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Next Board Meeting

Sunday, January 7, 2007, after the Year-End Awards
Potluck, C'burg Public Library
All BREA members are welcome to attend.

BREA Board Meeting Minutes: December 12, 2006

Board Members present: Erica Jones, Susan Icové, Debby Bright, Ellen Oliver, Dana Lacy, Jen Wolz, Kim Smith, and Bernard Hylton. Members present: Mary Kenney.

The BREA Annual Awards and Potluck will be January 7, 2007, from 1-5 pm, with a brief (30 minute) meeting of the new Board to follow. It will be held at the Christiansburg Library. There will be a Silent Auction with the proceeds going to the BREA Teams account, as well as a speaker TBD. All members are encouraged to attend.

Newsletter: BREA is still looking for someone to take this over as of the first of the year. The December newsletter will be Jen's last as editor.

Website: Erica changed companies as the previous company had some accounting problems. She collected reimbursement from Ellen. There was some discussion about making the website more user-friendly and attractive to better represent BREA to potential members looking for more information about the club, as well as for members as a way for them to stay informed and make it easy to fill out and submit information.

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Equipment: Bernard obtained some more plastic flowers for jumps.

Membership: BREAA ended the year with 79 members. This is the most ever. There was some discussion about what more can be done to encourage membership. One idea was to put our brochures in competitors' packets at our shows. Susan and Mary volunteered to find less expensive options for printing more brochures and then next year's Board will discuss and act on their information. The idea was raised to contact DC McBroom to find out what USEA Area II members are not in BREAA so we can send them information about BREAA. Ellen will contact DC to ask if this is feasible. Another idea was to offer cheap clinic fees to members. Usually, this is already done. The Board voted that for a one year trial period, BREAA will offer free membership to all PC and 4H members. They must include the name of their club. Susan will contact local PCs and let them know. Kim will compile a list of local 4H groups and pass on to Susan for her to contact them as well.

Horse Shows: Ellen had the following tentative dates for our shows: May 5, June 23, and August 11. The current fall date of September 29 conflicts with a PC rally, so the Board voted to pick October 13, which appears to be available, instead. Ellen will contact the GHPEC committee and ask to have BREAA's September 29 date change to October 13. These dates are not yet official.

Volunteers: A list of volunteer hours was in the most recent newsletter, but it did not reflect hours of Board members and also one Board member's additional hours that had been sent in. Kim will contact Lisa after finals to see if she needs some help with this.

Teams: Ellen and Jen have ordered new team saddle pads.

Points: The cross rails division is incorrect as Elaine didn't realize we were doing awards for cross rails. This will be updated. Key chains will be ordered by Ellen ASAP, only stating the division and year won, not people's names as she wouldn't get them in time.

Annual Meeting and Awards Pot Luck: Susan will contact Dave about giving a safety/first aid talk and possibly we will add a viewing of the Thrills and Spills video onto this. If Dave is unavailable, she will contact Sam Burton about a grooming talk. It was voted on and passed that the proceeds from the silent auction will go toward the team fund.

Videos: We will put BREAA's videos in the silent auction and then work on restocking with more current DVDs. [See the list of the books and videos owned by BREAA elsewhere in the newsletter. If you have one checked out, please make sure to return it to Virginia Tack before December 30, or bring it with you to the Annual Meeting.]

2007 Board Nominations: Folks who have agreed to serve on BREAA's 2007 Board include Debby Bright, Ellen Oliver, Jen Wolz, Dana Lacy, Bernard Hylton, Mary Kenney, Kim Smith, Billie Bryant, Sue Jellum, Susan Icove, and Linda Oberlender. There was some preliminary discussion about potentially holding Board meetings at the Fire Department off Exit 137 through Dana. The 2007 Board will decide where it wants to meet, but this would be an option that would probably be most equitable to all. Ellen is collecting short biographies of prospective Board members to be handed out at the Annual Meeting before the slate is voted on. The new Board will have a brief meeting after the annual dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm by Erica Jones.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Smith, Secretary
BREAA Secretary

BREAA Board Meeting Minutes: November 16, 2006

Board Members present: Erica Jones, Ellen Oliver, Susan Icove, Dana Lacy, Janet Flory, Bernard Hylton, Debby Bright, Jen Wolz. Board Members absent: Lisa DeHart, Kim Smith, Caitlin Mann, Emily Mann, Max Lander. Members present: Candi Hylton.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Erica Jones. There was no agenda to

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work from. The October Board meeting minutes were approved.

