

Provincial Equine Advisory Committee
May 19, 2010
Stettler Provincial Building

Jimilee Chostner called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

Pledge, introductions and signing of attendance took place.

In attendance were Jimilee Chostner, Ruth Maciborski, Corine Verbeek, Connie Kluczny, Bernard McGowan, MaryLou Tainsh, Linda Gooch, Karen Allen, Yvonne Churko, Daphne Schnurer, Lee Carothers, Yvonne Yaremcio and Janet Kerr.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Reports:

A. Regional reports

Northeast

Things are winding down in our region. Most of the horse clubs will have had their Achievement Days by June 1. Our regional horse camp will be held August 4-7 in Vermillion. It is being hosted by the Wainwright district. Classes offered are groundwork, jumping, roping, drill team, trail, reining, dressage, working cow horse, gymkhana/rodeo, driving, games on horseback, judging and showmanship, horse health and massage, nutrition and horse management, tack fitting and leather craft. The regional horse show will be on Sunday, August 8th in Vermillion.

Great news for the Northeast region horse clubs! We finally convinced the region to increase the budget for the horse clinics. We now have \$5000 budgeted towards regional horse clinics. Clinics will be starting in the fall and we will try to offer a wide range of clinics to interest 4-H members. Clinics will be open to riders who have completed level three. If anyone has suggestions on clinics and clinicians please contact either Karen or Yvonne.

Have a great summer!

Submitted by Karen Allen and Yvonne Churko

West Central

The region has had two clubs host horse shows, one in Benalto and one in Rocky Mountain House in preparation for our regional horse show on June 4, 5 & 6th.

Planning for the regional show is mostly completed with the entries now in and the class lists being prepared.

We hosted a Regional Level 1-3 Horsemanship Clinic in Rimbey on May 8th. It turned out that we had the clinic with 11 level one riders all working on mounted and dismounted skills for level 1 and touched a bit on level 2 as well. Leslie Ozlie came out for the mounted skills and Connie Kluczny and Stacey Harrison worked with members on dismounted skills. Leslie felt that the group was in fact on track with the level one skills and that this was an improvement from other clinics in the past. Some parents were not aware of the 4-H Horsemanship video! The parents were very appreciative that we hosted a clinic for the beginning members! Connie is still working on the report for the clinic and will submit shortly for funding from PEAC.

Linda's letter on funding the Provincial Horse Show was read at the last regional meeting and the committee approved a donation of \$1500 to go towards the Provincial Horse Show (cheque given to committee).
Submitted by Connie Kluczny

South

The South Region has offered \$250 to donate to help with the Provincial 4-H horse show. We would have come up with more but are putting money into the Claresholm Ag Centre to assist with the purchase of new rails. Our horse show plans are going well and this year's show is on August 15th to 18th.
Submitted by Sherri Hosker

Northwest

On April 17 we had a regional clinic that was well attended even from clubs who have not participated in the past.
The deadline for entries to the Focus on 4-H July 2-5 show has just past and organization for the show is in full swing.
Most clubs are all gearing up for their achievement days or have just completed them.
Submitted by Corine Verbeek

East Central

Peace

Peace members were absent. No report submitted.

B. Provincial Council Report

Add vaulting to Policy #6.06 and send it to council for approval.

They recommended the issue of helmets be readdressed.

They wanted to encourage us to focus on teaching safety, don't just have it in the manual.

Orally submitted by Daphne

C. YHIP Report

They had their clinic April 17 & 18 with Ricky Anderson. 7 – 2 year olds were brought. Everyone got on their horses. It was a good facility. The kids enjoyed it. Ricky was very good. There were no yearlings this year.

There has been only one application this year. Do we want to promote it or drop it?

Orally submitted by MaryLou

D. Standardbred Report

Track day was Mar 13th. It was a really good day. Bernie's members went and also helped out. Trainers took all the kids out for a ride in sulkies and went up to the announcer's booth. It was a full day from 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

There are 6 kids in the project.

The track is opening in Lacombe next weekend.

Orally submitted by Bernie

E. Horse Classic Report

The slides and questions are done. Tests are started. Need ideas for ID stations. July 28-30.

F. AEF Report

Janet went to their AGM in March. They are training their own judges for their own circuit. Working on the division between AEF and EC.

They had their election. Dixie remains chairman to continue working on the EC conflict and Kippy is also still on the board.

