

PEAC Minutes  
May 14, 2013  
Stettler Office

Call to order at 10:36

4-H Pledge

Introductions

In attendance were Connie Kluczny (WC), Ruth Maciborski (WC), Lee Carothers (EC-Horse Classic), Jimilee Chostner (EC), Corine Verbeek (NW), Amanda McGregor (NW), Yvonne Churko (NE), Lyanne Almberg (4-H Provincial Council), Teresa Russian (South), Bernard McGowan (EC), Linda Gooch (Calgary), Stacy Murray (Branch) and Laurie Fisher (Peace)

Agenda

Additions under New Business: Summer Synergy

Project restructuring

*Yvonne C moved the agenda be approved with the additions.*

*Teresa seconded*

*Carried*

Minutes

Changes to minutes: Add Bernie to attendance from last meeting.

*Yvonne C moved the minutes be approved with the addition*

*Teresa seconded*

*Carried*

**Reports**

1. Regional

Northeast

has nothing to report

NW

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Northwest Regional Report

Corine Verbeek  
Amanda McGregor  
Amanda Hughes

Ken Schmuland has resigned from his position as a PEAC rep. for the Northwest region. Amanda Hughes has taken on the position of alternate PEAC rep.

This year our 15th annual Focus will be held July 4-7, 2013 in Mayerthorpe, a community of approximately 1,398 people. Focus on 4-H offers something for members of all ages, 9 to 21.

Also, the Northwest region plans to continue with Horse Play on Nov. 2, 2013.

EC

EAST CENTRAL REGION

Have had 20 Horsemanship Clinics - April 20 2013  
and May 4, 2013 Hosted by Killam 4-H Light Horse.  
Regional Leaders Recognition Nite was held on April 14,  
2013, hosted by Flagstaff District.

Upcoming - May 17-20 are having a Horse  
Camp at Donaldau. 33 members are registered.

The East Central Rodeo Circuit is Planned

June 1 and 2 Hosted by Halkirk Wicks  
June 8 and 9 Hosted by Stettler Silver Stars  
July 13 and 14 Hosted by Neutral Hill Rodeo Wranglers

An East Central Regional Day Reunion is being  
planned for July 20 21, 2013 to celebrate 4-H 100<sup>th</sup>.

### West Central

We have had meetings in February and in April. The primary purpose was to organize the Regional Show which will be May 31 – June 2 at the Westerner in Red Deer. Show forms were handed in at the April meeting.

#### Changes:

It has been decided to use 3 numbers and the kids are expected to have a number on whenever they are handling their horse.

Dressage will be a drop in class rather than trying to have a schedule.

We are offering a Ranch Horse Pleasure Class as an alternative to reining with the idea that it is easier for the young horses.

We will be making it known to the judges and ring stewards that unsafe horses may be excused from the ring at the judge's discretion.

At our last meeting we had a visit from a trainer and judge who had gone over our rules and had some helpful input. We will be reviewing the rules again this fall.

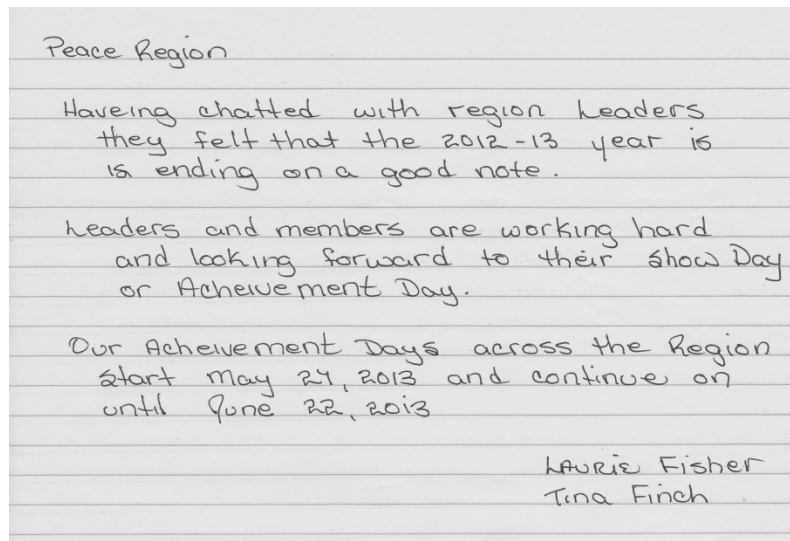
There have been several warm up shows: Benalto on May 5<sup>th</sup>,  
Leslieville on May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Wetaskiwin on May 19<sup>th</sup>

There was a PELF suggestion; a session on 'how to ring steward'.