Membership Report: Debby reported that BREA currently has 80 members. Some who have joined recently are being considered members until December 31, 2007. The Board stated that any member joining after the date of BREA's last show of the year, whenever that is, will get a membership for the remainder of that year, plus the next calendar year.

Horseshow Report: Ellen will order ribbons during Hodges Badge's discount period. She will inventory the ribbons at GHPEC and place the order for next year's shows.

Equipment Report: Dana reported that Bernard has made 20 more jump poles for BREA. They're drying and he will deliver to GHPEC when they are ready in the spring. We need more plastic flowers for jump decoration; Susan will speak to a friend who might be able to donate older, used flowers.

Newsletter Report: It was discussed whether the Newsletter Editor needs to be a Board member or not. It was decided that he/she does not, but that attending the Board meeting is very helpful for the editor. Susan reported that she knows of a Pony Clubber who does the newsletter for her PC who may be interested in taking on BREA's newsletter as well. She will contact this person and report back to the Board. The December newsletter will be Jen's last.

Team Report: Jen reported that the BREA teams had a ton of fun at the Adult Team Championships in Lexington in November. Please see the November BREA Newsletter for listing of the team members and placings. There has been a request for new Team saddle pads, which the Board approved, to be paid for with Team funds. Ellen and Jen will order. BREA needs a new banner too. The old saddle pads and banner will be sold at the Silent Auction at the Year-End Awards Banquet in January. Funds raised will go back into the Team's account. Jen is willing to organize the Teams again next year.

Education Report: Susan reported on her progress on organizing an Adult Camp. There are several options for clinicians and location; the final details will be reported with sign-up information as soon as they are firmed up.

Web Site Report: Erica is still working on adding a link to the USEA rule book. She is busy with school and would like someone else to take over the web site if anyone is willing. Ellen said she had an idea about who might be willing to do it and would report back at the next meeting.

2007 Board: Susan will call members to make sure they're willing to serve and come up with a slate to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Awards Banquet and Meeting Report: It will be January 7, 2007, at the Christiansburg library from 1 pm – 5 pm. Erica will be in charge of the Silent Auction. In case of inclement weather, call Erica at 540.544.7359 or Ellen at 540.961.4820 to find out if the meeting is canceled and/or a new date set yet. A reminder from the Board went out to members who received trophies last year to please return them to Erica Jones so they can be engraved for this year's recipients. Lisa is collecting nominees for Volunteer of the Year and the Board will hold a blind vote at the December meeting. Year-end awards were discussed and it was decided to do the same as last year with saddle pads for the top horse, adult, and junior of the year, and engraved key chains for each division champion. Ellen will order trophies as well as year-end ribbons.

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, at 7 pm at the Christiansburg library.

The meeting was adjourned by Erica Jones at 8:30 pm.

Mark Your Calendars!
BREA 2007 Show Dates

May 5, 2007
June 23, 2007
August 11, 2007
October 13, 2007

All shows are at Green Hill Equestrian
Park in Salem, VA.

You're Invited!!

Blue Ridge Eventing Association Year-End Awards Pot-Luck Dinner

Sunday, January 7, 2007

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

At the Christiansburg Public Library

Entry fee: One pot-luck dinner item (with serving utensils) per family.
BREA will supply plates, cups, and silverware.

Annual Silent Auction

BREA will be accepting donations for the annual silent auction which will be held during the afternoon. In the past we have auctioned off home made crafts, food, various services, lightly used horse items, horse show entries, lightly used riding clothes and unwanted Christmas presents. So don't delay; clean out your closets and bring your goodies and your checkbook!

BREA has decided to completely update its video library, so all of its videos will be sold in the silent auction. See the December BREA Newsletter for a complete listing of BREA's video library.

BREA has purchased new team saddle pads, so there will be several of the older team saddle pads in the auction. They are white with blue and yellow piping and have "BRCTA" embroidered on them.

This year, the money netted from the silent auction will go to the BREA Team Fund to help fund our team activities in 2007.

BITS AND PIECES

- **It's time to renew your membership!!** The 2006 membership year is almost over, so get your 2007 membership forms into today! Forms are available on the last page of this newsletter or on the website.
- **Volunteer opportunity.** BREa is looking for a new newsletter editor. If you are interested, please contact Jen Wolz at jen_wolz@yahoo.com or 540.951.1033. The perks: getting to know information before most of the membership community and getting to rack up volunteer hours for competition vouchers!

