

Meeting Minutes – 4/14/14

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. after the wonderful lasagna dinner with all the delicious potluck items provided by members. There was a great turn-out of at least 45 members!! Since this was a special meeting to greet all of our local trainers, President Katie Yaranon commenced to introduce the six trainers and asked each one to give a brief presentation of their background and training specialties. The six trainers were as follows:

Russ Gross (trainer at Cool Hills Ranch) focuses on trail training, problem solving, private lessons and clinics.

Samantha March works with all breeds in multiple disciplines for show or pleasure, lessons and clinics.

Marta Michilizzi also works with all breeds for show and specializes in finishing stock horses, lessons, and provides boarding and breeding.

Tim Thomas is the trail riding specialist and starts horses, gives lessons and a trainer who is a good critique of horses.

Shawna Karrasch has a very interesting background of having trained at Seaworld. She has worked with all disciplines and stresses the science of positive reinforcement with clicker training. Also available for clinics.

Linda Stine's specialty is training Mustangs, taking the wild horse from start to finish. She gives lessons and matches the horse to the rider.

Following all of the trainers' presentations, there was a question and answer session.

Ann Blankenship announced the upcoming Dru Barner fun ride the end of May. Katie reminded folks about the May 10 DHA obstacle fun day at Cool Hills Ranch. It was noted that the clinic is for members only. A sign-up sheet was routed around.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.