

Provincial Equine Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting on October 27, 2010
Stettler, AB

Meeting was called to order by Jimilee Chostner at 10:35 am.

Pledge, introductions and signing of attendance took place.

Additions were made to New Business on the agenda including: Mane Event, PELF 2010 and Horsemanship Video.

Bernie moved that we adopt the agenda with these additions.

Yvonne C seconded.

Carried.

Minutes were circulated. Deanna noted that last initials need to be used for those names that we have more than one of at the meetings.

Bernie moved that we adopt the minutes as circulated.

Yvonne C seconded.

Carried.

In attendance was Jimilee Chostner (EC), Ruth Maciborski (WC), Teresa Russian (South), Deana Mitchell (Peace), Jodee Hawley (Peace), Laura McGowan (EC), Bernard McGowan (EC), Lee Carothers (EC), Yvonne Churko (NE), Daphne Schnurer (Prov. Council), Corine Verbeek (NW), Connie Kluczny (WC), Yvonne Yaremicio (Staff), Janet Kerr (Staff), Mary Lou Tainsh (Calgary), Linda Gooch (Calgary), and Kym Lawrence (EC).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Reports

a. Regional Reports

Northwest

On July 2-5 we had our Northwest Regional Show at Focus 4H. With 147 horses and riders from level 1-7 the numbers were up from the previous year. We had the usual Western and English classes with jumping, reining, musical ride, gymkhana and stationary roping. Our region had 7 members participate in the Provincial Show in August. Many of those members said that they had such a good time that they are planning to be back next year. So far we have seen a few new horse clubs in the region so our numbers should be up this year.

Submitted by Corine Verbeek

Peace Report

We have lost our regional specialists so things are confusing in the Peace. Our regional show was a flop but our camps were a success.

More to follow.

Submitted by Jodee Hawley and Deanna Mitchell

East Central

East Central had 4 rodeos that were well attended and ran well.

There was no Regional Days Horse Show this year.

The East Central Rep has brought to the attention of the Regional Council that they should go back to the Club level to get feedback from each club about the helmet issue. Some clubs in our region are having a problem with this.

There have not been any other events taking place this summer.

Submitted by Bernie McGowan

West Central

We had our Regional Show at the Westerner in Red Deer at the end of May. It was a success with approximately 240 horses involved. We never had to call an ambulance.

Our region sent the largest representation to the Provincial Show in August. They had a lot of fun.

Last night we had a meeting to assemble a variety of patterns to be used at our regional horse show. We collected 5 for each level in showmanship, western horsemanship, and got part way through trail. We will have to complete trail and work on reining.

Submitted by Ruth Maciborski

Calgary

4H on parade with 115 members participating. Great show. Members attending 4H on parade enjoyed a performance of the Calgary Stampede Rodeo compliments of the Calgary Stampede. As well members volunteered at the 4H booths at the Calgary Stampede. One booth included showing off their projects.

Regional Horse Show, end of July in Olds with 180 members attending.

Members from the Region attended Horse Classic, Club Week and various other Provincial events. As well participated at the Provincial Horse Show.

Our region held an Equine Leader/Parent Information Workshop in the Foothills District.

We hosted Train the Trainer Level 1-3 with Muffy Knox at Millarville in Oct. 11 participated.

Southern

The Southern Regional Horse Show was held Aug 15-18, 2010 in Claresholm. The show was well attended and I feel that the members did an excellent job showcasing their skills and showing their equine projects.

This year at the Horse Show we added a learning component. On the evening of August 15th Muffy Knox gave parents and leaders a tack clinic showing us and talking about the various legal and illegal bits and tack; and she gave us all some quick and easy tips for checking and measuring bits. On the evening of August 16th there was a speaker from Lethbridge to talk to everyone about the Green Certificate Program. Also that evening we had Marion Sandberg, a veterinarian talk and demonstrate giving injections – which consisted of dye colored water; to cupcakes. And when they were finished all of the members enjoyed eating their practice cupcakes for a yummy treat. Everyone enjoyed this. On the evening of August 17th we had Chrissy Santangelo and her two team mates from Silver Slate Arena give the members a team penning demonstration and clinic.

The week was very busy and members were able to enjoy the horse show as well as increase their knowledge thru the learning components that were made available.

The Regional Horse Show Committee is scheduled to have their next meeting on November 19, 2010.

Southern Regional Council met on October 2, 2010.