BREA Video Library

To be sold in the Silent Auction on January 7, 2007

USCTA Novice Course Walk with David O'Connor
Walking a Cross Country Course with Trip Harting - USPC
Eventing with the Stars: Part 1
The Mark Todd Training Method: Part 1
The Mark Todd Training Method: Part 2
The Mark Todd Training Method: Part 3
The deNemethy Method: Part 6
The deNemethy Method: Part 7
David & Karen O'Connor Series: Volume 1
David & Karen O'Connor Series: Volume 2
David & Karen O'Connor Series: Volume 3
Rolex 1990
Badminton 1994
World Equestrian Games 1994: Dressage & Vaulting
World Equestrian Games 1994: 3-Day Eventing & Driving
World Equestrian Games 1994: Show Jumping & Endurance
Olympics 1996: Dressage
Olympics 1996: Eventing
Olympics 1996: Show Jumping
World Equestrian Games 1998: Dressage
World Equestrian Games 1998: Show Jumping
World Equestrian Games 1998: Eventing
Foxhall Cup 1999
Olympics 2000: Dressage
Olympics 2000: Show Jumping
Rolex 2000
Horseplay: Trick & Fancy Horses & Horsemanship
Miracle of the White Stallions

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

2006 BREa Year-End Award Winners

Junior/Young Rider

Cross Rails

Champion – Whitney Abraham, Little Bit a Cowboy

Beginner Novice

Champion – Catalina Oliver, Greta Garbo
Reserve – Katherine Abrams, Mighty Perfect
3rd – Whitney Abraham, Miss Cleo

Novice

Champion – Katherine Abrams, Mighty Perfect
Reserve – Margaux Lander, Dash
3rd – Whitney Abraham, Miss Cleo

Training

Champion – Katherine Abrams, Mighty Perfect
Reserve – Maria Abrams, Open Receiver

Senior

Cross Rails

Champion – Jane Hope, Impressive Lady
Reserve – Kim Smith, VT Navina Moon
3rd – Linda Oberlender, Caleb

Green

Champion – Mary Kenny, Jack B Nimble
Reserve – Elaine Flory, Reardon Steel
3rd – Linda Oberlender, Caleb
4th (T) – Jane Hope, Impressive Lady
4th (T) – Sarah Tweedie, Pirate Jenny
4th (T) – Jen Wolz, Charlie

Beginner Novice

Champion – Billie Bryant, Kennikalia
Reserve – Jen Wolz, Charlie
3rd – Alicia Daily, Beholden
4th – Elaine Flory, Reardon Steel

Novice

Champion – Alicia Daily, Last Secret
Reserve – Alicia Daily, Cady's Irish Riddle
3rd – Billie Bryant, Sir Gilbert
4th – Bernard Hylton, What a Buster
5th – Alicia Daily, Tre Awain Goldsmith
6th – Jen Wolz, Charlie
7th (T) – Lisa DeHart, The Ozzy Philosophy
7th (T) – D.C. McBroom, Due South
7th (T) – Dana Lacy, The Rocketeer
8th – Debby Bright, Ridgetop Blue Willow
9th – Linda Oberlender, Porter
10th – Janet Flory, Just Ben
11th (T) – Elaine Flory, Reardon Steel
11th (T) – Billie Bryant, Kennikalia

Training

Champion – Erica Jones, Beatle
Reserve – Dana Lacy, The Rocketeer
3rd – Shaina Oberlender, Super Duper Flyer

2007 BREA Board of Directors Slate of Nominees

(Nominations will also be accepted at the Year-End Awards Pot Luck on January 7, 2006)

Debby Bright

Debby started competing and teaching in the mid 1970's. She completed a number of 3-Day Events at the Preliminary level. Debby is now competing a little at Novice and Training. She has been on the BREA Board, most recently as the Membership Chair, for the past several years. Debby would like for BREA to look at ways we can increase our membership and help folks learn about what BREA has to offer.

Billie Bryant

According to Billie, "Our youngest son, Aric, pulled us into horses and now I am really hooked. I progressed from cooling down his crazy ex-race horse, to trying to fox hunt the grey, to donating him and getting a good horse, to falling off many times while practicing and competing, to who knows what is around the bend. I really do think that eventing is one of the best methods of riding, and I look forward to working to continue to build our association and to educate others of the fun we have here with BREA."

Alicia Daily

Early in life, Alicia trained horses on her family's farm, hunted with her mom, the MFH, drew some pictures, threw some pots, played with her dog, read books, and played a little music. Then in the middle, she went to Duke, married her coach, raised a few girl children, and did the minister's wife thing. And now, she trains a few horses on her farm, goes hunting, draws a few pictures, throws a few pots, plays with her Corgis, listens to books on tape, and sings in the choir. And in her next life, she'll be a grown-up. (Don't hold your breath!)

Bernard Hylton

Bernard has been a foundation member of BREA for untold years. His focus has been encouraging others in their cross country endeavors, and nurturing youth in their riding pursuits. He is a cross country course builder who builds jumps not only for BREA at Green Hill Park Equestrian Center, but also at other locations such as Sweet Briar College. He has a full cross country course at his farm with jumps from Green up through Preliminary, and he welcomes folks to come to his farm for cross country schooling. BREA has been fortunate to be the recipient of so much of Bernard's talents and energy for so long now. Bernard hopes to continue his support of BREA by continuing to serve as a Board member and focusing on providing excellent introductory cross country opportunities for young and green riders alike.

Susan Ilove

Susan writes, "I'm a Dale Evans wanna be who has two kids interested in eventing and am blessed with a friendship with Bernard to whom I could not refuse when asked to be on the Board. My whole riding goal is to stay on and not fall, and keep my kids off the streets. My training is in the arts and I make lighting out of recycled, refurbished parts that have a past and need a future."

Sue Jellum

Sue moved to Henry, Virginia, from Arizona in February 2006 with her husband Roger, 2 dogs, and 7 horses. She works from home as a software engineer, and has a small breeding and training farm. She is currently competing Mobile Express at Novice, and Jack Be Quick at Preliminary, with hopes of moving up to Intermediate.

Mary Kenny

Dana Lacy

Dana is a Firefighter/Paramedic who uses her horse, Ladd, as an outlet for stress. Dana has served on the BREA Board for about a year and a half. She is the equipment manager and thinks she is finally starting to get the hang of it! She has enjoyed getting into the sport of eventing; she says it is fun and challenging, especially with her crazy horse! She looks forward to serving again in 2007.

Linda Oberlender

Linda Oberlender has been a BREA member since the early 1990's and is a past board member. She competed on the BREA Novice ATC Big Blue Bubble Blowers this past year with Porter, the wonder horse. Linda also collects your Southern States labels, has two pinto ponies and two bay geldings and has been told that if Native American, her name would be "Rides every Day."

Ellen Oliver

Ellen moved to Blacksburg in 1995 to teach middle school math. She grew up riding in the hunter divisions, but had learned about Combined Training while teaching school in Ohio. Soon after she moved to the area she sought out what was then Blue Ridge Combined Training Association by attending a Board meeting. She met wonderful folks in the organization, and found herself taking on the position of Newsletter Editor. She has served on the Board off and on since she moved here, most recently as Treasurer. Eight years ago she started Virginia Tack, but it closed at the end of 2006. She is looking forward to more free time and hopefully finding a horse for herself, after being horseless for several years. She has enjoyed facilitating her daughter's riding; Catalina Oliver is currently competing in the Beginner Novice division, and hoping to test for her C1 rating in Pony Club in the fall. Ellen loves BREA and hopes to continue the positive energy she's found in the organization in the past.

Kim Smith

Kim Smith is currently a high school agriculture teacher and also has her own part time business teaching riding lessons and training horses in the New River Valley. She is originally from Northern VA, where she grew up in Pony Club and eventing. Kim hopes to bring the perspective of the professional horseperson to the board.

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Jen Wolz

Jen has recently joined the VA Tech Equestrian Program as the new Assistant Instructor / Stable Manager. She is also a licensed attorney. Jen has been involved with horses for as long as she can remember. Jen was a member of the United States Pony Club, where she was introduced to the sport of eventing. Most recently, Jen has

enjoyed the success she has had with her horse, Charlie, whom she purchased off-the-track in 2005 and has brought along to begin his eventing career. Jen and Charlie enjoyed competing at the *Chronicle of the Horse* Adult Team Championships this year as a part of a BREA team. She has been an active participant in BREA for several years, including editing the newsletter and coordinating the BREA teams. Jen would like to continue working to provide opportunities for local eventers.