They are also dealing with traceability.

Submitted orally by Janet.

2. PELF

A report outlining results was circulated.

3. PEAC Clinic

It was felt that it was good to get together. It helped put us all on the same page. We would like to see it happen again. Muffy's acute awareness was appreciated.

Participants were divided into 2 groups with one being on horses while the other "coached".

The clinic cost \$400 per person. There is some funding available for another clinic but there would be a charge of \$175 per person.

Muffy mentioned being available for another clinic in October so **Linda will check to see what dates she may be available.**

4. Provincial Clinics (for leaders)

a. An assessment clinic farther north in the fall

Stay at 4-H Center?

Use Lakedell arena?

Linda will check with Muffy for dates in October with the 22-24th not an option.

b. Would we like an English clinic- dressage, jumping or basic riding.

Connie and Ruth will check into Daniel Stewart for next spring. If he comes it would be for spectators with a handful of riders.

Available dates and costs.

5. Mane Event

Those who attended the booth and stayed in Red Deer should check their Visa bills to see if they have been billed.

The computer game supplied by Janet was a big hit.

It cost \$2100 to have the booth.

Next year Mane Event is April 29 – May 1

Connie moved we have a booth in Mane Event next year.

Karen seconded.

Carried

6. Provincial Horse Show

A package was circulated including information about the show, an entry form, class list, class descriptions and job responsibilities. This was also sent out to the clubs. The stakes pattern is being changed to the long pattern for the sake of the timers. Linda is looking for help with the job responsibilities.

Corine is checking on an announcer.

There are hosts needed for the judges.

The dressage arena needs to be set up the night before. Connie and Ruth will help with this.

Janet will check with Alex at the Westerner to see if we could use one of their dressage arenas.

A pattern is needed for the English Handy Horse (trail class).

Kippy will scribe for dressage.

Connie will bring a bridge and pylons.

Anyone who has volunteered or offered equipment please contact Linda.

PEAC members could arrive Monday morning to help get set up.

There are shavings for purchase.

7. Game vs Rodeo Event

Southern Region wanted to add some rodeo events. Discussion followed. It was decided that we already cover them under gymkhana games.

8. Standardbred Placement Program

They are looking to place retired racehorses with 4-H kids. Do we want to advertise it or make it a program?

We need to meet with them and see what exactly is involved.

Karen moved we investigate further and set up a committee to meet with them.

Yvonne seconded.

Carried.

Lee, Karen and Janet will meet with them.

Janet will set up an appointment.

9. Dressage Manual

The dressage manual has been edited by Christina Seidel and Lindsey. It is now in Edmonton in the process of being published.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Members sharing a project horse

Can 2 kids use the same horse?

Nothing to be added to the rules just be aware it won't always work to share a horse.

We don't want to cut off families that can't afford another horse.

2. Horse Resource CD

The CD is being reformatted. Now is the time to make recommendations.

They need a new picture for the front.

The Horse Record Book and Fillable Record Book must match what we use.

Add tack guidelines to Horse Showing. Change the showing one to match the tack one.

Drill team is added to On-Line project options.

Under Young Horse Options only Young Horse or Young Horse Incentive Program is needed.

Under English Options add Dressage.

It will now only be horse information.

Send any other changes to Janet by June 10th.

3. **Policy 6.06 – Equine Project**

Do we have recommendations?

Pg 1: Remove the last sentence of the third billet; “The non-mounted projects...”

In the same billet, first sentence, replace “non-mounted projects” with “Draft, Standardbred, Miniatures, Driving and Vaulting”.

Pg3: “It is strongly recommended that all riders wear safety helmets at all times.”

This was revisited. Much discussion.

Yvonne moved that helmets are mandatory for all riders level one and strongly recommended for all riders.

Karen seconded.

4 in favour

5 opposed

Defeated

4. **Policy 7.05 – Rodeo**

We reviewed the rodeo policy and saw no need for changes.

5. **Traceability**

AB Traceability Initiative for Horses is looking for opportunities to put up a booth. In order to receive funding we need to come up with 10 opportunities for them.

West Central Regional Show June 4 or 5

Focus on 4-H July 3

Horse Camp Aug 6

Provincial Show Aug 10, 11 or 12

Forward other opportunities to Janet. We have till March 2011.

Next meeting: Saturday, October 2, 2010 @ 10:30

Yvonne adjourned 2:30pm.