The Canadian Pinto Association has invited 4-H members to join them in their shows. Their spring show is May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Olds Mega Dome and the Fall National Show is July 26 – 28 at the Olds Cow Palace. The fee is \$25/day unlimited classes.

Our next meeting will be June 11, 2013.

## Peace



## Calgary

4-H on Parade takes place May 30 – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013  
Regional Show – July 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Olds

## South

The South Region is busy planning their Regional Light Horse Show being held August 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Plans include a learning component for our members.

The South Region will be hosting an Equine Leader Training Workshop in October in conjunction with our Regional Celebration. We expect that combining the two events will give us a great turnout.

The South Region is looking forward to hosting the 2014 Leaders Conference - Please encourage your leaders to attend.

2. 4-H Council of Alberta Liaison  
Lyanne passed around an update.

3. AEF  
None

4. Horse Classic  
Started working on it. 3 kids were registered as of yesterday. Deadline June 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Looking for ID station ideas.  
Please encourage people to entry. Must have at least 30 kids to run it.  
Register online

5. Provincial Horse Show

The online form is up but not ready...

The show is pretty much organized now and ready to go once we get the on-line registration up and running. We have been struggling with getting this set up properly with all of the correct information and as of today, it still is not corrected and back to us for a final test.

We have most of our officials in place. Dwayne Grover will be our tack steward, so now, all we need to find is a Handy Horse and Showmanship judge for English Day.

Registration deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>, so we are hoping that members can start registering soon.

6. PELF 2014: February 21-23

7. Mane Event: April 26-28

People seemed to be looking for us. Handed out paperwork. Some serious enquiries.

Need to include the PEAC name.

More room for project books. Missing level 4-7 manual.

Do again? Yes

8. 4-H Specialist – Stacy

Budget cuts... Stacy's position has been cut and she is becoming the North West specialist.

## Old Business

### 1. Equine Leader Level Training – Calgary Region & for PEAC

#### **Equine Leader Level One Training – Apr. 6, 2013**

The Calgary Region hosted an Equine Leader/Parent Level One Training Workshop on Apr. 6, 2013 at the Airdrie Ag Building. The morning session was a Bit Clinic with Muffy Knox presenting. She began her session with some information on the new rules that the AQHA has put in place eliminating the use of several training aids and equipment that were common in the warm up pen. All of these changes are based on recommendations from the AQHA Animal Welfare Commission, because of a concern regarding the image that was being presented to the general public who could conceive the use of some of this equipment as inhumane, creating a negative perception of the industry. Muffy feels that this is something that 4-H needs to pay attention to in regards to the equipment, especially the bits, that we are promoting, or allowing, for use by our members as we also need to be concerned about the image that we are presenting to the public and especially the people and organizations involved in animal welfare.

Muffy's session was very informative as it explained what type of bits our 4-H rules include and why. She explained the difference between snaffle and leverage bits, and also showed how each of the different bits works in relation to a horse's skull, which she had there for demonstration. She explained how some bits can be more severe than other bits and that adding the hands of an inexperienced rider (4-H members) can make these bits quite a bit more severe, sometimes even resulting in damage to the horse.

The afternoon session was a pilot presentation of the New 4-H Equine Leader Training information that was presented at PEAC. The first session was a power point presentation that covered "General Teaching Techniques" which included "Working with Members", "Working with Horses" and "Safety", and ended with a brief discussion on "Selection & Buying" tips for leaders to help parents when buying a horse for their 4-H member.

The second session was the power point presentation on "What the 4-H Equine Project is All About", which was the presentation given at PELF, with a few small changes to the power point.

The last session was going to go over the Dismounted Assessments for Level 1-3 – a discussion of the questions asked along with the answers, and where to find these answers in the manuals, video and other information provided. This was also going to include watching the video for the skills asked for that required a horse for demonstration. However, there was not enough time to do this last session.

It was decided that we could cover all three sessions if we started in the morning with just the New 4-H Equine Leader Training and spent the day on this.

The afternoon session was presented by MaryLou Tainsh, Teresa Russian, Linda Gooch and Anita Beaudin.

