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### **Agenda – 2010 Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2010

5:00 pm

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| 1. Call to order (5:00 pm)   | - | Mr. Chatoor     |
| 2. Confirmation of minutes   | - | Ms. Hobday      |
| 3. President's Report  | - | Mr. Chatoor     |
| 4. Financial Report and Appointment of auditor                             | - | Mr. Chatoor     |
| 5. Dressage Chair Report   | - | Mrs. Mc Cartney |
| 6. Show Jumping Chair Report   | - | Ms. de Lima     |
| 7. Eventing Chair Report   | - | Dr. Bridgelal   |
| 8. Medication Control, Vaccination Protocol<br>& TTEA Passport Initiatives | - | Dr. Bridgelal   |
| 9. Election of Officers  | - | Mr. Chatoor     |
| 10. Any other business   |   |                 |

## **Minutes to Confirm**

The Annual General Meeting for the Trinidad & Tobago Equestrian Association held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009, at #4 Coblentz Gardens, St. Ann's.

Alix Hobday  
Secretary General

### **Agenda**

1. Confirmation of minutes
2. President's Report
3. Dressage Report
4. Show Jumping Report
5. Financial Report and Appointment of auditor
6. Election of committee
7. Any other business

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7.00 pm by Mr. Carl Chatoor.

**1. Confirmation of minutes.** Mrs. Luisa Chapman thanked the committee for providing the membership with the minutes. The minutes were confirmed by Mrs. Sara Mc Cartney, this was seconded by Mrs. Patrice Stollmeyer. Mr. Chatoor noted that the Secretary General was not in attendance and that Ms. Alix Hobday would be acting as Secretary General in her stead.

**2. President's Report.** Mrs. Chapman asked the committee about the previous election methods. Mr. Chatoor replied that we will be following the method set out by the association's by laws.

- Mrs. Chapman pointed out that an executive member, like the Secretary General, needs to be elected by the membership, not appointed by the President. Mr. Chatoor quoted Article 11, stating that in unusual situations members of the executive can be appointed by the committee. Mrs. Chapman suggested that the by-laws be made available to the membership.

- Mrs. Mary-Lou James asked Mr. Chatoor to expand on the meetings he has held at the Police Mounted Branch. Mr. Chatoor replied that meetings have been ongoing for two years. The Ministry of National Security, Ministry of Sport & Youth Affairs and the government have final say on the use of the facilities though. The TTEA have commissioned Mr. Ivan Laughlin to conduct a topographical survey of the Police Mounted Branch, which will be ready in two weeks.

- Mr. Chatoor expanded on the issue of horse boxes. The TTEA is currently looking into buying horse boxes for the association's use. The TTEA is looking for the boxes in Miami and is making inquiries into the taxes and duties associated with this purchase. The TTEA is also making inquiries into corporate sponsorship of the horse boxes.

- Mrs. Chapman asked if the association was a non-profit organization as the constitution seems like it was written for a corporation. Mr. Chatoor replied that yes we were a non-

profit organization and asked Mrs. Chapman to please keep her questions limited to the President's Report and ask her questions concerning the constitution during other business.

**3. Dressage Report.** Mrs. Arlette Xavier asked for an explanation of the duties of the ring steward. Ms. Alix Hobday replied that the ring steward was in charge of the warm-up and competition rings, getting competitors into the competition ring and ensuring that the rules of the warm-up ring were followed. Mrs. Sara Mc Cartney added that the ring steward was responsible for the safety of the horses and riders during the competition.

- Mrs. Chapman asked for the year the report referred to. Mrs. Stollmeyer replied that the report covers the sport in 2008.

**4. Show Jumping Report.** There were no questions on the Show Jumping Report.

**5. Financial Report and Appointment of Auditor.** The report is current to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2008. The report indicates that there the TTEA has no creditors. Mr. Chatoor assured the committee that any outstanding bills indicated on the report were paid in July 2008.

- Mr. Chatoor explained that the section of the report dedicated to the Riding for the Disabled Program was an old commitment made by previous committees and that the program is no longer active. Mrs. Chapman suggested that the TTEA consider transferring the contribution to the Mimisa Riding for the Disabled.

