

*28 October 2007
Sunday Briefing*

What a great State Board Meeting. The amount of ground covered was amazing and the focus was generally precise and on point. We could have been there till midnight but by keeping our eye on the goals, we did quite well. Kudos to everyone.

Everyone received a copy of the OHSET DVD. Use this when making presentations to school boards, schools interested in starting a team and at first meetings with parents and athletes to get the spirit going. We want to have a new DVD done, updated and current to our program today. If you know ANYONE who can do filming and get interviews with the right people and athletes, we will be on our way. This is an ACTION ITEM for every State Board Member.

Another hot topic, of course, was the awarding of our Circle Y Saddles. It was discussed and understood that non cash contributions as well as cash contributions come and go. There is no contract with Circle Y. If they see the benefit of working with OHSET and the growth in our program that will support their contributions, they will be with us in a long term relationship. If our program gets stagnant with no growth, all of our valued sponsors will be taking another look at us.

Circle Y has decided that awarding three saddles at State Championship will be the way to go. There will be a saddle for Timed Events, Performance and Versatility. Awards will be given to the Champions, that will be the saddle and the Ind. High Point, which will be the sponsored awards in our program. This will make for quite the exciting year.

I will be sending you the letter from our Accountant on her recent review of our books. We are in good shape and we did come up with some ideas that will make the State Treasurer's job much easier. In the State Chair position, there has been an OHSET FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT (OFD) designed to assist the State Treasurer in managing the monumental work load that comes with that job. Mike Brotherton has been asked to come on board as the first member. We will be looking for one more district treasurer to join this department. Mike & Mike met on Saturday morning to discuss the Raffle and the reporting procedures. All raffle logs will be handled by Brotherton. Please make a note of this for your records. We appreciate that fact that Mike B. immediately took the initiative and sold 10 tickets to our State Secretary while we were still in the meeting!! Now, is that marketing or what??

There was another discussion regarding the issue of early practice and coaches disregarding our OHSET rules. It is very interesting that Susan found in the minutes from last October, the attached (another attachment) discussion of the same infractions. We will not be free of this albatross until we decide to do something about the infractions or change our way of thinking. Some items in OHSET come up continually because they are either misunderstood or not understood at all with no backup.

Folks.....try to sell the raffle tickets during the holiday season. Some great ideas are:

- A. Southern will have a raffle booth at their Annual Auction*

- B. Christmas is the time to remember the postman, UPS guy, garbage guy, ETC.*
- C. What a stocking stuffer this could be. Try Raffle tickets instead of Lotto tickets*
- D. Sales of raffle tickets are great at Senior Centers, YMCA, clubs and such*
- E. Have your teams set up tables at Team Penning events, other horse shows or at any public function*

Well, you get the gist Be creative and don't forget.....

- A. If you give your districts incentives and prizes to sell the tickets, you may not have any returns and you will make a ton of money. And, that is what the raffle is all about.*

OHSET THROW BLANKETS:

This is a totally voluntary fund raiser or award idea. Some districts already know that they want the blankets and we can get them BEFORE the Open meeting if we order this week. Districts who want any number of throws please let me know today, no later than Monday. We will send in one big order and get the lower price This will include the shipping and set up charge. We should price these the same across the state and I believe Donna recommended \$40 for this quality. I will be happy to order and deliver these to you if you let me know. The order will be over 50 so we will get the throws at \$25 each. So, even if you only want 5 or so, put your order in now and save money.

OPEN MEETING PROCEDURE:

This is going to be a big day! Of course, the anticipated presentation of the patterns is paramount, but we will also have time for the athletes, coaches and others to preview and see drill maneuvers and reining demonstrations. Because of travel time, we want to get the most out of this meeting. For this reason, Lunch will be served at the facility in Grants Pass. Please follow this procedure:

- A. Get a total count of attendance in your district*
- B. Send the number of attendees to Susan by November 25th*
- C. Your district will be invoiced for that number @ \$4.00 each*
- D. Susan will give you the meal tickets at the SB meeting Dec. 1st*

If there is someone in your district coming who does not eat hot, crusty, delicious chicken, they may bring a lunch but we are asking that no one leaves the Open Meeting as we will work right through the day.

There will be hot chocolate, coffee and sweets in the morning for sale through the Southern district.

Southern District has also invited vendors to attend the Open Meeting

The full agenda will be coming soon but anticipate being available for the SB meeting at 9 a.m. with the Open Meeting immediately following at 10:00.

More briefing to come later.

