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HOUSTON AREA CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION (HACA) BOARD MEETING

April 12, 2008

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Al Bulgawicz, VP. Those board members in attendance were: Mike McLennan, Chuck Brown, Karen Morris, Terry Arnold, Al Bulgawicz and Bonnie McMurtry.

1. Treasurers report: Terry is in the process of transferring all accounting information onto Quicken, as her computer program crashed. At this time, the HACA balance is approximately \$11,000.00.
2. Discussion of Mike's motion to have two signatures on all checks over \$500.00. Given the distance between the members, it was decided that all checks over \$500.00 would require a board vote. That vote could be done by email. Motion made by Mike and seconded by Chuck Brown.
3. The safety committee was discussed and encouraged to have a formal presence.
4. The HHDT IV was discussed and is firmly on the way. The show secretary is Paula Long. The officials will be: president of the jury, Craig Kellogg, ground jury, Ann Council and TD, Tom Knicker. Briana Baccus, Claire Zadow and Karen Garrett are handling the sponsorships and anyone else that wants to assist in sponsorships should contact any member of the HHDT IV organizing committee. {Al & Susan Bulgawicz, Claire Zadow, Bonnie McMurtry}. There will be a silent auction {contact Rebecca McKeever and Nancy Ginn} and folks are encouraged to sponsor and decorate a hazard. The committee would like to have parking attendants and asked for volunteers. Lee McMurtry will be doing the scoring and would like to have an assistant. The EMT must be on the grounds for the marathon and Terry will locate one. Anna Perkinson asked about having Craig Kellogg stay over to give lessons following the driving trial. Al would discuss with Craig. Go to the HACA web site for additional information
5. New Business: Anna Perkinson suggested that the club sponsor visiting clinicians, Mike suggested that it be at least a weekend clinic. Anna will look into the club members' interest for clinics and feasibility of clinics and report back to the club.
6. Plum Creek has about 20 entries and would like to have more, entries were encouraged. Thank you to Anna Perkinson for handling the sponsorships and to Bonnie McMurtry for agreeing to hold a silent auction. Cat Cook is volunteer coordinator and could always use more volunteers. Go to HACA web site for additional information.
7. Pine Hill report given by Sandy Smith and Jerry McLennan, This will be held at The Pine Hill facility in Bellville on Memorial Day Weekend. Sat and Sun, May 24 & 25th. Arrive on Friday and the classes will be held on Sat & Sun. Ruthie Graves will be the judge. Go to the HACA web site for the flyer and additional information. Mary Ann Swim will handle press releases to local papers, as May is National Driving Month.

8. In honor of National Driving Month, Chyrl Goetzman has inquired about driving on the Bovay Boy Scout Ranch off of highway 6 close to Navasota. Dates suggested were 5/10, 5/11 and 5/17. After discussion, the 5/11/08 date was decided and Chyrl is to confirm the date, time and details. The parking lot holds 750 cars, so should be large enough for all trailers, horses, etc. There will not be a charge, however, donations to the Boy Scouts is appreciated. Clean up is required, more information forthcoming.
9. Al Bulgawicz , with help of Tom O'Carroll and Chuck Brown is putting on a driving, CDE demonstration at Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy, Texas on May 10, 2008 at a Mini Show. This will be done at approximately 5PM, following the days show.
10. Amy Wink is the new newsletter editor, thanks Amy. Contributors to the newsletter and other driving magazines to promote HACA and driving are wanted. If you have interest and writing skills, please consider writing articles for the HACA web site on the events.
11. Bonnie McMurtry is working on making getting a non profit status and tax id # for HACA. Following that, the club will look into liability insurance for the board members.
12. The next meeting will be held on July 27, 2008 at Al & Susan Bulgawicz home. The program will be Mike McLennan on conditioning for competition. Additional information on the HACA web site.
13. The meeting was adjourned by motion of Terry Arnold and seconded by Chuck Brown.

Huge thanks to Jerry & Mike McLennan for hosting the Swap Drive and the HACA meeting. What a wonderful venue and a great day of driving. For those of you who missed it, there were 5 hazards and a 5.7 km course that went all over the place. The cones were fun, with the last set a bit tricky. Just a great relaxing day to practice or play; depending on your mood.

Minutes submitted by Terry Arnold, for Claire Zadow.