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**RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION SA INC.
HALF-YEARLY CENTRES' FORUM**

Held Sport SA office, Military Road, West Beach, Saturday 27 February 2010

Meeting opened 10.00am

Present:

Jill Ribbons	President Board	Sharon Nichols	Victor Harbor
Julie Burnes	Board member	Carol Spargo	Whyalla
Kay Milton	Staff	Ron Spargo	Whyalla
Theresa Moore	Staff	Graham Crouch	Jennibrook Farm
Ella Kos	Staff	Steve Datson	Jennibrook Farm
George Holroyd	State Office	Ole Gardsenni	Mount Gambier
Marilyn McFarlane	State Office	Rosemary Daish	Murray Bridge
Mark Boon	State Office	Michelle Leach	Mount Barker
Bill Hyland	Blackwood	Lisa Burd	Mount Barker
Pat Warde	Blackwood	Deb Barker	Yorke Peninsula
Connie Meaney	Blackwood	Tony Michalanney	Riverland
Jill Shelton	Northern Area	Sharon Stewart	Riverland
Sue Vincent	Victor Harbor	Ros Trotman	Port Lincoln

Apologies: Rosalee Cearns, Karen Aspery (state office); Margaret Heath (Victor Harbor); Michael Sztekel, Gloria Sztekel (Northern Area); Rina Cooper, Ella Nance (Murray Bridge); Andrew Murphy, Maria Brett (Barossa & Light); Janet Afford, Kristy Quinlan, Anne Rogers (Port Pirie).

Introductions: Round-table self-introductions.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of 24 October 2009 were adopted. Moved Julie Burnes, seconded George Holroyd. Carried.

Matters Arising

Horse floats Liquor Industries Charity Golf Club Day - \$7,000 to refurbish 2 horse floats (or more if we can get a good price), and to purchase a horse (to be transacted through the Hero Fund).

Centre signage: Standardised design available through state office. Kay to email design to centres (pending from last meeting). Subsidy available of up to \$300 for each centre. Centres may seek local sponsorship to pay for these.

Survey: Not much response to on-line surveys (Volunteer & Chaff). Chaff received 25 responses, and all were satisfied with current format and timing. Future surveys to be backed up by printed version.

State President's report (Jill Ribbons)

RDA Australia New RDA Board, and new president, Ross Goulden from WA. Better communications, and organisation is starting to turn around. RDA Board meeting will be held at RDA SA state office on April 23, followed by Company meeting on 24th (Board and state presidents).

State Camp in Dec at Victor Harbor went well. Hot day for riding, but thanks to RDA VH for hosting.

Smiley Badges: These can be given away; if they are sold, take the backing off as it has out of date info.

Special Olympics April 2010: Handout attached.

Dressage state champs: will be held in September (not May as originally planned). Considering incorporating Mounted Games on same day. General agreement. Equestrian Australia (formerly EFA) is now managing dressage competition for higher level RDA competitors.

Night at the Races: August 7 at the Wine Centre. Funds to be devoted to a building fund to construct covered/sheltered arenas for all centres. Question whether the effort is worth the cost of running it. Point is to involve people outside RDA. Last year's included \$1 for \$2 donation from AMP. Centres may use the program – template can be sent by P&F committee (Mt Gambier expressed an interest). Country centres may be in a better position to obtain corporate sponsorship than metro areas: these may be able to donate part-proceeds to a central fund to assist other centres especially where they struggle to raise finances.

Quiz Night: Being considered by P&F committee. Proceeds to centres, and centres to sell tickets. Venue: Italian Centre, evening after next Centres' Forum 23 October. Each centre to be asked to sell tickets. Suggestion from the floor that centres form a team each – interested are VH, BW, Why, JBF. Prizes can be sourced by centres & donated for the night. Distance is a barrier for country centres.

Surplus items from state office: donated rugs, saddle cloths, etc. taken for use at centres. List attached.

Strategic Planning – Where is my centre heading?

Revisit last year's session and what can be done at centre level. Attachment: Jill's powerpoint presentation. Dream: by 2015 we will have covered arenas at all centres. Need to have multi-use arenas, as there is no sense in building a centre being used once per fortnight.