- Mrs. Chapman asked about "prepayments" section of the report. Ms. Debbie Nunes replied that these were monies owed to the association by members. These will eventually be made bad debts.

- Mrs. Chapman volunteered to be the liaison between the management committee and the stables.

- Mr. Chatoor said that the committee is considering posting all debtors on the TTEA website.

- Mrs. Chapman asked what the TTEA fixed assets were. Ms. Nunes replied that these consisted of TTEA property such as jumps and other equipment.

- Mrs. Chapman inquired about the costs of competitions and clinics.

- Mrs. Xavier offered to help the association with fundraising efforts.

- Mr. Chatoor proposed Mr. Zair Hosein as the new auditor for the TTEA. This was confirmed by Mrs. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. Stollmeyer.

- Mrs. Stollmeyer thanked Ms. Nunes and Homer & Company for over fifteen years of service.

**6. Election of committee.** Mrs. Claudia Powell, Mrs. Xavier and Ms. Keri Clarke were nominated to collect and count votes.

- For the executive committee the following nominees were made:

President – Mr. Carl Chatoor – proposed by Ms. Anna Lisa de Lima, seconded by Mrs. Deborah Thompson

Vice-President – Mrs. Patrice Stollmeyer – proposed by Mrs. Deborah Thompson, seconded by Ms. Hobday

Secretary General – Ms. Alix Hobday – proposed by Mr. Chatoor, seconded by Mrs. Stollmeyer

Treasurer – Mrs. Janice Gransauil – proposed by Mrs. Stollmeyer, seconded by Ms. de Lima.

- all other committee members voted into the committee by the membership and assigned positions by the executive. These include Anna Lisa de Lima, Sara Mc Cartney, Nicola Chatoor, Deborah Thompson, Rossi Bridgelal and Luisa Chapman.
- The following people were elected by the membership for the TTEA management committee 2009:

- Mr. Carl Chatoor – President
- Mrs. Patrice Stollmeyer – Vice-President
- Ms. Alix Hobday – Secretary General
- Mrs. Janice Gransauil – Treasurer
- Ms. Anna Lisa de Lima
- Mrs. Sara Mc Cartney
- Dr. Rossi Bridgelal
- Mrs. Deborah Thompson
- Ms. Nicola Chatoor

**7. Any Other Business.** Mrs. Nevine Boccara asked the committee about the refund for travel costs at the FEI Word Dressage Challenge. Ms. de Lima told Mrs. Boccara to speak to Mrs. Gransauil about the matter.

- Mrs. Chapman suggested that the committee speak to Ms. Susan Wates about buying horse boxes from Jamaica.
- Mr. Douglas Watsun asked the committee about the progress of getting a show grounds at the Arima Racetrack or the Police Mounted Branch. Dr. Bridgelal added that the TTEA will need to consider how to accommodate eventing at their show ground. Mr. Chatoor explained that the committee continues to discuss options with the Police Mounted Branch but that the committee felt that the Arima Racetrack was no longer an option.
- Ms. de Lima advised the membership that a group of riders and coaches will be attending a week long camp in Columbia at Mr. Jorge Verswyvel's riding stable. Mrs. Tessa Stollmeyer asked how riders qualified for this trip. Ms. de Lima explained that the TTEA proposed the trip to the more competitive riders from each stables but that the course could be attended by anyone, at anytime and that riders could attend without the TTEA.
- Mrs. P. Stollmeyer advised the membership that the committee was working on an initiative to increase the knowledge shared between members through a continuous coach's symposium. This idea was met with enthusiasm from the membership.
- Mr. Chatoor thanked Ms. Chloe Forbes for stepping in as Secretary General in 2008 when the elected Secretary General had to resign.
- There being no other business, the meeting ended.

## **President's Report**

The Trinidad & Tobago Equestrian Association has had an exciting and successful year and, we are happy to report that the sport is finally being given the recognition it deserves.

### **Show Jumping**

Show Jumping Chair, Ms. Anna Lisa de Lima, introduced the TTEA Super League to encourage riders and their horses to compete more and to move up through the levels more quickly. This has been an astounding success with four Super League shows being held last year, with each stable hosting one. Sandhya Moll and Adelle Stollmeyer tied for first place in the Juniors and Anna Lisa de Lima and Kyna Thompson were joint winners in the Seniors.

Special mention must be made of the third Super League Leg which was held at the Presidents' Grounds and run by Mrs. Luisa Chapman and the St. Ann's group of riders, incorporating Jericho Stables and Goodwin Heights. The TTEA hopes that this venue will again be used when Mrs. Chapman and the St. Ann's riders hosts their leg of the Super League this year. It was indeed a very special day with the most horses ever to compete at a show here in Trinidad (including some of our mounted policemen) and a sizeable crowd, many of whom simply arrived from seeing the show from the road. We were please to see senior staff from the Ministry of Sport, including Mr. Bob who was thrilled by the success of the competition. Ms. De Lima also managed to get our Minister of Sport, Mr. Gary Hunt, to attend another Super League competition and I'm sure all this contributes to the MOS continuing to support the TTEA.

For 2010, the first leg of the Super League was held with six riders in the highest Super league (1.05m to 1.10m) four in the Seniors and two in the Juniors.

The TTEA recently brought in Mr. Pablo Gamboa of Columbia, a former Olympic Show Jumper, and the coach responsible for the big improvement in the Jamaican riders, aiding them in qualifying for the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore next year. Mr. Gamboa had some excellent ideas for improving the Super League and getting our riders through the higher levels sooner, in order to fulfil our goal of producing riders of international calibre. Our plans for the future will include the input received from Mr. Gamboa.

We were not as successful in our Caribbean Junior Jumping Competition, placing last out of the five countries in 2009. As a result, the TTEA had to re-think the team selection process, which includes a more intense and competitive Trial. Special attention was given to preparing the team for competition, and the first team of Sandhya Moll and Jade Gomez were successful in Barbados, placing second behind Jamaica. Sandhya emerged the top rider in the 16 and under category. Sandhya was also the top 16 and under rider in the Cayman Islands, where Trinidad was poised to place in the top two teams, when an unfortunate error on course resulted in an elimination, dropping Trinidad to fourth place.

The TTEA accepted an Invitation to ride in Martinique in order to expose our young riders to international competition. Ms. De Lima took three young riders, and Mariel Lanser rode beautifully to place third in an open class at 1.10m competing against 25 other riders.

We congratulate our Show Jumping Chair for an excellent job and we look forward to even better results in the coming year. New competitions for 2010 include re-entering the FEI World Jumping Challenge and hosting an Adult Invitational show jumping competition.

### **Dressage**

Mrs. Sara Mc McCartney, our Dressage Chair also did an excellent job, doing the impossible of trying to keep everyone happy! Three schooling shows were held in 2009, one with Mr Denis Soyer, who also held a clinic, and two with Mr. Stephen Degheldere in preparation for the CEA Dressage Challenge. Unfortunately, Mr. Rick Albertson, who the TTEA had invited to prepare our riders for the same, was unable to come at the last moment due to illness. The TTEA was able to get Olympic Eventing rider, Ms. Kim Severson here to coach, on a grant from USEF and the FEI. In the competition, Trinidad and Tobago came third behind Jamaica and Barbados respectively, including both the Children and the Adult teams. Individually, we showed more promise, with Kyna Thompson being the top child rider in the Caribbean at the Elementary level, Cammila Garcia placing second at the Children's Preliminary level, and Anna Lisa de Lima placing third at the Adult Preliminary level.

Mrs. Sally O'Connor was brought in by the TTEA in January 2010 to judge the Trials for the FEI World Dressage Challenge and to hold a clinic thereafter. Trinidad came third in the FEI WDC behind Bermuda and the Cayman Islands. The results were quite close and again, Trinidad's riders did well individually, with Mrs. Margaret Auerbach and Mr. Stephen Degheldere placing second and third respectively in the Caribbean at the Adult Elementary, and Mrs. Patrice Stollmeyer also placing second at the Adult Preliminary on Claudio, Trinidad's first locally bred warmblood. The children did not fare as well and this will be addressed.