### 2. Bit Poster

Stacy – Once this information is together then what?

An app? How to get the poster to the stores...

Put the poster in arena's as well as tack stores, at shows.

### 3. Provincial Bit Clinic

This was included in the Leader Level Training.  
May be included in a clinic for PEAC.

### 4. Provincial Judging Clinic

Guest Dwayne Grover:

This workshop would be for those who want to judge and already have a basic understanding. Dwayne presented a proposal. Possibly a Western clinic in the fall, then at PELF and then an English one in the spring.

Will we be indebted even if the weather is bad if we have booked the arena, etc?

Certification would not be offered but there could be a letter of commendation based on the results of the score cards.

*Teresa moved that we proceed with hosting a "Intro to being a 4-H Horse Show Judge" clinic with the first choice being Sept 28/29 and second being Nov 2/3 and that each region be given 2 spots to fill and the remaining 6 spots are first come first serve after those, to a maximum of 20 with PEAC being allowed to participate also.*

*Corine seconded.*

*Carried*

Connie will contact Dwayne. Dates to be confirmed when booked. If these dates don't work let Dwayne book what works. Minimum of 14 participants. PEAC is welcome to audit.

### 5. Horse Industry Involvement

Do we want them involved in the bit project? What else would we like them to do?

### 6. Policies #6.06 and 7.05

All policies are being reviewed at this time.

The policy numbers will be changing.

Can the policies be combined? Review the policies.

Have something to Lyanne before the next provincial council meeting, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

The policies are the minimum standard. Your club or event rules can be more defined.

Jimilee suggested that the Projects available after level 4 should not start with 'level 1' so for example Dressage would not have a level 1 but start with Dressage level 4 to clear up confusion.

Members wanting to drive should not be forced to go through the riding in level 1-3 when they aren't interested in riding. We would need some experts to help develop a level 1 – 3 for projects such as driving. Even creative options have to finish level 1 – 3 first. There should be a level 1-3 for such projects as driving.

It needs to be changed in policy 6.06 under the third bullet.

Unless there are 50 kids in a project there will be no material developed for it.

Stacy will do some research with other provinces to see how they handle it and discuss it with Lyanne to send around ideas.

### 7. Research Trip

Horse Breeders and Owner's Conference?

2 day meeting do bits, bonding,...?

Stacy will let Yvonne know people are interested in Horse Breeder's and Owner's Conference.

## **New Business**

### 1. Equine Canada Dressage Tests

They are useable again this year.

### 2. Equine Canada Rider Levels

Because we are just Alberta and not Canada it probably wouldn't fly. 4-H also doesn't have as formal an English format for their levels.

### 3. Summer Synergy

Olds College, Calgary Stampede and 4-H

It includes beef, sheep and dairy. Used to include draft horse but they are busy at that time. All the shows happen in 1 week. Add up points and the top scorers go to Calgary Stampede grounds for an interview. They receive a scholarship up to \$4000. Last year 70 kids won, all were 4-H'ers or former 4-H'ers. You have to register in Synergy and do the marketing, etc.

They are willing to have horse participants. Do we want to be part of the program? How do we provide 3 scores? Provincial Horse Show? Would have to have it earlier (early July), possibly at the college.

Use Horse Classic? Use part of the show and part Horse Classic?

Take it to your region, do people want to participate? Would they get their kids there? Etc.

*Corine moved that the equine project is interested in joining Summer Synergy 2014.*

*Teresa seconded.*

*Carried*

### 4. Project Restructuring

Covered

## **Election of Officers**

Chair:

Teresa nominated Yvonne C

Yvonne declined

Teresa nominated Connie

Connie declined

Linda nominated Teresa

Teresa accepted

Laurie seconded

Teresa nominated Laurie

Laurie declined

Teresa nominated Amanda M

Amanda declined

Nominations closed  
Teresa is Chair by acclamation

Vice Chair:

Linda nominated Amanda M  
Amanda accepted  
Teresa seconded  
Amanda is Vice Chair by acclamation

Recording Secretary:

Teresa nominated Ruth  
Ruth declined

Corine nominated Laurie  
Laurie declined

Yvonne C nominated Jimilee  
Jimilee accepted  
Jimilee is Secretary by acclamation

AEF Liaison

Stacy will talk to Sonja about having an AEF rep come to us.

AEF Alternate

None at this time.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, October 22 in Stettler

Connie adjourned at 3:20