Workforce plans for staff and volunteers – training and development plans for everyone in the organisation. Looking beyond the coaches to achieve t&d for everyone. People will get more out of RDA and as a consequence will give more. Mt Gambier & other centres are engaging with local schools to involve their older students as volunteers. Community Service. SACE? Best to come from state level, not individual centres.

Want to be located in key population areas, i.e. Port Augusta, Clare.

What is the real **mission** of RDA – to provide horse riding and associated activities as therapy, education, sport and active recreation for people with disabilities.

Vision:

Briefing sheet needed for schools, parents, carers, teachers so they know the chain of command at a centre while riding lessons are in progress. Inform them more about RDA and its class procedures (i.e. mounting) and what it achieves for the children. Useful to see the riders in their own (school) environment.

Challenge to Centres: What vision does your centre has for the next three years.

Different types of volunteers. We don't just need volunteers, we need volunteers for specific tasks. Resistance to training and succession planning. How do you tell a volunteer their time is up? Occ Health and Safety is critical. Risk management principles can be brought into effect.

Ole: Centres need to have a business plan, and a management plan for volunteers. Ole is the president and has nothing to do with horses. Jill S: not enough people sometimes to make the hard decisions. Good and tactful management is critical. Position and activity reviews. Need to run RDA as a business. Sharon: There is a mentality "I'm a volunteer, and I can do what I want."

Themes from Centres:

Port Lincoln Strategic plan notes: To-Do List: New shed for float, etc. Looking for suitable grants.

Barriers to line arena for safe trotting, lane, road barriers. Suggestions on suitable barriers. Covered arena – because we lose so many days because of rain, heat. **Fundraising**, try to do a big one each year, e.g. wine tasting plus auction. Rider parent is a chef and prepared finger food. Beautiful night. Profit of \$7,000 – a lot of work, but fun. Beginner rider workshop: Riding lesson day for A/B riders - \$100 for one day. Fully registered with RDA. Maybe Night at the Races. Volunteers: Always looking for volunteers, perhaps link into the A/B riders coming for lessons. More Games equipment.

BW Being established. Target Date: "God Knows". Site works to be finished. Weed control, & looking after trees. Looking for an old 4WD to tow the water cart. Running at Jennibrook as well. **Blackwood Strategic plan notes:** Fundraising focus: Credit Union lottery, sausage sizzles, quiz nights, Square dance night, sale of Smiley badges, Sale of cards, pony rides, hack show.

Jennibrook Need new volunteers. Advertised, asking for specific volunteers. 15 replied, 10 attended training on a very hot day, 3 continued although 2 needed prompting. Southern Volunteering is helpful. Property maintenance, road works, carpark, gateway, pasture management.

Jennibrook Strategic plan notes: 1-3 years: Increase volunteer numbers – how: contact with volunteer organisations such as Volunteering SA, Council, local paper, Southern Volunteering. Property maintenance: two issues: (1) front gates – purchase materials, fabricate gates. (2) roadway & carpark: contact council regarding previous agreement re carpark. Resurface & grade driveway. Paddock: grassed area – isolate section of paddock for development. Obtain seed/runners; plant and allow substantial growth (possibly 2 years). Fundraising: Development of new income streams: - Classic Adelaide Rally; golf days; annual events such as Bands on the Bend.

Victor Harbor – mind-map by Sharon. Grounds: Own grounds so they can keep their horses on-site. *Arena needs resurface, covered if possible. Lease land from council, but if they walk away the improvements are fixtures and must remain on the property. *Volunteers: More & active volunteers, younger - source through High School, and be more pro-active in recruiting. Get more OTCs. *More office-bearers, e.g. president, volunteer co-ordinator to take load off the coaches. Horses: *more weight-bearing horses. Office/admin:

On-site office. *Office area, desk with computer and a printer. Program: *To run weekly. Finances: enough money to achieve all the foregoing! *Achievable goals

Riverland: Financially stable with good sponsorship. Plans for the money – bought new pony “Buddy”. Upgrading old riding arena, replacing boundary fence, quote for disabled toilet in progress. New arena to be built near clubhouse. Good communication with regular meetings – committee and operations. Five-year plan is to have a covered arena as centre has minor operations in Term I. Close to starting a second operating day. Duke of Edinburgh Award participants coming to help. Retired 3 horses, bringing in new ones. More public awareness, talking to schools via a new volunteer. Fundraising is ongoing.

Riverland Strategic plan notes: More committee members. Share the load. Person to liaise with teachers and parents. Have a newsletter. Open committee meetings. Working on fencing and stables. Disabled toilet (quote done). Paving. Arena. Upgrading old, building new in the next 3-4 years, and in the next 5 years to have an under cover arena. A couple of more coaches. Watering system. More public awareness of what we do. Educating schools that what we do is not “pony rides”. **Dream**: to see some of our riders going to other centres to compete, e.g. Handy Pony, etc.

Whyalla: new treasurer & a new president needed. Grant received for an activity room, to be used when they are unable to ride, e.g. unmounted rally. \$10,000 through Danks Foundation (Plants Plus), \$2750 from council for rainwater tank. 150 trees, now on drippers, all rainwater. Work for the Dole people, one is going to add more hours to become more active volunteer (looks after trees). Need to retire some horses and replace them, preferably weight-bearing. New horses have been given to RDA. Sit-on lawnmower, to tackle bushes and snake problem. **Whyalla Strategic plan notes**: Committee: Require new treasurer & president. Activity room to become operational – try for council grant for water tank for irrigation and property maintenance. More tree planting. Work for the Dole. Horses: need to retire some, and require replacement horses (weight bearing). Fundraising: Keep up fundraising efforts; require volunteers to assist fundraising towards covered arena and ride on mower.

Northern Area: Strategic plan notes: Need arena surface to be improved; unable to get anyone to come out to quote on the work so they can apply for a grant. Covered arena. Agistment: Question over the new Northern Connector road between Port Expressway and Northern Expressway, as this might impact upon paddocks where horses are kept. Council not satisfied with current toilet set-up – what type, where to put it. Volunteers: Challenges over finding and retaining suitable volunteers to help run program and admin, plus maintenance. Horses: Need to retire two horses and bringing on two new ones.

Mount Gambier: Dream – five things:

Improve public profile in the eyes of the public and corporate citizens.

Increase funding so as to be self sufficient from state office. To have an ongoing cash source.

Complete the extension of the main arena.

Investigate possibility of purchasing the centre land. In a business perspective cannot see the sense in spending \$15K on someone else’s property. Should centre fail in the future, the asset will be there for RDA SA to capitalise.

Increase the usage of the centre for outside operators.

“We have coaches, money, centre, riders. We are doing well.”

Yorke Peninsula: Meeting with council to achieve a good solution for the former racecourse site. YP trying to secure its own portion of land; an indoor arena would be lovely, but priority is to get site to keep horses at the centre; be able to own horses, and to operate 2-3 days. Small committee, small group of volunteers, 11 riders. Doing well financially. As soon as can keep horses on-site will buy two. Looking at this for other clubs, not just RDA; need to share grounds and facilities. **Yorke Peninsula Strategic plan notes**: Security of tenure: secure parcel of land. Ultimate aim: regional equestrian centre with indoor arena, etc.. Encourage volunteers/members and riders to identify with the ultimate aim. Tap into different resources & organisations. Need bigger horse, owned by RDA to accommodate larger riders. Operating times: to operate 3 – 4 days per week.

Murray Bridge: Many changes to the committee, need helmets, toe-stoppers, water container. Need to increase rider numbers. Don’t hear about RDA in the community. Didn’t know much about it until approached. Volunteers haven’t said, “I volunteer with RDA”. Have good radio and newspaper resources to tap into. **Murray Bridge Strategic plan notes**: Increase rider numbers: approach special school, visit community Lifestyles & High school. Offer come ‘n’ try days. Put out flyers, target new housing areas and swimming pool; TAFE. Communicate via Radio: community announcements to recruit volunteers and to sell manure. Short term needs: Toe-stoppers; rainwater tank; riding helmets.

Mount Barker: Most critical is to get their own property. High agistment cost, compromising safety over the past few months. Trying to get response from Council. Built horse team, ramp is to be rebuilt soon. Need disability toilet. Have indoor arena on property, but cannot access it often. **Mount Barker Strategic plan notes:** Build Volunteer base: early retirees, Gyms, TAFE, new building areas – letter drop; sporting clubs; advertise in The Weekender; use Power FM (joint promotion with Murray Bridge). Volunteer training: for specific roles. Other needs: disability accessible toilet; own property.

General comments:

- Use every opportunity to promote RDA, and use every possible avenue.
- Portaloos type can be challenging for intellectually disabled to use.
- Program in Saskatchewan is fully paid positions throughout – coaches, sidewalker, grooms, etc.
- Maximising use of existing assets. Probably valued at millions.
- Owning properties enable RDA to have equity to borrow from.

The money lady (Ella Kos)

MYOB Enterprise: Transition time is time and labour intensive. Has to enter into the system 13 Charts of Accounts. None of the old balances can be transferred on auditor’s instructions. Unable to hand over information and instructions today; now deferred to approx two weeks time. George and Ella will be travelling to centres which need help with data entry.

Centres should have a hard copy of MYOB balance, etc, as this will be the only record of the previous year.

Audit Auditors are signalling that many of the previous instructions have not been followed, particularly with payments to volunteers not being supported by receipts. If auditor see patterns of mismanagement, they have to inform the ATO and an investigation may take place.

There shall be no reimbursement to any volunteer unless they provide receipts or other evidence of expenses incurred, e.g. purchases on behalf of the centre.

For example, a centre shows \$150 purchase on “stationery” but there are no receipts.

Fuel vouchers can be issued, for example, without other substantiation.

Fuel reimbursement: 67 cents per km, if includes a float is +10 cents per km. Much easier to use fuel vouchers.

Office bearers and treasurers’ workshop: to be held at State Office, Saturday March 27, 9.30am. Budgeting, reading financial reports, committee responsibilities. Ideally, two people per centre.

Other Business

Special Olympics National Games: Steve Datson spoke about the Torch Relay, which passes through many towns where RDA operates. Mt Gambier, Riverland towns, Port Pirie, Adelaide (for 2 – 3 days). Route is described in website “Run with the Law”. Police running with athletes, in SA from April 12. RDA centres asked to be involved. RDA rider Andrew Tanner is one torch-bearer.

Mounting ramp: Steve Datson is having a wheel-chair accessible ramp drawn up by an architect. Will make the plans available widely once they have finished building the ramp to make sure it works.

Centre Reports

(see attached; end of document)

Meeting Evaluation

See attached report

Next meeting:

23 October 2010.

Meeting closed: 4.50pm

Signed as a true and correct record:

Date:.....

REPORTS FROM CENTRES – 27 February 2010

Barossa & Light

No. of horses	5-6	No. of riders/drivers	43	No. of volunteers	40
Committee issues	Nothing to report				
Property issues	Had another working bee; made adjustments to truck ramp; more tie-up areas. Moved equipment into transportable.				
Horse & client report	Number of clients from Tanunda Special Unit has increased to 24 Our second group; 2 clients unable to attend due to clash of timetables with other commitments and another 2 have filled their vacancy				
Financial Position	Sound, \$32,000 in bank				
Two most urgent items on "to do" list	1 complete training of our 3 new coaches 2 planning to get a second weekly session going this year and increase to 6 riders per session				
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	Hope to run a major raffle this year to raise \$10,000				
Signed	Andrew Murphy, President				

