

GEORGIA FARRIERS

Official Newsletter of the GPFA

Jan-Feb 2007

2007 A Year for Growth and Education

2007 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The 2007 meeting was called to order at 9am by Vice-President Larry Hix, CF.

The old business was addressed by Treasurer Eric Gilleland, CF starting with the web site which is now up and running. It can be updated at anytime, we need pictures and articles.

Next on the table was the Georgia Horse Council's Horse Fair which they are not having in 2007 and after not being members in 2006 Glen Henderson moved that the GPFA rejoin in 2007 second by Dan Carter and a unanimous vote we will be members for 2007.

Before new business nominations and officer elections were held:

Vice-President Larry Hix, CF was nominated by Robert Whitworth, CF for re-election and was elected in for a two year term unanimously.

Secretary Jeffery Morton, CF was nominated for re-election by Dan Carter, CJF and also elected for a two year term unanimously.

New Business:

A motion was raised by Eric Gilleland to have the American Farrier's Team here for a practice in June 2007. Jay Perry moved to table this vote to a committee for a 14 day investigation of profit margins to other associations and commitment of hands on attendees to cover \$1500 cost of practice. This motion was seconded by Glenn Henderson after a vote it was put to a committee to research. (After 14 days we have 15 hands on commitments and will proceed with practices sometime in June.)

Stan Davis (2004-2005 Secretary) was nominated to be the AFA Board of Director's Representative for 2007 by President Steve Schmidt, CF after a unanimous vote he will represent us at the 2007 convention.

A motion was raised to hold a division I & II contest in conjunction with the World Championship Blacksmith's Championship, LLC contest in January 2008 by Dan Carter.

The motion was seconded by Mike Rogers and passed unanimously.

A motion was raised to hold a fall warm-up contest with a jackpot format in September by Dan Carter. This motion was seconded by Eric Gilleland and passed

Unanimously.

Several committees were created this year and are as follows:

Certification

Eric Gilleland, CF

Mike Rogers

Pre Certification

Larry Hix, CF

Wayne Nunn

Newsletter

Jeffery Morton, CF

Dan Carter, CJF

Steve Prescott, CJF

Jeff Holder, CF

Larry Hix, CF

Contest

Dan Carter, CJF

Steve Schmidt, CF

Jeffery Morton, CF

Eric Gilleland, CF

Hammer-Ins/Shop Nights

Jeffery Morton, CF

Eric Gilleland, CF

Neal Baggett

Larry Hix, CF

Marketing

Mike Rogers

Glenn Henderson, CF

Wayne Nunn

Jeffery Morton, CF

Clinics

Lynn Jean, CJF

Dan Carter, CJF

Steve Schmidt, CF

Jeffery Morton, CF

Finally The Injured Farrier Fund was separated in the account and some how there was a paperwork error during the changing of the guard some where in the past so we started a separate fund with the proceeds from lunch at the business meeting. Thanks to a couple of Farriers making donations of what they charge to shoe one horse we raised \$467.00 for the fund thanks to everyone's donations.

**If you would like to Donate to the IFF mail your checks to
Injured Farrier's Fund**

c/o Jeffery Morton
P.O. Box 546
Monticello, GA 31064
(678)233-4201

Classifieds

If you have anything to sell or are looking for an apprentice or apprenticeship call a member of the newsletter committee.

GPFA Shirts and Hats are for sale for a limited time call Jeffery Morton at (678)233-4201

For Sale:
2004 Dodge 1500
Monetta Farrier Body
Slide Out, Shoe Racks, Forge, Etc.
Under 70,000 miles
\$16,000
Contact Marshal Greene
(706)409-3680

This Section Is A Free Service To Members. So take advantage of it.

Calander of Events

February

16th

Shop Night

@ Larry Hix's Shop

(706)783-3219 (706)783-3219

From Athens: take loop to hwy. 129 towards Danielsville
At Athens Tech turn right onto hwy 72 towards Elberton
2.4 miles past traffic light in Colbert turn right onto Farm rd.
Go to 1st dirt road on right Waggoners Grove Church rd.
3rd driveway on right Barshoe H Livestock

follow drive to shop.

2007 AFA Convention
Albuquerque, NM
Americanfarriers.org

March

3rd 9am

Basic Horse Owner Education Clinic
Town & Country
Southern States
Monticello, Ga
Dan Carter, CJF
Jeffery Morton, CF

30-31

Music City Horseshoer's Association
AFA Certification
Murfreesboro, TN

Examiner: Wayne Allen, CJF

Test Fee \$120

Deposit \$45 due by the 16th of March

Call to Reserve a Horse

Friday

6-6:30pm Registration

7pm Written Test

Saturday

8am Practical Exams Begin

Info

Buck McClendon, CJF

(615)274-2803 (615)516-8571

April

21st

Monetta Farrier Specialties

Annual Spring Fling

Clinician: Bob Pethick

TBA

GPFA

Pre Certification Clinic

May
TBA
AFA Certification
Examiner Wayne Allen, CJF
We need a new arena and Horses so if you have any ideas contact an officer.

26-27
American Farriers Team Practice
Jackson, Ga
Contact Eric Gilleland
for more Info on cost and availability.

September
TBA
Warm Up Contest

October
TBA
East Coast Horseshoe Supply
Annual Fall Clinic

January 2008
TBA
World Championship Blacksmith's, LLC
GA Contest
TBA
GPFA Contest and Clinics

Basic Horse Owner Education Clinic

Jeffery Morton, CF and Dan Carter, CJF will be doing the first clinic in Monticello, Ga. The Goal of this clinic is to promote our members and will be based on basic good shoeing and educating customers on what horseshoers expect from their clients. The bulk of our time will be focusing on emergency shoe removal (without destroying the foot) and discussing the things that cause horseshoers to ignore their phones.

The plan is to build a clinic that will benefit all of our members. So if you are interested in what we are doing come out your input is valued. And if you would like to see something like this in your area call an officer or a

member of the clinic committee.

Certification

After several years of having the AFA certification at Rusty Wright's New Beginings Performnce Horses in Rome, Ga we will have to find a new venue. We have several prospects but they will cost the association. We will need horses so if you know of an arena or horses that we can use please contact an officer we will make the certification happen but you might save us a headache.

Thanks to Rusty for allowing us to use his horses and facility in the past.

2007 Officers

President

Steve Schmidt, CF
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Vice President

Larry Hix, CF
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Treasurer

Eric Gilleland, CF
(770)883-5080

Secretary

Jeffery Morton, CF
(678)233-4201

Something to Chew On

The Rule of 212

Water boils at 212 degrees

at 211 it is just hot

at 212 degrees water boils and creates steam,

steam can power a train

with a train you can move mountains

one piece at a time

but at 211 degrees you get nothing

so remember the rule of 212

because it is one of the small truths that separates excuses from
champions

It is ALWAYS that ONE extra Degree!

Life is like Dancing with a Gorilla,
You ain't done dancing till he is!

“Do One Thing and Do It Better Than Anyone Else” Orville
Reddenbaucher

Success is like eating an Elephant,
Anyone can do it if they take it One Bite at a time!