

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL GHS REINING MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESED PARTIES.

It is with regret that I must inform you that SANEF reining committee after many weeks, days , hours, phone calls, emails and meetings were not able to put together all the relevant criteria needed to host the two CRI shows needed to qualify a team for WEG. As well as getting the Team sponsorship funds in time.

This potential sponsor who will be revealed at a later date once all relevant documentation is in place will be there for Olympic team if reining is included and possible the next WEG.

The following steps were taken

- 2009
Initially it was noted from the previous committee that should any person/persons wish to try qualify it would have to be as individual as it was felt that SA riders were not really ready to try represent their country as a team but that they may try for a wild card qualification entirely at their own expense.
- November 2009
New committee started with discussions on the possibilities of sending a team to WEG. . A costing was done and the whole process was started. . The amount needed was R1,000,000.00 , As Shane Borland from the UK who had already half qualified would have to be brought out to qualify in his home country along with any other members wishing to try qualify.
- End of January 2010
We SANEF Reining ,after extensive meetings found that the prospect was looking very bleak regarding sponsors as the general response was this should have been started at least ten to twelve months earlier.
- 28th March Collette Voight Representing SAQHA and AQHA as their international representative approached SANEF Reining committee asking if it would be interested in an involvement with SAQHA in hosting the necessary CRIs. We said we will be interested in this venture.
- Colette called a special meeting with SAQHA putting this proposal forward to the board with all the relevant information .
- SAQHA then approached SANEF Reining with a proposal as follows:
 1. SAQHA in conjunction with AQHA would fund an international qualified Judge. And carry all the costs pertaining to the hosting this judge. Joe Hayes was tentatively booked for end of June 2010
 2. Two shows to run back to back on the same weekend over two days, one under the auspices of SAQHA and one under the auspices of SANEF reining, both to hold two qualifying classes on each day.

3. At this point we had found one possible sponsors that asked us to submit a proposal, although it was a bit short notice they would see if there was any possibility of assisting with the sponsorship.
4. With this in mind we started the process of putting together the necessary CRI's to be held in SA
5. SANEF notified a possible team (no names) just their intention of trying to qualify an SA Reining Team. With FEI WEG.
6. A possible Judge was selected and in conjunction with Collets representing SAQHA and AQHA and her contact Mr. Brad Ettleman of Horse sport USA an international company who assists countries with holding CRI's the whole process was once again in progress all pending the sponsorship.
7. Possible International horses trainers etc was found should SA qualify. Top string horses that were running consistent 70 plus scores were to be made available including training for one month prior to WEG.
8. To hold the CRI show, in SA a total cost to SANEF Reining would be around R35,000.00
9. As this money could not come out of the members reining account as only a few members stood to benefit from these Qualifications further funding was needed.
10. At this point the SANEF cut of date was coming very close.
11. Our main sponsor still had no answers for us. And smaller sponsors were approached but still insufficient funds were available for the CRI's as well as with no big sponsor yet we would even after qualifying a team not be able to send our team to WEG.
12. After much deliberation between SANEF and SANEF Reining it was finally decided to pull the plug on this endeavor. Not an easy decision but a necessary decision.
13. As a result of this decision the wild card for SA Reining is now open. SA is allowed to send two wild card entries one of these is already accounted for in Shane Borland's entry and a second space is still available..
14. Whoever wishes to try for this space will need to make contact with me that I may assist them with the correct procedure and help them arrange the lease of a horse and help with a trainer if required. All these costs will be for the individuals own account. The closing date for these entries is the 1st of August so qualification would have to be completed by then .
15. Criteria to qualify for this qualification is two FEI shows anywhere in the world with two 68 scores minimum requirements by the 1st of August..

With all these arrangements our normal Winter sizzler was put on hold as the show was earmarked as a qualifying show and due to registration time of 6 weeks for an FEI CRI show the date booked with GHS would not have fallen into that time frame.

Please Note our new show dates for the Pre novice and Novice Winter Sizzler will be on the 3rd July at Eton stables. Kyalami. Entries will be out shortly. This is a Level 1 show un-registered.

The registered show Level 3(graded) for Novice, Intermediate and Open WINTER SIZZLER will be at KEP stables on the 37/8th August 2010

As the members can see although they may have felt things had gone a bit quiet it was felt that we did not want to get riders hopes up on the CRI and WEG until we had facts one way or another..

The SANEF reining committee on the request of SANEF and GHS had to compile a new set of competition rules this to apply as from the 1st July 2010. This will enable reining to grow through the grades. See new show rules. KZN have already implemented these rules on at their first show and have found a growth in competitors.

We as a SANEF Reining feel that this will help reining grow and give the novice rider and horse a place to star without the expense of Membership until they are confident and the horse is ready for more advanced competition.

Another program we have been extremely busy with is Putting together the Inter regional's which is currently up and running. Remember to register with your region as you can earn your regional colours and then later in the year will eligible for Inter Provincial competition where you can get your provincial colors.

We are also working with SAQHA on still holding a CRI in SA later this year or ealy next year, as well as looking at bringing in some International competitors. For a possible

INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Watch this space ,

SANEF Reining has a lot of exciting things on the cards.

Yours truly

Lynn Muller

Chairman SANEF REINING.