Blackwood

No. of horses	8	No. of riders/drivers	54	No. of volunteers	50
Committee issues	Both management and relocation committees operating well. Changes to management committee are: Ann Gear (reappointed), Virginia Thompson (new), Cornelia Meaney (treasurer).				
Property issues	<p>As we share with Jennibrook the only comments I can make are to thank them for accommodating us and to congratulate them on the extensive renovations being carried out.</p> <p>We are steadily pushing on with O'Halloran Hill, land maintenance, weed eradication, tree watering (these are flourishing) and thanks to a massive effort by 3rd Field Sqn Engineers from Warradale Barracks and our volunteers most of our major earthworks were completed. Our thanks to Rob McBryde, project manager and Bernadette White, his assistant, for their expertise and dedication to the project</p> <p>Late last year over 700 bales of hay were cut, baled and stacked and will obviously help with our fodder expenses. Thank you volunteers for the hard work put into achieve this.</p> <p>We extend an invitation to all to visit and see what is involved with this project.</p>				
Horse & Client issues	<p>We have 8 horses and need more, as due to age several may need retirement in the near future. We welcomed Bo in December and thank the Board through the Hero Fund for the assistance to purchase him.</p> <p>We did lose clients last year due to the move but slowly increasing numbers. Late last year 4 of our coaches attended a workshop on Autism/Aspergers and came away with much-needed knowledge.</p> <p>Helen Sharp, one of our OTCs, is involved with a Makaton course and is contributing some wonderful ideas to incorporate into our riding.</p> <p>Janet Nourse, a client of many years, will be riding in Special Olympics; we are very proud of her and support her in every way.</p>				
Finances	<p>As our client numbers are down, then we have less revenue coming in, and this year so far has not been kind with weather so a lot of riding time has been lost.</p> <p>With O'Halloran Hill our expenses are ongoing and huge and we thank state office and Andy Esworthy for the time and effort put into obtaining grants.</p>				
Two most urgent items on "to do" list	<p>With our situation at the moment we need to increase our horse ration to enable us to take on more clients. We must focus on Blackwood as a centre at Jennibrook and give our support and dedication to the clients we have.</p> <p>It is obvious the O'Halloran Hill project is ongoing and I commend and thank our volunteers for their efforts as they work between Blackwood with riding, feeding, mucking out, etc, and the work needed to maintain O'Halloran Hill</p>				
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	<p>Successful quiz night held in November. Grateful to BankSA Marion, CPS Credit Union Marion, Adelaide Rock'n'Roll club and Australian Central Credit Union Staff Fund who have provided valuable funds to the OHH project.</p> <p>Our next fundraiser will be a square dance night in April and we are looking at holding more sausage sizzles at shopping centres (volunteers willing).</p>				
Signed	Patricia Warde 25/2/2010				

Jennibrook Farm

No. of horses	9	No. of riders/drivers	58	No. of volunteers	
Committee issues	All financial members are involved in the management of the centre since our AGM. However, we do have a treasurer and temp secretary – a postal person, and we all work together for the better of Jennibrook.				
Property issues	Renovations almost completed by council contractors. We are still to catch up on our maintenance program and we thank Bill Freeman for his efforts. Some fences are still to be replaced plus our main gate and driveway.				
Horse & Client issues	We have a new dressage horse Sugar owned by one of our riders, but still require a 13.2hh pony. Other horses are doing well and we look forward to them being used in the Special Olympics. Our riders in the Special Olympics are anxious to participate. Our OTCs are to participate more with the coaches to gain more hands-on experience with our clients.				
Finances	Steady, but we lose revenue when it's hot.				
Two most urgent items on "to do" list	A new outdoor arena (grassed); re-establish and cultivate our pastures.				
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	BBQ to be held at Woolworths at the Aberfoyle Hub in the future. Invite politicians to morning tea so they can see what we are all about.				
Signed	Graham Crouch 19/2/10				

Mount Barker

No. of horses	9	No. of riders/drivers	47	No. of volunteers	23
Committee issues	Had two committee members resign, including our treasurer, but gained a new member Lisa Burd working well.				
Property issues	Issues with property owner are slowly being resolved. Have had contact with local councils regarding land for lease that may be suitable for RDA. We are upgrading our ramp at present.				
Horse & Client issues	Have recently acquired 2 horses; one on lease and one with purchased, along with a pony we just bought. Some clients have not confirmed if they are coming back this year, but we have left a spot open for them temporarily. Still very busy!				
Finances	Steady. Have invested \$12,000 in a term deposit.				
Two most urgent items on "to do" list	Portable disabled toilet is extremely vital due to increasing number of wheelchair clients. New shed for office and volunteer facilities.				
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	Concentrating on preparing our rider for Special Olympics and quite a few of our horses to loan to interstate riders. Our first Bunnings BBQ was very successful. Going to do a volunteer drive through the hills district to hopefully increase volunteer numbers				
Signed	Michelle Leach 20/2/10				

