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President's Message

So here we are in the middle of the glorious summer! I do hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying your animals – taking advantage of the many opportunities to join organized rides and event or just getting out and riding on your own in the surrounding areas – whatever makes you happy!

Please join Jere and me at our little farm in Dartmouth on the 13th of July for a couple of informative demonstrations and the presentation of our scholarship. I am going to begin early - 4:30 pm - with a long-reining demonstration. I know that this is early for people that work but if you cannot arrive at that time, you will be able to catch the equine massage demo put on by member Meghan Hamilton which will begin at 5:30.

We will plan to eat around 6:30 - 7. A brief meeting will be held during dinner. This will be rain or shine as we will be using the indoor arena. PLEASE BRING CHAIRS! It will be a potluck dinner – bring on your best recipe to share with the club – soft drinks will be provided but bring your own other beverages. I will have power for crock pots, etc.

I look forward to seeing you all on the trails as well as at Stonehorse Farm!

*Best wishes,
Meredith Commons Russo,
President*

Directions to Stonehorse Farm:

Address: 1279 Reed Rd., Dartmouth, MA

From Aquidneck Island: 24 North to I 195 East to exit 11 – Reed Rd. Go left off exit, 1.5 miles on right. Park in front of indoor arena anywhere on side of building or in front. Or pull ahead to driveways – please try to get off the road as much as possible – OK to park on lawn. This is a narrow road and we are on a blind corner.

Successful Day at RIVTA Symposium...

On May 19, 2007 club members, Barbara Plante, Pam Monaghan, Liz Franks and Sandra van Duinwyk attended the 1st annual Rhode Island Veterinary Technician Association (RIVTA) Symposium which was held at URI W.Alton Jones Campus in West Greenwich, RI. Roger Lauze from MSPCA Nevins Farm instructed a group of 17 participants through scenarios of how to deal with equine emergencies in the worst case situations. After an hour of class room discussion we moved outdoors to participate in a 'hands on' approach of hobbling and harnessing a downed horse while keeping ourselves out of harms way. Roger split us up into two groups. AIHA members teamed up and demonstrated how to flip a 600 lb heavy rubber dummy horse onto a rescue glide which was dragged by hand into a 2 horse trailer. Other valuable information was shared such as equine first aid and what to look for under particular situations. I'd recommend attending future Symposiums if you can. You can check out their web page at www.mspca.org

AIHA 2007 Calendar

- July 1st AIHA Equine Challenge Pleasure Ride, Glen Park
July 8 WGH A Judged Pleasure Ride, Acadia
- July 13 AIHA meeting at the Russo's Stonehorse Farm,
Dartmouth, MA
- July 15th WGH A St. Jude Ride, Goddard Park
- August 11 & 12 (shameless promotion for the Rhode Island Driving
Club) In preparation for the Carriage Days Pleasure
Show, Sept. 1 & 2:
Work Days at the beautiful Celtic Cross Farm and
Volunteer orientation. Location: Dudley MA. For
more information, visit the
www.rhodeislanddrivingclub.com and check out
events; RI Carriage Days
- August 17 Newsletter deadline
August 25th Tentative date for Steak cookout
- September 1&2 RIDC Carriage Days Pleasure Driving Show
Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley MA
- September 10 Tentative meeting date
October 14th 19th Annual AIHA Hunter Pace, Glen Park
December 9 Christmas Show at Glen Farm Stables



Bragging Rights...

Congratulations to Meredith Russo riding Xeon and Barbara Plante riding Chill at the Myopia Hunt placing 2nd on May 20th.

Congratulations to Janet Skinner riding Willie at the Beland Stables Horse Show held on June 10th. Janet received 6th place riding USEF Training Level Test 4 with a score of 57.2%

Congratulations to Teri Austin riding Just Dessert ("Jake"), she recently received a blue ribbon at the St. Clements Horse Show, Saratoga NY on May 16th. She placed 1st and 3rd at Fieldstone Horseshow held on May 26th in Halifax, MA.

Congratulations to 3rd place winners, Sandra van Duinwyk riding R.C & Barbara Plante riding Chill. Janet Skinner riding Willie and Karen Razza riding Artex placed forth at the Nashoba Valley Hunter Pace held on May 27 at Shepley Hill in Groton, Ma.

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Hello fellow equestriennes.....

After a long very difficult decision, we have decided to sell our 3 riding horses, so that we can build the driving team of our dreams... I want the best homes for all 3 of them; there is some room to negotiate on a few of them. A few times in our lives allow us to follow our dreams; perhaps one of our 3 may complete one of yours.....

*Thank-you,
Meghan Hamilton & Michael Yallen
Sleepy Hollow Farm
508-317-0098*

AIHA Meeting Tuesday, May 15, 2007

501 Cafe, Portsmouth, RI

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

The treasurer's Report:

The report was read by Anne Torres. Financial information will be posted on the website and available to club members only.

The Federation Report:

The report was given by Sylvia Hayden. Ninety dollars was collected by some young people in the campground for the outhouse in the Horseman's Campground in Escoheag. The West Greenwich Horseman's Association collected \$200.00 by selling hamburgers and hot dogs and gave it to the Federation. Paul will start the fireplace next week; there will be a purchase of new gravel for a new path. Lakeville Mass has some new horse trails opening around a big pond. Meredith discussed a donation by the club to help improve outhouses, via the Federation. There was some discussion about funds available for trails from the state of RI. Sylvia mentioned that the DEM has paid for barns at Lincoln Woods and Goddard Park. Money is available but the town must make a request.

Sunshine Fund:

Mary Raposa was not present: the following information will be given to her: There was a funeral for Gerri Reeves, mother of Pat Larsen, well known horsewoman. Dolores Mello lost her pony. Amy Rice lost her horse Macaw to colic

Old Business:

The Jumping Clinic with Ted Torrey was a success. There was a full day with 18 riders. Auditors were also present. Food was served and the weather was great. The AIHA made \$267.00 which represents 25% of the total funds raised after expenses. Holly and Christina will no longer be running the Glen. Ted Torrey is the new manager of the Glen. Marcie Taylor announced the results of the AIHA Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. The unanimous winner was (Mary) Caitlyn Halm of Portsmouth, RI. We hope to have her at the July meeting to present the check and get photos for the local newspapers. A thank you was given to all members of the Scholarship Committee for a job well done. There was some discussion about the amount of the scholarship for next year and Paul Bernard made a motion to increase the amount to \$1000.00 next year. Jere Russo seconded the motion and a vote was taken passing the motion. Anne Torres gave a report for the donation committee. August 1st will be the deadline for requests. As this time we have 2 requests, one from the Robert Potter League for \$1,500.00 over 3 years, from Sheila Reilly. And we have a request for support from Lou Denizard for the Pan Am Games. Guidelines were explained about how we obtain the amount for annual donations. We take the amount we have in our accounts, subtract \$10,000.00 for prudent reserve, and take 50% of the remaining balance for donations. This year we already allocated \$500.00 for the scholarship. Grace Kinnunen gave a report on Glen Park. She discussed that the kitchen is in need of repair. The Boy Scouts have labor to donate but not materials. A \$400.00 donation was made by the club in the past and research will be done by Barbara Plante to see where the money went. The Rotary Club will donate \$500.00. There is a list of supplies that we need if someone would like to donate items and labor and/or money. The 4 H Club will help out with the cow stall area. A \$500.00 grant from URI extension may be available. Roy, Barbara and Grace will work on the storage shed which needs new doors and a new roof. Grace also mentioned the fencing around the sand ring was unstable and that stakes were used to give additional support. Barbara Plante mentioned Hodges Badge had offered some financial support in the past and maybe they would help. Roy suggested we send a grant request to the Federation for the shed and roof. (Sylvia clarified that in order to apply for grant money, work must be completed first and then money requested after the fact to repay funds spent. Grace will ask all "fee free" groups for donations since they use the facility for no cost. Barbara Plante asked for \$600.00 to purchase jump rails for the Hunter Pace and Jumping Clinic. That would cover the cost of 15 rails and delivery. Sylvia Hayden made a motion to purchase the rails and Jere Russo seconded the motion.

New Business:

July 13 Meeting will be at Meredith & Jere Russo's home. It will be pot luck and Meghan Hamilton will give a demonstration of equine massage. The Steak Cookout will take place in August, volunteers are needed.

The September Meeting will be at the Sakonnet Fish Company. We will focus on the Hunter Pace and maybe have a presentation by Lou Denizard with slides or a video. November will be a Thanksgiving Dinner at White's of Westport, with Grace planning the dinner. Ballots for the 2008 AIHA Officers election will be available online in November so that new officers will be announced and introduced at the Christmas Party. Meredith discussed the possibility of AIHA becoming an Affiliated Club Member of the Horsemen's Yankee Pedlar. Benefits for the club include a section for club news, ½ page plus photos, editorial space, exposure, free display ads regarding shows, clinics, and hunter pace equal to the amount paid for affiliating and a free link to our website from the Pedlar website. For \$750.00 per year we receive membership forms in the magazine, individual complimentary copies to all paid members, a free classified ad (horse/tack sale) for all members, and 10% off display advertising for members.

We have approximately 80 members, which would be \$9.00 per member. It was suggested we increase the membership fees to \$20.00 per person, and \$25.00 per family. Paul Bernard made a motion to make the suggested fee increase and it was seconded by Rose Stabile and passed by unanimous vote. However, because we were not sure we had a quorum (25% according to bylaws) the motion will be tabled until the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and a raffle was held.

The AIHA Classifieds

QUESTION

I have a bad case of strangles at my barn. We are a nonprofit riding center, and our horses are donated. How soon can a horse be exposed to strangles after he has been given the vaccine?

ANSWER

I think the question is "How long does it take for a horse to develop a protective level of immunity after the horse has been vaccinated for strangles?"


An exact time frame can't be predicted, but 10-14 days is probably a safe estimate. Bear in mind that no vaccine is 100 percent effective. Even vaccinated horses can get the disease if they are "overwhelmed" by too many bacteria or other stresses.

It's important to remember that horses that are vaccinated after they have been infected with strangles are at an increased risk to develop an autoimmune problem called "purpura," which can be more dangerous than strangles. – **Dr. Barbara Corson, V.M.D., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

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