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from the President

Hello All!

The UCEA kicked into gear this month with our annual Spring Dance. Snowflake the amazing mechanical roping horse was quite a hit! For a Twoonie-a-toss you could try your luck at roping the mechanical calf! Hopefully, we raised enough funds to purchase the material for a new picnic table which is desperately needed on our Heritage Trail!

Once we've rested from dinner and Easter, we head off to the hills to pick up trash along the Heritage Trail to make ready for our first club ride of 2010. I'd like to thank the new folks who have volunteered to help with the cleanup this year! It will take place anytime members are available to head down to walk their sections to bag that trash! Either weekdays (for those lucky souls who don't work 9-5!) Or the weekends like me! The club ride takes place Sunday, April 18th and you can start from either end of the trail—Either the York Rd. parking lot, or-I believe its John St. In NOTL—to meet in the middle just about 12:00 for lunch! Weather permitting, of course!

There are a few of us working on setting up a Treeless Saddle Demo with Steve Wawryk of Horselife.ca –hopefully later in the Spring. The location will be Montasola Farms in Stevensville. A limited number of spaces will be available for members to bring their horses. Please note, there will be a small fee applicable, for the rental of the covered arena (so weather won't be an issue) and Steve has asked for \$50.00/person—BUT this fee will be deducted from the cost of a saddle, should you purchase one! He also said that everyone who brings their horse will get to try out the treeless saddle and bitless bridle (if interested) and he will give pointers/advice on how to ride in this style. He's asked for a minimum of 6 horses, on a first come first served basis.

Spectators are encouraged and it will be free to watch. There may even be a short trail ride to follow, if you are interested in bringing your horse! Watch for an email to all regarding this fun new spring adventure. Contact Maggie Williams for details @ maggiew365@hotmail.com.

If April showers bring May flowers...lets hope for sunny weather for our upcoming rides! The last thing on my April message is regarding our website. It has been mentioned that the website is sorely outdated and needs some reconstructing. If anyone has ideas for something new on the website, please email me with "WEBSITE" as the subject!

Happy Trails!

Loretta



UCEA MEETINGS EVENTS & RIDES

MEETINGS

UCEA Meetings
take place the
second Wednesday of
every month at 7:30 pm.
Plan to attend
when you can!

NEXT MEETING:
Wed.,
April 14th, 2010

@ Bertie & Clinton Insurance
Merrittville Hwy & Hwy 20

Plan to attend!
7:30 pm.



Make'N Trails

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Cancer Ride

Thank you to those that came out to the Cancer Ride meeting to help get the ball rolling for this year. We have set the wheels in motion for another fantastic ride. See the flyer attached for details. Registration is on-line this year, please go to http://www.equineniagaranews.com/ucea_cancerRide2010.html to register.

Upper Canada Equestrian Association
Minutes From the Meeting of March 10,
2010 @ Bertie & Clinton's Office

Attendees: 18

Minutes from February 2010

Brenda read the February 2010 minutes.
Jenn motioned to accept the minutes, 2nd
by Marg, all in favor.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer's report read by Lucie.
Russ motioned the Treasurers report be
accepted as read, 2nd by Dick, all in favor.

Old Business:

Marg provided an updated on the Greater
Niagara Circle Route. Stressed the
importance to get the ideas and
suggestions into the Greater Niagara
Circle Route by April 14, 2010. All User
groups will be submitting their
recommendations for the trail
improvements. Marg wants the equestrian
riders to be heard either individually or
through our group. It was a long hard
battle to get this trail and she doesn't want
to lose it.

Discussion was held and the members
provided feedback, suggestions, and
ideas for Marg to complete a list to be
submitted to the Greater Niagara Circle
Route. Any additional ideas/suggestions or
concerns can be sent off to Loretta or
Marg.

Received the renewal for the clubs OEF
membership - \$100/yr.
Amber motioned to renew and pay, 2nd by
Jenn, all in favour.

Received the renewal for the clubs
Insurance- \$1036.80/yr. Consisting of
\$432.00 director liability and \$604.80 for
membership liability.
Insurance to be paid. Suggestion made to
shop around for prices for next year.

Dance Update provided by Amber
Tickets are ready for sale, \$10 each –
contact Amber for purchase Raffle Items
are required. Food List is out remember to
sign up. Theme for the dance will be –
Easter. Mark is not a member yet for the
Legion – he promised to sign up soon.
The legion will do the front sign.
Set up and decoration will be noon on
April 3.
The coffee pot is missing.

Loretta suggested the Website be
updated. The pictures are outdated
information needs to be updated. Should
be linked with Facebook and have links for
our sponsors. Brief discussion held no
decision was made.

New Business:

Cancer Ride Update by Debi
Confirmed location will be Henry of
Pelham Winery on June 6, 2010
Needs a committee to assist with the
cancer ride. Behind with the work involved
Committee of volunteers were: Loretta,
Jenn, Lisa, Nancy, Russ, John, Mark.
Debi can get the signage and marketing
completed but needs help with the
gathering of prizes, sponsorship, food,
safety equipment-vests, pylons and signs.
Organize the food and drink booth.

Cancer Ride meeting to be held
Mon Mar 15 @ 7pm @ Debi's.

Debi requested the minutes of the meeting
be available to her no later than the
25th of the month so she can complete the
newsletter and get it out either mail or
email.

50/50 draw of \$11.50 won by Lucie.

Buy/Sell/Trade:

Jenn-Wants a 4 horse stock trailer for free
Debi -Has all her horses for sale and a
2 horse trailer
John -Truck camper, excellent
condition, heated - \$4000

Meeting closed at 9:07 pm.

REGISTER On-LINE @ http://www.equineniagaranews.com/ucea_cancerRide2010.html to register.



Presents the Annual

Nicky Aiken Memorial Ride for Breast Cancer



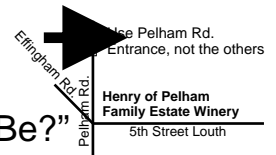
June 6, 2010

This year the ride starts at 11:00 am at Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery (corner of 5th St. and Pelham Road) Trailers please use Pelham Road entrance to the winery



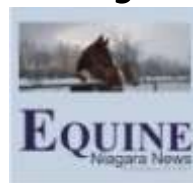
You Could *WIN*
This Saddle!

- scenic trail ride through the Shorthills Provincial Park
- lots of prizes • Poker Ride
- You could win major prizes for raising the most money to be donated to the Breast Cancer Research and Education Fund
- Prize for most unique breed of horse participating in the ride
- **NEW** - prize for "How Pink Can You Be?"
- food and entertainment after the ride



To participate a minimum \$20 donation is required. & don't forget your lawn chairs and clean up after your horse.

Last year we raised **\$11,000**



Can we top that this year?



HorseLife



Stay tuned for more sponsors & prizes!

To find out how you can participate, volunteer or make a contribution call Debi at

905-684-6030 or email uceacancerride@equineniagaranews.com

Pledge forms and registration forms are available at

www.ucea-niagara.com



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