Mount Gambier

No. of horses	5	No. of riders/drivers	30	No. of volunteers	30
Committee issues	Meeting approx monthly. All things in place for start 2010				
Property issues	Had part of arena surround replaced. Wood and boards rotted area where sprinklers used. Upgrading fencing. Building an extra arena outside. Can be used for dressage.				
Horse & Client issues	Gained another good horse. Joey went back to owner due to foot problem. Have some great horses at the moment. They went away for holidays but all back now.				
Finances	Looking good. Always constantly assessed. Received \$2,500 from volunteers grant; used for fuel vouchers and lawn mower.				
Two most urgent items on "to do" list	Upgrading fences Shed extension as planned				
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	Under 18 years gymkhana. www.eswap.com.au - fundraising Smiley Badge Day Scone and Damper showdown later in the year				
Signed	Natalie Zwar 17/2/10				

Murray Bridge

No. of horses	6	No. of riders/drivers	12-8 pending	No. of volunteers	16
Committee issues	Good size of committee to share the work				
Property issues	Property still on lease for 12 months with right of renewal. All happy at present				
Horse & Client issues	6 horses available for use. Good sizes, good temperaments. 1 quite mature but still very fit. 2 x 20 year olds, 3 under 15 years. Operating Wed, Thurs and now Sat mornings				
Finances	Always a problem due to high cost of feed in this area with no paddocking available.				
Two most urgent items on "to do" list	Raising financial position Recruiting disabled riders				
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	Bingo week March 8 – 14 Clean up at Karoonda Sheep fair, 26-27 March Garage Sale 17 April				
Signed	Ella Nance 20/2/10				

Northern Area

No. of horses	11	No. of riders/drivers	40 (3 more about to start)	No. of volunteers	38
Committee issues	Difficulty finding a common time for coaches' meetings				
Property issues	Waiting for information on where the new bypass road will go in relation to our paddocking				
Horse & Client issues	Have just purchased a 16hh 18yo educated thoroughbred, and a 13hh, 7yo pony we will look to introducing to harness as well as the riding program. Will now be able to plan to retire one of our aged pony mares. Special Olympic activities have added some new goals for the participating rider (and coach)				
Finances	Healthy				
Two most urgent items on "to do" list	Find someone willing to quote on the work to put in an arena surface so we can apply for a grant to help pay for this. Recruit more volunteers as age is catching up with some of our long-standing volunteers.				
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	Community lottery tickets sales				
Signed	25/2/10				

Port Lincoln -

No. of horses	7 at grounds	No. of riders	33	No. of volunteers	
Committee issues	All going well				
Property issues	Process of acquiring another shed to house new float and mower. Horses enjoying open area of Pony Club grounds during the day.				
Horse & Client issues	Horses had a good spell at Duckponds – J Porter. Back @ grounds and all well. Couple on trial turning out well. Horses all happy and doing their job Clients starting to trot. Excellent start to the year.				
Finances	Excellent				
Two most urgent items on "to do" list	Float shed Road barriers (or the like) for dividing area				
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	Nothing definite at the moment. Successful "beginner rider" workshop held for A/B riders. Will do this regularly in school holidays.				
Signed	Jodie Porter 23/2/10				

Port Pirie

No. of horses	5	No. of riders/drivers	14	No. of volunteers	25
Committee issues	New committee working well. Sureway providing Work for Dole workers.				
Property issues	New container on way. Will be placed near horse tie area, and cover erected over saddling up area for volunteer and horse protection. Landscaping around club rooms, nearly completed. Palms growing well, hibiscus flowering				
Horse & Client issues	Need of another weight carrying horse to expand into adult group. Lost several riders from last year but have others interested. Now have 4 volunteers				

	wanting to train as OTCs (riding). Much interest in providing carriage driving.
Finances	Stretched but continual fundraising
Two most urgent items on "to do" list	Permanent stalls on grounds Wind protection and sun protection over arena (covered arena)
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	Easter Raffle Quiz Night
Signed	Anne Rogers (coach) 18/2/10

