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BRIEFS FROM THE BOARD

The June 1, 2010 meeting was held at Bob Evans Restaurant in Viera. President Jeanne Kirvan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Members and guests in attendance were Edna Owens, Laine Seefelt, Kenny Austin, Karen Mumme, Debbi, Gary and Samantha Crum, Bob Byrnes, Patricia Bean, Beverly McNulty, Mellinda Gonyaw and Sue and Deanna Metzger.

The May 4, 2010 minutes had been previously emailed to the board. They were approved and will be placed on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Laine verbalized the current balance as the May bank statement had not been received at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tax/Not for Profit Status
Tabled.

2. Club Goals/Future

The "Spacecoast Arabian Horse Club Future" letter had been emailed to the current membership, twice, during the last month. The response had been minimal, and the board had decided that we would mail the letter again via regular mail and extend the time frame to the July 6th meeting to give members another month to respond. They will be mailed ASAP...After discussion, the cocncensus was that no one wants the club to dissolve, but change is needed. Bob Byrnes volunteered to be Vice-President, Edna for President. Karen Mumme volunteered to take over the secretary position. Hopefully, more members will comment to the board via email or phone, and a few mayh be willing to fill the Treasurer and the three director positions for 2011, so the club can continue to exist.

3. 4-H Judging Team Donation
Tabled.

4. Christmas Party/2011 Election of Officers
Members were encouraged to research possible venues with private meeting rooms for this year's event. Discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

5. Yearly Charity Donations
Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Harmony Farms Buckaroo Ball

Patty mentioned the upcoming "Harmony Farms Buckaroo Ball". The club had not received an invitation this year, so she will get the club the information. The Board agreed to give the usual \$200.00 to this charity event.

Laine motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sue seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next regular meeting will be held July 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm With dinner at 6:00 pm at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Viera. All members are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Gonyaw, Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| June 26 | Orlando AHA Community Show at Silver Sands Equestrian Center, New Smyrna Beach. Contact Lori Heckle at 407-366-5410 or hecklelori@aol.com |
| Aug. 28-29 | Fall Festival Arabian, Newberry, FL. Contact Carlie Evans at 352-215-0710. |
| Oct. 17 | Orlando AHA Fun Show, Open. Clarcona Horseman's Park, Apopka. Contact Lori Heckle (above). |
| Nov. 17-21 | Annual AHA Convention in Orlando. We have 24 AHA members eligible to attend the convention. Only one member may attend as a delegate for our club. Others may attend meetings but not vote. Call 303-696-4500 for more details. |

We'reB – A – C – K !!!!

After missing the last two Region 12 Champion Shows, the Lady B Team was back in full force this year. Hurray!

Horses in attendance were SS Lady Shakeera, Simonetta Steyer's half Arab/half Andalusian mare; LB Mistrali (Sport), Marty Ross' PB gelding; LB Kalidascope (Ace), Frankie's half Arab/half Holsteiner gelding and Melanie Rider's PB gelding, Saji.

People at the show were Bob and Frankie, Simonetta, Cheri Freeman, my assistant (she shows Ace, while I show Shakeera and we both show Sport), and the entire Rider CLAN---Mom Cindy and Dad Tom as well as brother Tom (who did a great job as our video person) AND ALL THE OTHERS WHOSE NAMES I DON'T HAVE---GRAND MOM, 2 AUNTS, GREAT AUNT, COUSINS AND MORE. Wow, she had an entire cheering section of her own. So nice when a junior rider (Ha---Miss Rider) has so many loving people to encourage her wonderful efforts! (Many of these people live in various areas of Georgia, and it made it great to be close enough for them to attend the show in Perry.)

This was Melanie's first Regional Show, and only the third Class A show in which she has competed. Melanie is my newest student, and.....Wow, I'll take her any time!

In Training Level Test 4, Junior to Ride, she placed in the Top 5. This started her show with a bang. Jumping to the Main Arena Melanie rode a wonderful Hunt Seat Equit, JTR (13-18) class. Rode a perfect pattern (tough one too). Did not place but acquitted herself with poise and calm. Can't ask for more!

Well, we did ask for more: Ride the PB Sport Horse Under Saddle, JTR class. In the brand new coliseum (where the cattle tie-outs used to be now stands a modern, air conditioned, super duper arena and an equally super covered Warm Up Ring. Even has a covered walk-way to the barn area. First Class!) ANYWAY, Melanie and 8 other junior riders showed us how it was done. And when it WAS done, Melanie not only was Top 5, she was RESERVE CHAMPION! DOUBLE HURRAY!

This was a long show. They added a day in front and since Dressage and Sport Horse Classes have grown so much, we showed 5 of the 6 days of the show. (We used to have one day of Dressage, then added half a day of Sport Horse). And look at us now!

Yes, the new coliseum was wonderful. Well, maybe the horses did not all think so. Certainly not Ace or Sport. Shakeera was not quite as concerned, but many other horses than ours also did not love it. So much so that kind judge Fran Dearing decided that the location of the judging table was adding to the stress. She had the arena switched around so that horses were not entering at A, and trotting not only toward the judge/table, but also toward the big open door, people outside, the warmup ring beyond, etc. Good move, as most horses now were able to manage much better.

Days one and two had Sport at Training Level---all the “bears” were in attendance. And the same for Ace and Shakeera at First Level. After the ring was changed, all three horses managed scores 8% to 10% higher than in their other tests. Sport at First, Ace and Shakeera at Training Level. Not high enough to place, but certainly not embarrassing!

After a day’s rest for all except Melanie (that day she rode the Equit.class), everyone was spiffed up, shined up, braided up and ready for the Sport Horse in Hand classes. Ace does well at the shorter shows, but in this case, by Friday, had lost almost 100 lbs, and it showed. For a big, bright boy, he sure gets the “show willies” and does not want to eat. If anyone wonders why I have him fat as the proverbial pig at home prior to a show, this is why.) Was too bad, as Cherie Freeman really showed him off well. She is doing a great job at running the Sport horses in Hand (as I cannot run anymore, much to my sorrow. I enjoyed that). His change in weight really affected how he looked, though.

Not so with Simonetta’s Lady Shakeera. What a nice cross this half Arabian/half Andalusian mare is! She showed with Cherie like a true “Lady”, scoring 77.3%. In her Class of 12 lovely mares, she was Top 5 and Reserve Champion, losing Champion by only half a percentage point! Think Simonetta was a proud Mom? You bet!

Her successful showing was followed closely by Marty’s LB Mistrali (known as Sport at home). Purebred Sport Horse Geldings in Hand is a big class too: eleven gorgeous guys, and, not to be outdone by Shakeera, Sport also was Top 5, AND Reserve Champion with a score of (78%). And, also by less than one full percentage point away from being Champion. These were competitive classes for sure.

One more ride in the show, and it should have been Shakeera’s second time to shine. And it was, except for a blown right canter lead. Listen girl, you can’t do that in a Regional show and pin a ribbon! Ok, she was not quite 6 yet, and there will be more Regional shows in her future. (Come to find out, she was “out” in the left hip, now fixed by our chiropractor. Good to go.)

We all had fun. Lots of good riding, lots of laughs, lots of great friends. All of whom seemed really glad to see us back in Perry.

Capped off by an uneventful, maybe even boring ride home. Happiness is a boring trip! Thank you, Bob!!

And we’ll be “B – A – C – K”..... NEXT YEAR!

P.S. I remember when we used to have a 3-day dressage pre-show followed by 2 days of Championship classes! I also fondly remember at least two times that Fran Dearing was our judge – a VERY kind lady.

Edna