### **Eventing**

The TTEA introduced the discipline of Eventing with Dr. Rossi Bridgelal as the Chairperson. An eventing competition was held at Stollmeyer Stables in Freeport with Andrew Halfhide emerging as the winner after the Dressage, Cross Country and Show Jumping phases. All the riders had a great time and all look forward to the two events being planned for later this year with Mr. Denis Soyer, coming again as a clinician, for the event in August.

In 2009, the TTEA has introduced its Sport Horse Registration, a requirement by the FEI for all competitive horses. A lovely 2010 calendar was produced with Mrs. Deborah Thompson, Ms. Alix Hobday and Ms. Nicola Chatoor being the organizers and designers. The calendar was used for promotion and fund raising.

### **Finance**

This year the TTEA began the process of 'cleaning' the Association's Balance Sheet.

You will see we wrote off an amount of \$25,831 (Debtors and Pre-payments) which represented long-outstanding annual dues and show entry fees which were considered uncollectible. Systems have been put into place to ensure there is no occurrence.

An amount of \$26,678 (Advances Received) was absorbed into general revenue. This was a grant received from the Racing Authority some years ago for specialised vet services.

This year we will take an inventory to arrive at a value of the fixed assets. Thereafter, assets will be depreciated annually in accordance with normal accounting practice.

It is clear that without government grants the TTEA will not be able to function without direct cash injections from stakeholders. Annual subscriptions and other income comprise an insignificant proportion of the funds necessary to carry out the Association's annual programme. Concerted fundraising efforts must now be a major imperative as we must seek to attain financial independence. We will seek your input in this regard at the AGM.

I wish to thank the hard-working committee and all the volunteers who contributed to an overall successful year for the TTEA.

## **Dressage Report**

On the last weekend in June the TTEA held a two day show at Valmont Stables. On the Saturday the second leg of the Super League was held and on the Sunday a dressage competition was held where riders were able to ride their dressage test twice. In this show the rider had a choice of USDF (United States Dressage Federation) tests that were correlated with the FEI WDC tests. This enabled the riders to have some new tests to ride. The initial test was ridden and then the riders had a brief conference with the judge, Mr. Steven Degheldere. The test was ridden a second time and the latter score was used as the competitive score. This format allowed riders to have a chance to ride twice in the show ring and hopefully calm the show nerves of both horse and rider.

In late August a combined training event was held in central Trinidad at Patrice Stollmeyer's farm. Although many of our members were not able to attend, (summer holidays) the riders that did attend had a chance to partake in all three disciplines; dressage, show jumping and cross-country. Before the commencement of the event Mr. Denis Soyer, who judged the dressage, gave a one day cross-country clinic at the show grounds.

Another schooling show was held at Valmont Stables in mid-October to give the riders and horses some more ring experience before the regional CEA show. Once again Mr. Steven Degheldere graciously took on the challenge of judging our tests.

In preparation for the Caribbean Equestrian Association's Mini-dressage Challenge we had Ms. Kim Severson for a five day clinic. The FEI Group IV development fund sponsored her trip and she worked with riders to prepare them for this international competition. Ms. Severson is a US Olympic medalist in the discipline of Eventing. Our riders benefitted from her expertise in both jumping and dressage.

October is when Mrs. Sally O'Connor returned to Trinidad and Tobago to judge the CEA Mini-dressage Challenge. There were two teams: children and adult. The teams were based on the three best scores of the day for each age group. This is unlike the FEI WDC where there is only one team and that team is chosen before the commencement of that competition. Both of our teams placed third behind Barbados whose both teams were second. Jamaica's both teams were the overall winners.

In November our horses were able to have the benefit of being worked on by an equine chiropractor and veterinarian. Dr. Carol Holland, from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida spent a day and a half working on 25 horses. During her short stay she was able to visit four different barns and the race track. She helped many of our equine athletes and was very open with her advice to the various owners. The TTEA kindly paid for her airfare which helped offset the cost of her fees for our rider/owners.

