directors need to provide information to newsletter editor and web-site manager in timely manner. Front cover of newsletter could be sold for revenue.

Steering Committee Minutes Cont'

VOLUNTEERS & BOARD

Changes: Volunteer party re-instituted, volunteer Board set-up

Results: Volunteer party was successful and enjoyed by all. Board meetings were not well attended and dates difficult to set

Suggestions: continue with volunteer party. Board needs to have regular meetings set up in advance (maybe once/month), Leaders of specific areas eg. TRIP need to be invited to Board meetings to give update

4.0 FUTURE VISION FOR SAHA:

What needs to happen in 2010 to continue as a viable Club? See above for suggestions for 2010 for programs and events

NEXT STEPS:

- 2008 and 2009 members will be phoned with reminders re. Dessert Auction on Nov. 5th, 25th Anniversary party on Nov. 28th and General Meeting on Jan. 7
- 2008 and 2009 members will be phoned in December to remind them about the General Meeting and Potluck on Jan. 7 and asked to consider volunteering for Board and Club.
- Newsletter will be updated with Xmas greeting and poster describing the Jan. 7th General meeting by Dec. 15th (Wendy and Phil) and will be mailed out to members and non-members. Suggestions for Jan. 7 included wine and cheese, guest speaker, good Door prize
- 2010 Membership forms will be available at the meetings and Xmas party (Phil) plus information on TRIP and Versatility/Milestone (Donna Rae and Linda)
- Slate of officers and at least 3-4 additional volunteers willing to be responsible for different programs or events will be required at the General meeting to continue, with fewer people the program will be reduced
- If volunteers come forward in January, then these suggestions will be turned over to the new Board
- By-Laws will need to be revised at some point if SAHA continues
- Questionnaire could be developed and all members called to see what they would like for 2010.
- Other suggestions for Club activities included: visit to Vet Clinic and session on "What to do before the Vet Comes", Polo cross clinic or demonstration, Western Shooters Clinic or demonstration (combine with ATRA).
- 2008 Financial Statement needs to be submitted to Societies Branch (Phil)
- 2009 Financial Statement needs to be prepared for the General Meeting (Phil will call Hedi)

Classifieds

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2009

SAHA'S

25th ANNIVERSARY

& CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

CALLING ALL PAST AND PRESENT SAHA

MEMBERS!

DATE: Saturday, November 28th, 2009

LOCATION: O.L.P.H. – Sherwood Park, Alberta

TIME: Mix and Mingle – 6:00 p.m.
Dinner to follow

ACTIVITIES: Displays,
Buffet Supper,
\$10.00 Gift Exchange/Person

COST: \$30.00 before Nov. 13th, 2009
(\$10.00 additional after that date)

CONTACT: Donna-Rae Coatta – (780) 922-5207
Carol Spriggs – (780) 464-0265



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We are on the web!

www.saha.ab.ca/

To Contribute to the newsletter

Send information to: Kelly Wagar
jkwagar@telus.net or jkwagar@hotmail.com
 Or leave a voice message at 780-942-4654

Deadline for submissions is the **15th** of every month.

Any late items will be held until the next issue

Meetings

Are held on the first Thursday of every second month at the Ardossan Memorial Hall
 No formal Meetings July through August
 * **All members are required to carry an AEF Membership ***

Our 2009 Executive

Phil Coatta– President	922-5207
Bob Klassen – Past President	922-5655
Hedi Klassen– Treasurer	922-5655
Ardyth Moore -Secretary	922-6536
Kelly Wagar– Newsletter/ Memberships	942-4654
Hedi Klassen- Futurity Maturity	922-5655
Greg Fitzgerald—Social/ X-mas	868-9945
Betty Gabert- Dressage Team	
Linda Vongrad-Versatility/ Milestone/Sponsorships	449-5600
Brenda Engler –Web Page	464-1572
Donna– Rae Coatta– TRIP	922-5207

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