CLASSIFIEDS:

Classifieds are offered FREE to members and will automatically be renewed for 3 months. Classifieds are \$5/ad/month for non-members. Send information to Jen Wolz at breaclassified@yahoo.com, or 601 Plantation Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

HORSES:

- Two mares. A 3 year old and a 2 year old paint/TB mare. Both are very quiet and easy to handle. Not broken. Two very nice mares looking for a person with the time to start them. \$1,500 each. Contact Tammy at 540.871.9891 or tamlanichols@verizon.net. (12/06)
- 12 yo, 15.1H, bay thoroughbred mare. "Leah" Unraced. Had done almost everything and has seen a lot. Has competed at BN level (placed first at Difficult Run in May, 2006); has competed at hunter shows. Leah is currently being ridden as part of a lesson program. Owner is in school and reluctantly trying to sell her. Asking \$6,000. Contact Erica Jones at emjones@vt.edu or 540.544.7359. Photos can be sent via email. (11/06)
- 2005 Irish Sport Horse filly. "Amazing Grace." By Carrig View; out of a TB mare. Grace is very friendly, sensible, and brave. She has nice, balanced gaits and should mature to be a big girl. Asking \$12,000. Photos can be viewed at www.hollyridge.com. Contact Sue at 540.365.2499. (11/06)
- 10 yo, 16.1H, brown/black appendix mare. "Angel" is very sweet and has good ground manners. She evented through Preliminary. Due to an injury, Angel can no longer be ridden. She has been examined by a veterinarian for breeding suitability and would make a nice broodmare. Asking \$2,500. See pictures at www.holleyridge.com. Contact Sue at 540.365.2499. (11/06)
- Several horses offered for sale by Cady ODaly Farm. "Class Secret" is a very handsome 16H, 6 yo thoroughbred gelding. He has competed at the AECs and was 3rd at the ATC the first weekend of November. \$25k. "Class Picture" is "Class Secret's" older brother. He is a little taller and is just as handsome. He usually leads after dressage. His background is in the jumpers, but he is proving to be a bold, careful, and sensible event horse. \$25k. "Cady's Irish Riddle" is a 5 yo Connemara pony mare with tons of jump. \$15k. Other young horses available. Contact Alicia at 540.597.1999. Visit www.cadyodalyfarm.net. (11/06)
- 7 yo, 15.2H, red roan, registered App. Sporthorse mare. "Adam's Pixie." Has shown two times and was Reserve Champion her first time out. She is very quiet, eager to please, and has a great disposition. She is a "10" mover, going w/t/c and is jumping small courses. She is quiet out on the trails. She would make a great PC/4H mount, eventer, dressage horse, or H/J. Asking \$4k. Contact 540.449.4626 or ksmith@gislesk12.org. (11/06)
- Coming 4yo, 14.1H welsh x mare. "Pip" is a very level headed pony with nice gaits. She is quiet and obedient to ride. She is going w/t/c and is jumping crossrails well. She has shown two times and would make a great 4H/PC prospect, H/J, or eventer. Asking \$2500. Contact 540.449.4626 or ksmith@gislesk12.org. (11/06)
- WANTED. Large young mare to be an embryo transfer recipient. Good price and temperament more important than conformation. Call Alice at 540.382.3071, 540.818.1930; or email at alialley@msn.com. (11/06)
- AT STUD. "Tre Awain Goldsmith." 15.2H, dun Connemara stallion who throw exceptional brains and good movement. Crosses very well. Stud fee - \$800. Contact Alicia at 540.597.1999. Visit www.cadyodalyfarm.net. (11/06)

OTHER:

- Visit www.photosbyalice.com to view photographs from the 2006 show season. Many types of holiday cards, not cards, mousepads, coffee mugs, and much more are available to display your photos. Email Alice at alialley@msn.com for a product list.

BREA Membership Form

Check one: New _____ Renewal _____ USEA member? _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Email: _____

If you are not a USEA member and need a rulebook, they are available to download on the web at www.useventing.com.

Rates* (circle one): **Single \$30**

Family \$30 for first member; \$5 for each additional member

List family members: _____

Junior (Pony Club or 4H member) FREE Date of Birth: _____

Name of club (required for free membership): _____

NOTE: Free members shall only receive electronic (i.e. email) newsletters.

Junior (non Pony Club or 4H member) \$25 Date of Birth: _____

* Membership dues paid after the date of the last BREA competition of the calendar year will carry over for the next calendar year.

Mail check and this form to:
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How did you learn about BREA?