December was a special month where we had a social gathering along with the end of year prize giving for the super league. At this gathering we made special mention of those riders who rode consistently at all the dressage shows along with our teams who did us proud at both the FEI WDC 2009 and the CEA mini dressage 2009.

## **January 2010**

This year a new system was introduced to select the team for the FEI World Dressage Challenge. Riders test scores were used from three different tests which were judged by international judges and one schooling show judged by our local judge.

The new year started with Mrs. Sally O'Connor returning to Trinidad. She judged a competition that was used as part of a qualifier for the team to represent Trinidad and Tobago in the FEI WDC. She also conducted a four day clinic for our riders in preparation for the FEI WDC 2010. She worked with many riders and their horses.

The FEI WDC was earlier than normal this year and thus did not give the riders a long time to prepare after their Christmas break. Our team did us proud and placed third by a narrow margin behind Bermuda (first place) and Cayman Islands (second place).

## **The Future**

Mrs. Sally O'Connor will be returning to our shores to conduct a dressage clinic in May. She will be preparing riders for the combined training event that will be held at Hidden Valley Stables' new home in Santa Cruz. She will also be returning closer to the CEA Mini-dressage Challenge 2010 to prepare our riders for this regional competition.

The management committee has tweaked the criteria for the selection of the team for the FEI WDC 2011. The major changes are that the riders have to ride the test they plan to ride in the FEI WDC at least twice before the FEI WDC competition, all tests scores must be judged by international judges, the trials for the FEI WDC scores are worth 50% and all other tests will add up to the other 50 %. These criteria will be used to aid the management committee with choosing the best team to represent Trinidad & Tobago at the FEI WDC 2011. The team selection criteria are now available in detail on our website.

## **A final remark-thank you**

I know this has been said many times but one more time won't hurt. The shows and clinics would not be possible without the collective efforts of many of our members and their families. There are those members who we call on, to hold down those jobs that are crucial for the running of a smooth show especially those of international caliber. I must say it is comforting to know that these people do their jobs so well. The international judges often remark that our volunteers could work anywhere in the world. I would also like to thank the various stables for their preparation of their grounds whether it be a schooling show or an international event. One last thank you must go to our horses that carry us around during these tests no matter how nervous we are. A pat on the neck or a carrot is all they ask for.

## **Show Jumping Report**

In 2009 we began our first Super League Jumping Championships. As you know it is a four legged competition to determine the Junior and Senior champion for the year.

### **April 2009**

Our first Super League Competition was held at Hidden Valley Stables, Chaguaramas. This was a weekend of jumping with the trials for the Bermuda leg of the CEA on the Saturday and the Super League on the Sunday. The shows were held at the end of a successful jumping clinic with Jorge Verswyvel, who judged both events. In his Clinic, Mr. Verswyvel was very effective with all levels of riders and was able to combine training on position and form with some very interesting exercises to keep the interest of the younger riders. The trials were won by Sandhya Moll in the 16 and under and Jade Gomez in the 14 and under categories. The Super League was entered by Valmont Stables, Hidden Valley Stables, Jericho Stables and Goodwin Heights and we had approximately 18 entries.

### **May 2009**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009, our team riders Sandhya and Jade attended the Bermuda Leg of the CEA with coach Anna Lisa De Lima. The riders placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall but rode extremely well having drawn the most difficult horses first.

### **June 2009**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28th June we held a two day event at Valmont Stables, one day of Jumping (2nd leg Super league) and one day of dressage. This turned out to be a great show as it gave the rider a feel of switching from one type of event to another over two days and was enjoyed thoroughly by all. In this event we had approximately 22 entries in the jumping.

### **July 2009**

We attended a clinic at El Tambre Equestrian Centre on the invitation of Jorge Verswyvel. A group of 22 attended the clinic (including 7 spectators and 15 riders from Hidden Valley Stables, Valmont Stables and Goodwin Heights). The riders under went an extensive clinic and were taken to see a competition for the selection of the Columbian team for the Pan am games. It was a great experience as they "lived and breathed" riding for an entire week.