Everyone was reminded to set a high standard for communication between **all** of the various levels of 4H. It is important that the information flows all the way down from Provincial Council thru to each individual member at the club level.

It was brought to everyone's attention that there were still openings for the Horsemanship Level 1-3 Train the Trainer Clinic.

There was a request sent out to all of the District Council for silent auction donations for the Leader's Conference which is held Jan 14-16, 2011.

Mark Sayers and Andy Pittman (Southern Provincial Council Reps) were very interested in what was going on with PEAC regarding the proposed helmet rule. Throughout the course of our conversation both Mark and Andy asked me to go to PEAC and ask that the following information be gathered:

1. A survey regarding the proposed helmet ruling that is sent out to each member, parent and leader to gather feedback on how they feel about the rule, what each specific project focus is, and the age of members.
2. Statistics showing the number of equine project members registered and the number of accident reports made last year as well as the nature of those accidents – list both with and without the use of a helmet.

Throughout my conversation with Mark and Andy I felt that they both posed some very good questions and their interest in this issue is genuine.

Submitted by Teresa Russian

b. Provincial Council Report

Daphne will produce a report to take back to Provincial Council and she will email a copy of it to Yvonne Y which anyone can access to be assured she is representing us accurately.

Council feels it's important that we continue to move forward and they value our input. They are looking for input regarding Cleaver Kids.

Submitted orally by Daphne

c. YHIP Report

They had 7 kids at achievement day. They worked their 2 yr olds. They have progressed well in riding. 6 rode and the 7th showed consideration in not riding.

They are looking for application soon. Apply before Nov 1 and they are accepted by Dec 1.

Submitted orally by Kym

d. Standardbred Report

They had achievement day on August 28th. It was a success relative to last year. The Standardbred association is keen on involving 4H. Track day will be tentatively in Edmonton, it is usually in January. They are willing for other clubs to come. They had 5 members this year but are open to take more.

Submitted orally by Janet

e. Horse Classic Report

Horse Classic was at the end of July. Numbers were down. The reviews are good. Had clinics on reining, starting jumping and barrels.

The team is chosen for Denver and will be going in January. This is the first time that an alternate has had to go.

Submitted orally by Janet

f. AEF Report

There was no representative present.

Our provincial association membership has expired. It costs \$95 annually. Do we want to renew? It is usually paid out of PELF's silent auction in the past. If we have a membership we can put a person on the board and apply for monies.

Corine moved we renew our provincial association membership.

Submitted orally by Janet

Yvonne C seconded.

Carried.

Note: don't use EC dressage tests for shows. Use Cadora.

g. Provincial Horse Show Report

The show was a great success. 108 horses entered with 90+ kids. We had great help, people knew what they were doing. Because it was only level 4-7 it was very smooth.

\$11,800 was collected from sponsors

\$22,809 was the total income

\$19,008.21 expenses (stalls, copying, judges, ribbons, prizes, concession, rooms, refunds, thank you's, etc)

There is \$3800.79 left for the next one.

All responses were positive. Hoping to have a photographer next time.

Do we want another show?

Marguerite would need a budget proposal by Dec 1st.

Submitted orally by Linda.

Linda moved we have a Provincial Horse Show, August 9-11, 2012 at the Olds Ag Society grounds.

Connie seconded.

Carried.

2. Provincial Clinics

a. Equine Leader Level Assessment Clinic (October 30 & 31)

30 participants have registered. It will be Saturday and Sunday at Lakedell. 11 are staying at the 4H Center. The 4H center is providing lunches.

b. Daniel Stewart Clinic

Ruth has contacted Daniel Stewart. He is available in July of 2011 as he is coming to Calgary. Daniel Stewart has coached the United States Endurance Team and also the Paralympic Dressage Squad. He would like up to 12 riders and would charge \$150 per day per rider. There would also be a facility fee. It would be a 2 day clinic. We need to send a letter out to see if there is interest from members and especially leaders, to learn from and international quality instructor.

Ruth will check on availability of facilities. Olds College and Red Deer.

We need a proposal by Dec 1st.

3. PEAC Clinic

Do we want to have another riding clinic with Muffy in the spring? Yes

What kind? We got up to level 4 last time. She said it was the farthest she has ever got. We want the same kind.

When? Since Mane Event is April 29-May 1, April would be best. First choice is the 9th and 10th, second choice is 16th and 17th, and third choice is the 2nd and 3rd.

