

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who attended the Easter weekend Youth meeting, bought tickets to the Easter weekend BBQ, brought gift cards for the upcoming year-end awards dinner fundraiser, and sponsored or got a sponsor for the 2013 Novice Youth/Youth class Sponsorship fundraiser. We asked and you delivered! Thank you!

FQHYA made \$435 on the BBQ at Fox Lea. Many thanks to **Carrie Grose Quarter Horses, April Speyer, George and Dee Dee Shaw, the Penny family, Truck Junction of Venice** and **Patty & Joey Shortino, Showcase Farm** for helping to sponsor the dinner. Also thanks to Kim Farrell for allowing us to use Fox Lea for this fundraiser and Gia for organizing it.

FQHYA currently has **42 wonderful 2013 Novice Youth and Youth Class sponsors!** The sponsors are listed on the FQHA website and will continue to be announced at the Florida shows. Please try to thank these sponsors for their support when you see them. They have made a huge difference in what FQHYA is going to be able to provide to the Florida Youth in 2013.

Gift cards (80 \$5 cards to be exact!) poured in all weekend. Watch for great prize opportunities at the FQHA Year-end Awards Dinner April 20. Please get your dinner reservations in if you haven't already.

The AQHA Region Ten Show, May 16-19, is sanctioned for FQHA points. All show day points, even school days, will count towards FQHA year-end awards and state qualifying. FQHYA Committee Member Linda Wooten will be organizing a **Youth Team Challenge** at the Region Ten Show in Jacksonville. Please get the details from Linda or one of your FQHYA officers when you get there. Team Challenges are always fun and a great way to get to know other members better.

AQHA has pushed back the AQHYA World Show national qualifying deadline to May 27. AQHA has requested that the state affiliates push the state qualifying deadline back as well. While we don't believe that this will impact Florida's state qualifiers as the only Florida show affected by this change is the AQHA Region Ten Show, we do believe that this will add to the challenge of turning the Youth World Show entries around in even a shorter time period than normal. We will need

everyone's cooperation in June to get the AQHYA World Show entries in on time. Please watch for your AQHYA World Show packets. National Qualifiers who qualified prior to January 1 will start receiving their packets on April 15. The State Qualifying Packets are expected to mail on June 15. If you plan to go as a state qualifier, you should have completed and turned in a Letter of Intent. If you decide not to show at Youth World or decide not to show in a particular class, please let us know as soon as possible to ensure that someone else gets the opportunity.

FQHYA President Bailey Martin (boca776@gmail.com) will continue to **email** the members about various matters and opportunities. If you are a member and not receiving her emails, please contact her. If you are a member and not receiving the FQHYA newsletters and updates, please email me (scox@tampabay.rr.com). The emails are sent to the email address that you provide, so if you change your email address, please contact us. All newsletters will continue to be posted on the FQHA website under FQHYA. The **FQHYA Facebook** is also updated frequently so don't forget to check it often. If you have questions regarding the Facebook, please contact Bailey Martin or Katie Patterson (gpatter6@tampabay.rr.com).

Thanks again for all of your support and enthusiasm. The Youth meeting at the Easter weekend show at Fox Lea was the biggest meeting FQHYA has had in a long time. **We hope to see everyone at the next show and year-end awards dinner at Fox Lea April 19-21.**

Shannon Cox for the FQHYA Committee