### **August 2009**

We held a clinic with Denis Soyer in dressage and jumping that ended in an Eventing competition including the trials for the Trinidad Leg of the CEA. Mr. Soyer held a very interesting clinic as he managed to relate dressage training to jumping to reinforce to the riders the importance of their flat work. He, as always, was able to train coaches as well as riders.

The Eventing show was held in Freeport at Stollmeyer's farm. The winners of the CEA trials were first time trial entrants Charlotte Morrison (14 and under) and Melissa Sheppard (16 and under).

### **September 2009**

On the first weekend of September, Jericho Stables hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg of the Super League at the President's Grounds, St. Ann's. This was an extremely exciting event which allowed our riders to compete on grass; the first time for many or the first time in years for others. The

event pulled a large crowd and was extremely exciting. The event was again judged by Jorge Verswyvel. We had 20 entries by TTEA riders along with several Mounted Police riders, which was a pleasure.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September, Trinidad welcomed Barbados, the Cayman Islands and Jamaica to compete in the Trinidad Leg of the CEA. Our riders Charlotte and Melissa made us proud on their first CEA and we place 4<sup>th</sup> overall. The event was held at Valmont Stables ran like clock work. We were complimented by all visiting teams on the event and the quality of our horses.

### **October 2009**

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October we held our trials for Jamaica's Leg of the CEA. Garyk Jaggan won the 16 and under level and Olivia Harford won the 14 and under level to represent Trinidad. This was Olivia's first CEA team position.

### **November 2009**

The Trinidad Team attended the Jamaica leg of the CEA with team coach Patrice Stollmeyer and placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

### **December 2009**

On 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009, we held our final leg of the Super League at Hidden Valley Stables, Chaguaramas. The event was exciting as the rides that day determined the Junior and Senior champions for the year. We had 20 competitors. That night we held a year end prize giving to honour the riders throughout the year. There was a tie for Senior Champion between Kyna Thompson and Anna Lisa De Lima. Junior Champion was also a tie between Adelle Stollmeyer and Sandhya Moll. Many other riders and horses were honoured for their achievements.

### **January 2010**

As of 2010 we changed the CEA trial rules to help us determine the best team to represent Trinidad. We held our first trials over two days, four rounds each day, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January. The Trials were held at Hidden Valley Stables. The winner of these trials, Jade Gomez in the Under 14 and Sandhya Moll in the Under 16 went on to represent Trinidad in Barbados and Cayman Islands with team coach Patrice Stollmeyer. In Barbados, on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February, the team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with Sandhya winner the top Under 16 rider and in Cayman, on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March, the team placed 4<sup>th</sup> with Sandhya again winning the top rider of her level. If not for a minor error the team would have been 1<sup>st</sup> place.

### **What we have accomplished over this year:**

We strove this year to improve our local riders and our Trinidad Team in several ways:

- 1) To expose our riders to more international competition
- 2) To increase the number of our local competitions and our competitive base.
- 3) To get our riders jumping higher
- 4) To provide more technically challenging clinics to the riders
- 5) To create a selection and training process to send the best team to represent Trinidad in CEA Competition

In the past, our riders have had several opportunities to attend competitions and clinics overseas, such as in Columbia and Martinique. We also have great plans for this in the upcoming year.

Just in looking at our calendar for the last year and the upcoming year, we can definitely see that we have increased the number of shows over the year. The increase of entries is quite amazing; the last show had almost 30 entrants. The Super League Competition has played a great part in both of these areas as it gives all riders a goal to work towards and many competitions to keep training for. We have also been able to raise the heights in the Super League classes to encourage our riders to reach the height for international competition, specifically the FEI and also the CAC Games in 4 years. In working with our local coaches, our Belgian coach Steven Degheldere, Jorge Gallego in Columbia and finding Pablo Gamboa as a clinician, we are moving forward towards a more technically minded rider.

