

September 2013

The FQHYA Committee met this past week to review the AQHYA World Show, our 2013 fundraising efforts, the AQHYA YES conference, upcoming Florida shows and Youth projects, and the upcoming FQHYA elections. First, we would all like to **thank you for your incredible support** this year. As you know, FQHYA started 2013 in the red. We weren't sure we would be able to cover the payables and still have enough for yearend awards, YES hotel rooms, tack stalls, refreshments and decorations at the AQHYA World Show. With your help, FQHYA was able to meet all of our obligations and objectives. Having said that, we would like to do even more for the Florida Youth next year. We have decided to focus our energies and fundraising efforts on yearend awards and the 2014 AQHYA World Show.

Our 2014 fundraising efforts will begin with a **silent auction** during the FQHA dinner Saturday evening during the **Last Chance Circuit at Fox Lea Farm December 6 – 8**. Please bring at least one item to be auctioned that evening. The items do not have to be horse related. Christmas items are always popular.

Tracy Shoe is trying to put together a **Yankee Candle fundraiser**. Please look for order forms to be arriving soon. They make great Christmas gifts and FQHYA stands to make a great profit if everyone participates. It is our hopes that each Youth will be able to sell at least four candles.

The **stall raffle** will be held again this year at **Gold Coast**. Tickets are \$25 each and each Youth will be asked to sell four tickets.

FQHYA will **lamine exhibitor numbers** the first couple of days of **Gold Coast**. Please check in with Tracy and let her know when you can help work the laminating table. This is always a profitable fundraiser at the bigger circuits.

As always, Florida **exhibitor numbers can be purchased for \$25**. The numbers will be good at Florida shows through 2014. Please see Melissa in the show office about purchasing a number for 2014.

Tracy has asked that each Youth provide **two \$5 gift cards or one \$10 gift card** to be used in 2014. You can give the card(s) to Tracy at any time. The cards can be from restaurants, stores, etc.

We will repeat the **Novice Youth /Youth class sponsorships in 2014**. This fundraiser was extremely successful in 2013. You did a wonderful job approaching businesses, trainers, farriers, breeders, friends and parents. FQHYA continues to recognize and thank all of the class sponsors for their support of the Youth programs. We hope that most will come back as 2014 sponsors. We are asking each Youth to get a minimum of two sponsors in 2014. The sponsorships are \$75 per class.

We are asking **each Youth to work at least one fundraising project**. We always need volunteers! Please check your schedule and see which project will work best for you. We will also need help at the yearend dinner and awards on Saturday, April 26. There will also be a FQHYA meeting that weekend on Friday evening April 25.

Tracy will be handing out **Letters of Intent for 2014** so that we can better keep track of the Youth interested in participating in the FQHYA activities in 2014.

**The FQHYA election for the 2014 officers will be held during the FQHYA meeting Friday evening at the Last Chance Circuit at Fox Lea Farm December 6 – 8.** You will need to elect a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, fundraising & projects chairperson and reporter. Each Youth must currently be on the FQHYA Board of Directors, and nominated, to run for an office. This is an excellent opportunity for those of you building resumes for college applications. Please contact Tracy Shoe by email at [lightning0219@netzero.com](mailto:lightning0219@netzero.com) with questions and nominations. We plan to have a **pizza party** as well that evening. Parents and trainers are invited to join us.

**The first FQHYA meeting of 2014 with your new officers will be at Gold Coast in Tampa December 27 - 31.** We will get back to you on date, time and location.

We continue to ask for input from you and your parents. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions and/or comments. We would like to **thank you again** for stepping up to the plate this year and helping your association get back on its feet. We couldn't have done it without you! Hope to see you all at the meeting and election at the Last Chance Circuit in December. Remember to contact Tracy with office nominations.

**News Flash!** There will be a western **saddle drawing**. Tickets will be sold during Gold and Gulf Coast Circuits. The tickets will cost \$15 each or two for \$25. **Thanks to the Flowers family** for the generous donation!