

T.R.A. Vaulting Club

Meeting: Saturday, August 1, 2009
The Riding Academy 12:59 P.M.

Meeting attendants:

Sara Hill, Julia Cox, James Cox, Charlotte Horton, Sally Sherwood, Mark Stevens, Lennie Gomez Garcia, Jamie

Meeting Minutes:

Agenda:

- Club Business
- Vaulting Schedule 2010 Changes and Updates
- Two Phase Teams/Canter and Trot and levels
- Competition Unitards
- Fundraising
- Goals for our Vaulters
- Guidelines for Vaulters at competitions

Club Business:

There was an overpayment to the club from the Nationals in July. It was agreed that the overpayment would go to the Riding Academy to help pay for the cost of repairs to the truck and or trailer.

Vaulting Schedule 2010 Changes and Updates:

Lompoc tentatively set for June 19.

Valley View and TRA trading dates, Valley view will only be barrel.

TRA will also hold a CHA Certification in June: age requirements, 16 and over to become an assistant and 18 and over to become a certified coach.

Vegas Competition changes:

- AM medal testing
- Afternoon/evening competition
- Possible braiding clinic
- No circus school this year

Two Phase Teams/Canter and Trot and Levels

Canter proposed 2 phase team: Melissa, Lauren, Jamie, Nicholas

Trot proposed 2 phase team: Monique, Cole, (need 2 more)

Copper Level: Melissa. Lauren and Nicholas

Trot Level: Monique, Cole, Kyra, Noel

Preliminary Trot: Cassie, Cameron, Nathan

Advanced Walk: Kara

Novice Walk: Catherine

Parents were asked to bring last year's Vegas scores for comparison.

Competition Unitards

The TRA competition unitard will be updated for the copper level vaulters by adding a white strip in between the blue and black. Julia will measure and get back to us as to whether the stripe should be 1-or 1.5 in wide.

Parents are required to purchase a TRA approved unitard in order for their vaulter to compete.

Fundraising

Rummage Sale: tentative date Sat/Sun September 12-13

The details of the rummage sale have been re-visited and are being considered. Sarah has been given a big screen T.V. for the sale. We will be bringing item to the riding Academy and storing them in the trailer until the sale. We have asked that the items, if possible could be priced before placing them into the trailer.

Mark is in charge of finding a place to hold the rummage sale and to find advertising options. He is looking into MSJC, Ralph's parking lot, old Target parking lot, or possible having it at Mark's home if nothing else works out.

Charlotte will make flyers, one to donate and one to invite.

Proceeds of this fundraiser will be split in this manner:

80% to the participating vaulters for the horsebacks accounts and,

20% to the general TRA fund.

Car Wash: the car wash has been tabled for the time being.

Retail cards: Sally will be looking into the possibility of using retail cards at local stores to earn a percent of sales for the vaulters accounts. No cost to the parents or family, the percent earned is based on the amount purchased.

Cookie dough: Charlotte will be gathering information to possibly sell cookie dough in the fall.

Vault-a-thon: Set for Spring 2010

Goals for our Vaulters

We discussed the fact that our vaulters need to improve their compulsory scores. It was decided that we would emphasize this during regular practice and possibly hold a clinic before the next competition. Possible clinicians: Kenny Gisler and Rick Hawthorne. We also discussed the cost of having this clinic. The visiting vaulting teams would pay a higher cost, and we left open whether each vaulter would pay separately or if the club would pay. We will also collect the money in advance from all participants.

Guidelines for Nationals/Competitions

- 1.) All team members must have a standard, authorized team unitard to be able to compete for TRA Vaulters at Nationals.
- 2.) All vaulters are required to arrive one full day before Nationals begin. Vaulters must be available for team obligations, such as washing the horses, first thing in the morning on the day prior to competition.
- 3.) All vaulters, as well as parents who are at Nationals, must be present for Sarah's toast the day before competition. Vaulters will need to wear the team unitard.
- 4.) TRA vaulters are required to check in with the coach or assistant coach no less than two hours prior to scheduled competition time.
- 5.) During the first hour of the mandatory pre-competition period vaulters must:
 - a.) be dressed in team unitard and vaulting shoes
 - b.) have hair fully and securely done
 - c.) put on their number armband
 - d.) warm up and get fully stretched
- 6.) Vaulters should remain with their specific vaulting horse for the full hour prior to scheduled competition time.
- 7.) After exiting the ring, immediately following the performance, vaulters must:
 - a.) follow the horse and remain with the horse until excused by Sarah

- b) tell the coach or assistant coach where they are going, if leaving
 - c.) confirm that the coach and assistant coach have their cell phone number
- 8.) If other team performances are scheduled after their own, team members should remain at the Nationals competition to support TRA vaulters in other categories.
- 9.) Team members at Nationals are representing TRA Vaulters and must wear authorized team clothing for award ceremonies and other public events.
- 10.) Vaulters at Nationals need to be present to observe: Gold Compulsories, Gold Freestyle, and A Team. It is strongly suggested that vaulters also view performances for the next level above their own.
- 11.) When signing up for team jobs at Nationals there must be two vaulters assigned per horse, when walking the horse. Vaulters should make certain that they have volunteered as many times as necessary to guarantee this.

Other items discussed concerning the vaulters at or during competitions; music will be e-mailed to Sarah (labeled), there will be a list of the jobs posted in Ted or Bunny's stall for reference, there will also be a list of practice times, everyone is asked to bring ideas for team wear to next meeting, making or purchasing a TRA banner for the stalls was also an idea discussed.

Paid Members:

The following have paid dues and are eligible for voting:

April Sanchez
 Lennie Gomez Garcia
 Charlotte Horton
 Sally Sherwood
 Mark Stevens
 Julia Cox
 James Cox
 Sarah Hill
 Denise Esselborn
 Kristen

Charlotte motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sally seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned 8/1/09 3:04 p.m.