Our new selection process for the CEA Trinidad Team we believe will allow us to choose the most consistent rider. As our trials are hosted over two days (four rounds each day) a rider will have to stay consistently sharp to win overall. We have also set the trials at least a month in advance of the clinic so that the riders will have the time to train as a team with their coach on many different horses. Also, with the same riders attending two events, it gives the riders the chance to understand the competition and gain experience and as such be more confident going into the next event. With only two trials a year instead of four, the riders hoping to represent Trinidad will be motivated to work harder to win the trials.

### **The Future**

We have many exciting opportunities in the future for our riders. We have been invited to Wellington by Pablo Gamboa, and we have also been invited to attend a clinic or two in Europe. We are also seeking more competitions in Central and South America. We hope with the implementation of an invitational event, where each rider that enters will lend a horse to a foreign rider, other countries may reciprocate.

We also plan to make some changes to our Super League Competition which will take effect from the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg this year. These are changes suggested by Pablo Gamboa to improve our competition and riders. We will be charging \$300.00 for an entry fee per class and \$100 of that entry fee goes towards prize money. We will pool the prize money and divide it as follows; 60% to the highest level, 30% to the middle level and 10% to the lowest level. We feel that this will be an incentive for riders to work harder to move up the classes; therefore we can encourage riders to jump at higher levels. We will also be changing up the two higher classes (which will be called the Super League -1.15m class and the High League - 0.95m class). In these two classes Juniors and Seniors will compete all as one group. This will provide for greater competition in these smaller classes. In the Low League (up to 0.80m) there will still be a division between Junior and Senior riders.

As most of you know Hidden Valley Stables has been able to build an FEI sized arena, so we will resume hosting the FEI Jumping Challenge as of July this year. We will be competing in Category C. We hope that this new arena will open up all sorts of competition

opportunities. We are hosting our first Three day Event from May 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> at the new facility, which we hope will bring large crowds.

We have set a goal of 2014 to send a team to the CAC Games in jumping/eventing. Pablo has assured us that he sees at least 10-12 horses capable of meeting this goal and even more riders. If you have the goals, but not a suitable horse, now is the time to find one! It will take a lot of hard work, determination and not to mention financial support but with the right mind set and a good horse anything is possible. I believe we can do it.

In closing, while this has been a difficult year as jumping delegate, trying to make changes and push the envelope of competition locally. I have been very proud to be a part of this Association and what they have achieved. The Management Committee has worked extremely hard in the forefront and behind the scenes to improve the sport. These volunteers give so much of themselves that all I can say is thank you for if it were not for your effort we would not be where we are today.

Also I must say thank you to all the parents and volunteers who tirelessly work in a thankless job! Believe me I hope you know how much we appreciate you.

Finally the riders and horses, for without your love and passion there would be no sport, keep it up as we move forward with our extremely bright future.

## **Eventing report**

The TTEA has undertaken the task to develop the discipline of eventing. Eventing can be likened to the human sport of triathlon and is comprised of dressage, cross-country and show jumping elements. Many of you may remember the inaugural event held at Stollmeyer's Stables in Freeport last summer; it was a resounding success! Your feedback, the fact that our Thoroughbreds are very suited for the sport and our vision for improved regional competitiveness have all lent to our enterprise.

Currently we have scheduled 2 events for this year. The first will be a Three-day Event held at Hidden Valley Stables on May 29<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> held in conjunction with Super League Leg 2. The second event is tentatively scheduled for the end of August, and will be coupled with a clinic.

Though this sport may be appealing to all of our members, the TTEA must implement rules to govern this discipline to ensure the safety of both our horses and riders. Horses must be a minimum of 4 years before being allowed to compete in a Three-day Event. Riders must be showing competently at the 0.85m and above levels of show jumping, coupled with their coaches' authorization. Additionally every rider must wear a body protector in addition to the regulatory safety helmet. It will be responsibility of each competitor to provide his/her own body protector, or to make proper arrangements to share so that the posted ride times are not affected.

