

Adelaide River Show Meeting 27th March 2011

Present: Sandra MacLean, Deb Koch, Pam Donovan, Sally Dowell, Jane & Rick Cross, Tammy & Greg Hennessey, Lucinda Hooper, Barry Kirk, Trevor Horman

Apologies: Annette Rixon, Jackie Rixon, Jan Powick, Therese, Al

General discussion- The Show will consist of ONLY of events where there are people to organise the event. Many people make that possible.

Talent Quest under way- CBF in but won't hear until late April, early May. Last Year's sponsor will sponsor again as well. Deb: to follow up. Therese getting the organisation of the Talent Quest underway.

Quarter Horse Equestrian will do their first show- last year did a demonstration- booked stables, jockeys rooms for judges- Fri/Sat. Will use the same space as last year but needs to be clearly marked so no camping in area. All sorted for working bees, etc.

Annette had **Campdraft, Gymkhana & Polocrosse** in hand- need dry weather to do planned working bees. Sponsorship to be finalised plus Chief Minister. Vet??? ACA membership done.

Pavilion- Jan, Lucinda, Sally working out way to make manageable- donations coming in with membership- need to talk to both schools re having a day to hang stuff. Shared jobs/responsibility is the only way to make it manageable.

Discuss the direction of the Show- strengths all events have a strong component for learners as well as the cream/best sportsman. Social time when everyone catches up. Weaknesses- not enough to do, high overheads. Need a vision statement & work from there.

Ideas flowed in meeting and leading up- Al & Brenda will bring some sheep- lead to more animals- Diedre (Sandy) to get farm animals, from there the idea of making it a small market for those wanting to get chickens, a poddy, etc which is in keeping with our small farms around the Coomalie region. (Small bales hay.)Plus everyone loves checking out animals. Trevor Sullivan- snakes & crocs (seemed okay with idea on first approach). Horse rides- insurance??

Chase up Micks whips- night show & workshop with the kids, Drumming Monkeys. Local talent - face painting, Leg's daughter Cheeney rd (fairy?), the Brett girls, mobile rock climb, Wendy & Charlie- what will bring & when on (also will have to think carefully where place stuff as we have the Equestrian side). Need someone to organise the stalls/exhibitions.

Other sort of entertainment- stockman's challenge, hay stacking, dog High Jump (Katherine Show does it,) a sprint (Gift) running race using track, obedient dog training (Pam to follow up), dunking machine. Dancing- Belly dancers, the school dancers (Sandy liked idea- to follow up) & on Sat night have a square dance or country type dance. The crafty things to run again- need people on the ground- were very successful until the mob running it got tied up with the pavilion and didn't have time. This came with the idea of finding something special to Adelaide River- like the watermelon race is to Kununurra. Lots of small events- sports

Show needs MC to advertise what is happening and direct people to areas. Also need good map.

Last year it was suggested we need a grand parade of sorts to bring the arena area to the pavilion, bar areas together. Tie it in with the opening- The Equestrian mob have done this using float as the horses have to be immaculate before competing- sounded fun.

Decided to have another meeting on Sunday 10 April noon to try & get as much interest as possible. The more little things there are and a wider number of people doing each the lighter the work load and the more interesting the show. Put fliers in all the mail boxes in Adelaide River & circulate the flier as wide as possible with these notes. We need to make the show relevant to this region, showcasing it, encouraging beginners and also allowing the skills of the bush be encouraged. **Also need a small Show committee to coordinate the whole show** & report to the ARSS Committee.