Riverland

No. of horses	4	No. of riders/drivers	4 (12 in term II)	No. of volunteers	12
Committee issues	Still only four of us. Have just sorted out how to go about all our repairs.				
Property issues	We now have secure doors on our building. The fencing is just starting. We are starting to gather quotes to upgrade an old toilet to a disabled facility.				
Horse & Client issues	We have 4 horses at present; 3 are new and have been accredited in the last 6-8 weeks.				
Finances	We are holding our own financially having lost all our rides in Term IV and Term I this year will take its toll.				
Two most urgent items on "to do" list	More students Putting all our plans into place. We are very time poor.				
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	Madec have promoted us heavily and gave us \$5,000. Ulysses Motorcycle club gave us \$2,000. Sharon and Megan Stewart are selling lucky dips at the local market as well.				
Signed	Jodie Pearn 22/2/10				

Victor Harbor

No. of horses	7	No. of riders/drivers	33	No. of volunteers	35
Committee issues	Our new committee working very well together. We now meet monthly. Coaches still doing treasurer, president, secretary and coaches at this stage. OK with it.				
Property issues	Fiona Muir's property at Middleton has worked out really well for our horses. They are in good hands. We have a good working relationship with Victor Harbor Riding Club and the grounds look great at present. Hope to get grant for rainwater tank.				
Horse & Client issues	Purchased a 13.2hh Welsh Mountain pony with funds \$1500 donated by Port Elliot CWA. She has settled in beautifully. Will be doing Saturday lessons in second term.				
Finances	Financial position steady at present Have been given \$1,000 donation by Victor Harbor couple after they purchased lottery ticket from our fundraising day				
Two most urgent items on "to do" list	To purchase weight-bearing horse Still would like covered arena				
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	Will be catering for "Relay for Life" in March. Also doing Pt Elliot show catering again. Very successful last year. Also tickets sales on Aust Central Credit Union Lottery going very well. Should make \$1,000 Doing radio interviews every month to promote RDA				
Signed	Sue Vincent 23/2/10				

Whyalla

No. of horses	5 + 2 on trial	No. of riders/drivers	14 + possible 10 more	No. of volunteers	30
Committee issues	Committee working well				
Property issues	New water tank purchased – 22,000 litres (grant from Whyalla council) New activity room ordered – grant from Danks Organisation. Reticulated watering system for trees (working well) Have 4 Work for the Dole participants				
Horse & Client issues	Start back 3 rd March. All come back from paddock in good condition. Mickey has tumours and will need to be retired soon. Looking for replacement 2 horses on trial – a 15hh thoroughbred gelding, a 14.2hh gelding. Both are showing potential. Rider registration forms have gone out. Now have two riders for Saturday group				
Finances	At the moment not bad				

Two most urgent items on "to do" list	10-11hh pony Tack for 2 new horses Saddle 17"
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	Training day on 27 Feb Pony rides Easter weekend Sausage sizzles at Stratco Horse manure (donation)
Signed	Ron Spargo 25/2/10

Yorke Peninsula

No. of horses	4	No. of riders/drivers	10	No. of volunteers	13
Committee issues	Committee is still small. Nobody has changed roles; still managing OK. But we are always looking for more people to come on board and join the committee				
Property issues	Negotiations are in progress with council to be able to keep our horses on grounds. Also we wish to have our parcel of land so that we may grow the centre and be able to take YP centre to the next level. Usual things – property was slashed, arena graded in working bee. All completed before Term I commenced				
Horse & Client issues	Down to 4 horses; sold one horse but looking to replace with bigger horse. As soon as we can keep horses on property. Have a small paddock set up, course is like Special Olympics; benefitting all clients, being used to each client's ability.				
Finances	Looking fair. A little will go towards Special Olympics. Have spent a little on new trollies, etc, which have benefitted volunteers' backs.				
Two most urgent items on "to do" list	Complete negotiations to find out where the centre is heading (all positive). So this list could become many things.				
Coming Events, Fundraising & Promotional activities	Sausage sizzles, badges and cans put at different locations, eg. Hotel (Kristy's work); optometrist (Deb's work). Would like to plan a doorknock.				
Signed	Deb Barker 25/2/10				