The TTEA will increase the number of Events held in 2011, and with each successive year. Our goal is to systematically increase the number and technical difficulty of these events so that we may produce horse and rider combinations that will allow us to potentially field an Eventing Team for the 2014 Central American and Caribbean Games.

The TTEA members have been very fortunate to receive tuition from very prominent members of the Eventing world. Mrs. Sally O'Connor serves as a steady pillar in this discipline, boasting as the Chief Eventing Steward in then up-coming World Equestrian Games. And though she was present for show jumping and dressage earlier this year, Ms. Kim Severson has won the Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event a number of times. Please check your listing for the broadcast of the 2010 Rolex on NBC on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **TTEA Passport and Vaccination protocol**

The TTEA recently embarked on the registration of all of the horses that compete in our events. The second part of our registration process is the issuance of TTEA Passports. This document will replace the existing photocopied Trinidad & Tobago Racing Authority horse identification form; however, this does not apply to horses holding a valid FEI passport.

The Passport will be issued from the Secretariat, and the cost was included in registration. The issued passport can be filled in by your private veterinarian. Alternatively, appointments can be made with Dr. Bridgelal to have the initial passport filled in at his convenience. Lost passports must be reported directly to the Secretariat. Replacement passports will incur a fee.

The TTEA / FEI passport will be required for each entered horse **at all FEI events and TTEA events.**

The TTEA also holds the responsibility to foster good horsemanship. We must consider the welfare and health of our equine counterparts and offer them protection wherever possible.

Dr. Bridgelal has created a vaccination schedule for the TTEA. The recommended vaccination protocol is as follows:

<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Inoculation period</b>	<b>Classification</b>
Equine Rhinopneumonitis (EHV <sub>type 1 &amp; type 4</sub> ) & Influenza A <sub>2</sub>	Initial inoculation, followed by 2 <sup>nd</sup> inoculation 3-4weeks afterwards. Inoculations to follow biannually after 2 <sup>nd</sup> shot.	<b>Mandatory</b>
West Nile Virus	Initial inoculation, followed by 2 <sup>nd</sup> inoculation 3-4weeks afterwards. Inoculations to follow biannually after 2 <sup>nd</sup> shot.	<b>Mandatory</b>
Tetanus Toxoid	Annually	<b>Mandatory</b>
Rabies	Annually	Where necessary

The passports will also serve as a record of the vaccination history of each horse. The recent vaccination history should be transferred when the passport is being filled in. Horses without valid vaccination status will not be allowed to compete or participate in TTEA events. *Please note horses will be given a 21-day grace period from the due date of vaccination in order to allow for competition. Horses with expired vaccination status after the 21-day period will not be allowed to participate, and cannot participate in events within 7 days of being vaccinated.*

## **Medication & Control**

The TTEA, like all other FEI National Federations, has been entrusted by the FEI to impart awareness to all our members regarding the CleanSport campaign. Please feel free to browse the following links at your leisure :

[http://www.feicleansport.org/national\\_federations.html](http://www.feicleansport.org/national_federations.html)

[http://www.feicleansport.org/ProhibitedSubstancesList\\_Jan2010.pdf](http://www.feicleansport.org/ProhibitedSubstancesList_Jan2010.pdf)

The rules governing this campaign have been in place since April 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 and all competitors and events held under the FEI's umbrella are accountable to them. Whilst no doping and medication control testing is currently performed within the FEI Challenges regionally, there may come a time when it is required. It all comes down to the welfare of the horse and fairplay.

## **Election of Officers**

The following people have been nominated for the TTEA Management Committee:

Mr. Carl Chatoor  
Mrs. Patrice Stollmeyer  
Ms. Alix Hobday  
Mrs. Janice Gransaul  
Mrs. Sara Mc Cartney  
Ms. Anna Lisa de Lima  
Dr. Rossi Bridgelal  
Ms. Nicola Chatoor  
Mrs. Debbie Thompson

The following positions are available on the TTEA Management Committee:

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary General  
Treasurer  
Dressage Chair  
Show Jumping Chair  
Eventing Chair  
Public Relations Officer  
Fundraising Chair