Yvonne Y will check with Muffy.

Members will pay \$150 to cover the cost of accommodations, meals, stalls, and clinic. It would be open to the 2 PEAC reps from each region first and then the alternate, if they like.

It would be helpful to have a cell phone list.

4. Standardbred Placement Program (Retired Racehorses)

They have had no luck having a meeting. Lee and Janet will discuss it later.

5. Dressage Manual

A portion of the revisions have been emailed to Ruth and she has gone over them and sent them back. Things are moving.

6. Horse Resource CD

This is being worked on. We are hoping that the revised dressage manual will be ready to be included on it soon.

The CD will be all horse information.

The CD's will be back ordered to begin with but they will come.

It will be in PDF form. Not fill able.

The record book will be in PDF, fill able, saveable form.

7. Equine Policy 6.06 – Helmet Rule

Stacey Price, the president of AB 4H Council would have come to the last meeting but could not make it to this one. There need not be a big hurry to make a decision. We don't have time to gather the info before the Nov meeting. We can request a postponement till the March meeting. This would give us time to take it back to clubs and parents. So, do we want to send a recommendation to the Nov or March meeting? The policy has been that helmets are strongly recommended. We had much discussion at the last meeting and decided to leave it at "strongly recommended". Provincial Council in July did not accept our recommendation but made helmets mandatory when riding. Then they changed it back, asking for more feedback. Usually Provincial Council

would ask for more clarification if it needed it. Still they are carrying on with the policy of requiring helmets next year and want PEAC's input- how to implement it.

Bernie reported on a survey he sent out. Negative results.

Teresa reported on a survey she sent out. Negative results stating it would affect membership and leadership.

Yvonne C moved that we strike a committee to produce a standard survey regarding the helmet policy go out to all families, and request an extension till the March 2011 Provincial Council meeting, and request to send representation to that meeting.

Jodee seconded.

Carried.

The committee will consist of whoever can stay after this meeting.

A letter needs to go to Stacey Price formally communicating our requests.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Program Review

Janet passed out a handout, a list Provincial and Regional goals from the early 1990's. They surveyed across Canada people involved in 4H, members and volunteers. The question is, are we meeting these goals? There are some gaps. How do we resolve this? Provincial changes may be coming. We are still gathering info.

2. Meeting dates

Wed, Feb 23, 2011 at Stettler

Wed, in April the Saturday evening of the Muffy clinic

Wed, May 18, 2011 at Stettler

Wed, Oct 5, 2011 at Stettler

3. Mane Event

April 29 – May 1 These dates overlap Selections

The booth has been booked. Janet and Yvonne Y will be working on games for the booth. We are looking for people to work the booth. They will be provided with accommodations at the Red Deer Lodge and a pass for the weekend. Janet and Yvonne Y will set up on Thursday but need someone to take it down on Sunday. Jimilee and Lee will take it down and deliver it back to Stettler.

4. PELF

2012 date is February 10 – 12

5. Horsemanship Video

People are claiming they have no video.

We don't want to burn more at this time because they are possibly being "chapterized". It will be January before all clubs are registered and entered, we can check which clubs need DVD's after that.

Extras:

Is young horse a certain age?

Yes, a weanling, yearling, 2 yr old or 3 yr old.

We need a Junior horse designation for those horses that are older than three but only just started. Janet has a 30 yr old "Green Horse" project book. Linda, Kym and Jodee will work on developing a program from it.

Provincial Horse Show

Do we want to do level 4, 5 and 6/7 high point and reserve high point? Yes

Is there a way to pay show fees out of a separate, not personal bank account? Check with Marguerite.

Can we use 4H Provincial rules and eliminate Regional rules? No, each region has the right to write their own rules.

We need to find out what weight of bit is allowed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chair:

Mary Lou nominated Connie.

Yvonne C seconded.

Connie accepted.

No other nominations.

Corine moved nominations cease.

Connie is Vice Chair by acclamation.

Recording Secretary:

Bernie nominated Ruth.

Teresa seconded.

Ruth accepted.

No other nominations.

Yvonne C moved nominations cease.
Ruth is Recording Secretary by acclamation.

Bernie asked who is in charge of Standardbred. Sherry has been doing it but is not a leader. She has just been looking after it since Daphne took care of it. Record books aren't getting done, kids aren't being taught how to show, achievement day is not prepared for. We need to see where the Standardbreds are located and talk to the parents.

Yvonne C adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.