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Next Membership Meeting:

May 13th, 2015 @ Copper Roux

DIONNE BENSON

Racing Medication & Testing Consortium

Chief Operating Operator

- RSVP's must be in by 5 p.m. May 10th, 2015.
- No RSVP's will be taken after the deadline.
- Walk-in seating very limited.
- **Registration begins at 6:15 P.M.** at Copper Roux (located at 861 South Broadway, Lexington, KY 40504 - look for map on RSVP confirmation email.)
- Dinner begins at 7:00 P.M.
- Cash, Check and Credit Card payments accepted at the door.
- Please list names of all attendees when making reservations.
- Do NOT RSVP by sending an email to info@ktfmc.org, please follow the appropriate link at <http://ktfmc.org/meeting-information/> to guarantee your RSVP will be received.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well the Derby is over and as breeding and foaling season wind down just a friendly reminder to please be sure to try and get your nurse mares back in foal. The board of directors is in full swing planning our upcoming events. We have great meetings planned for May and July and our now traditional summer picnic planned for June. Be sure to check out the calendar for all of our activities. The dinner dance honoring the Ted Bates FMOY has been moved back to December so stay tuned for more info because it's going to be a rocking good time!-Randy

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KTFMC Golf Scramble is
June 23rd!

Don't miss out on the fun!

Click here to Register today!!

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Randy Gilbert.

The treasurer's report was given by Bryan Cassill. The club's revenues are up approximately \$14,000, and expenses are down approximately \$4,000. The current balance is about \$72,350.

The Colostrum Bank continues to be low at Hagyard's and Rood and Riddle. Bryan reminded everyone of the colostrum pint competition. The large farm division is for farms foaling over 50 mares, and the small farm division is farms foaling under 50 mares. All proceeds go to Central KY Riding for Hope.

Gus Koch announced that the Annual Don Snellings KTFMC Trail Ride will be combined with the summer picnic. The event will be held on Sunday, June 7 at the Life Adventure Center in Versailles. The picnic will follow the trail ride. Additionally, KEMI graduation will be held, along with the announcement of the scholarship winners and awards. Activities will include zip lines, ropes courses, hay rides, and much more. Watch for emails with additional details.

Mark your calendars: The annual KTFMC Golf Scramble will be June 23 at the U-Club. Additional details will follow.

Randy discussed the importance of re-breeding nurse mares. Along with other KTFMC board members, Randy is investigating a program to provide cooled semen for farms in which the teasers are not fertile.

Ray Smith, from the University of Kentucky, invited everyone to the 7th annual UK Equine Farm and Facilities Expo. The event will be at Magdalena Farm on June 2 from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. The expo is being presented by the UK Ag Equine Program in conjunction with McPeck Racing. For more information, contact the Fayette County Extension office at (859) 257-5582 or email dL_CES_fayette@uky.edu.

Jen Roytz discussed the Retired Racehorse Project, an organization to help find new careers and homes for off the track Thoroughbreds. They have several expos and competitions across the U.S., provide resources and advice via their website, and are beginning a retired racehorse magazine published by The Blood Horse magazine. The annual Thoroughbred Makeover Symposium, usually held at Pimlico Racetrack, will be held at the KY Horse Park before the Breeders' Cup this year. Over 300 horses are expected to enter. More information can be found at www.retiredracehorseproject.org.

The evening's featured speakers were a panel of trainers, including Helen Pitts-Blasi, Ian Wilkes, and Ron Moquett. Mike Penna served as moderator.

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES CONT.

Each trainer provided insight into how they became involved in Thoroughbred racing, each having quite different paths. Ron grew up near a track that held match races and Quarter horse races. Helen's father was a track steward and also worked with foxhunters and steeplechasers. Her father had hoped she would stay with those disciplines rather than racing. Ian was first attracted to racing due to the gambling. As a youngster, he and a friend sold race books at the track.

When asked why they train horses, given the rigors of the career, Helen cited the love of the animal and getting to know each horse's individual personality. Ian agreed that having a passion for the horse was a must and that he loved watching horses develop into athletes. To be a successful trainer, all three agreed the keys are attention to detail, having a good horse, and having good owners. They stressed the importance of having a good relationship with owners. The owner must trust the trainer and vice versa. Having good lines of communication is also important. Always share information, whether it be good or bad news.

For those wanting to become a trainer, all agreed that working for someone trustworthy and worthy of respect and working with all types of horses (i.e., graded to claimers, injured, sales to racing). Additionally, Ian advised to be patient and be willing to start at the bottom. Learn not just about the horses, but also how to manage the financial aspects of a business.

In evaluating the state of the sport, Ian said he feels more money should be spent in educating the public about the sport rather than pointing fingers at "cheaters." Helen agreed and said we need to figure out how to get people more involved in the game. Ron said everyone in the industry should serve as an ambassador to the sport of racing.

The next meeting will be May 13 at Copper Roux, featuring Alex Waldrop from the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Parker
KTFMC Secretary

NURSEMARE UPDATE

If you are in need of semen for your nurse mare
we have set up the following:

You can contact myself (859-457-9823) or
wMatt Howard (620-794-5028) and either you can pick up
cooled semen from Rood and Riddle for the cost of \$150 or you
can bring your nurse mare to Matt and he will live cover her
for free. His stallion is tested and vaccinated. The cost on the
cooled semen is only for the cost associated to cover the clinics
expenses, Dr. Bradecamp is donating her time and will inseminate
your mare if you choose to bring her to the clinic. Please
give ample notice of your need to Matt or myself. Next year
we will have a second stallion to collect from, so there should
never be a lack of donor semen. - Randy Gilbert

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THINGS TO KNOW

THE DON SNELLINGS TRAIL RIDE
&
KTFMC PICNIC

Are being held consecutively on June 7th at
The Life Adventure Center in Versailles!

The day is jam packed with the trail ride starting off
with registration beginning at 11:00 and the ride at
12:00.

The picnic will really get going at 3 PM. The food
arrangements will be similar to last year potluck style
with the club providing a meat and two sides, water
and soft drinks.

We will have lots of activities including:

- Hay Ride
- Zip Lines (age requirements)
- Water Balloon Toss
- Bouncy House
- Kickball Rematch and more!

Register Now!



We have launched stage one of our new website!!

Stage 1 - EASIER NAVIGATION

You will need to have your own email address to access the members area.

Coming Soon - Stage 2: KTFMC MEMBERS AREA

Watch for an email with a username and temporary password when the members area launches!

As a KTFMC Member you will be able to:

- Access and search KTFMC Members' Directory
- Update / Manage your Membership Information & personalize your profile
- Read and contribute to a forum and get feedback from other industry professionals
 - Add your events to our events calendar
 - Add listings to the classifieds section
 - And so much more!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 10th - Mother's Day
- 13th & 14th - FT Midlantic Under Tack Show
- 18th & 19th - FT Midlantic Under Tack Sale
- 25th - Memorial Day

JUNE

No June membership meeting

- 7th - KTFMC Trail Ride & KTFMC Picnic - Register Now!!
- 8th - 13th - OBS 2 yo and Horses of Racing Age - Under Tack Show
- 16th - 19th - OBS 2 yo and Horses of Racing Age - Sale
- 21st - Father's Day
- 23rd - KTFMC Golf Scramble - Register Now!!

JULY

Membership meeting details to come later

- 4th - Independence Day
- 9th - FT KY Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale