

PEAC Minutes
October 22, 2013
Stettler

Call to order 10:37

4-H Pledge

Introductions

In attendance: Amanda McGregor (NW), Corine Verbeek (NW), Amanda Hughes (NW), Janet Kerr (Branch), Tina Finch (Peace), MaryLou Tainsh (Cal), Linda Gooch (Cal), Shelley Glatt (Cal) Lyanne Almberg (Prov Council), Lee Carothers (EC – Horse Classic), Bernie McGowan (EC), Connie Kluczny (WC), Lori Stuart (WC), Kathlyn Peltzer (South), Teresa Russian (South), Yvonne Yaremicio (Branch)

Agenda Additions:

Corine added New Business: How can PEAC be more effective in our Regions?

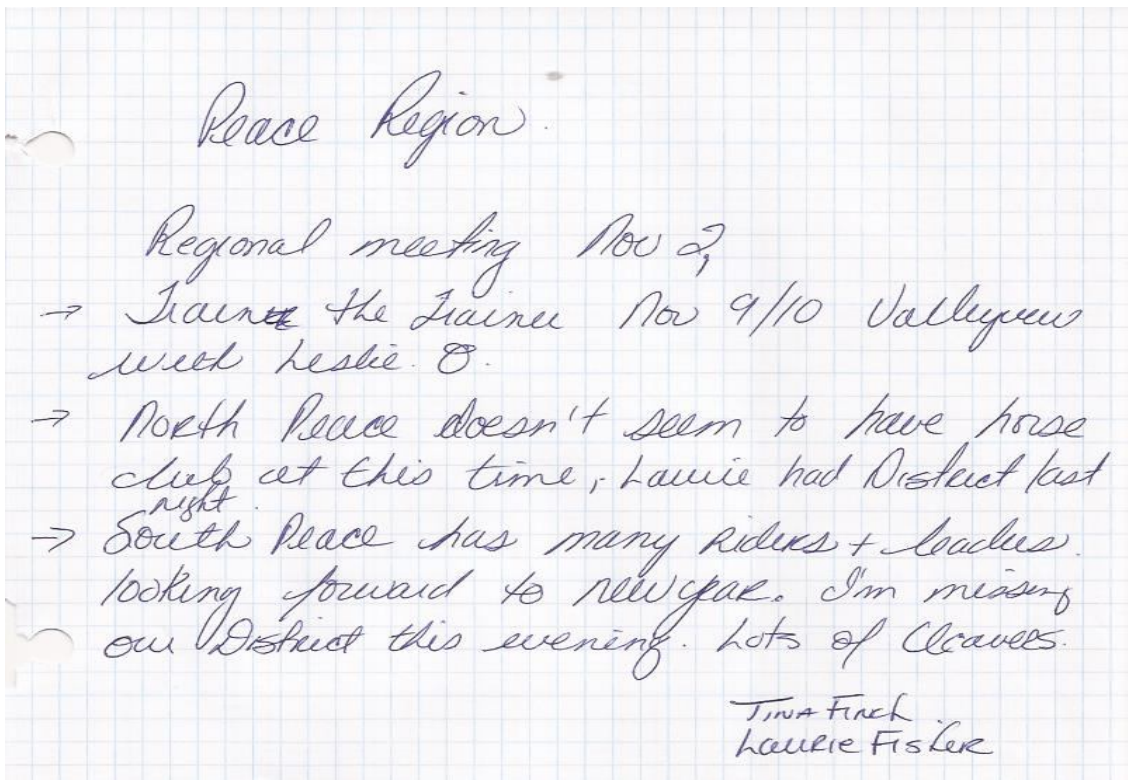
Corine moved to adopt the additions/Lee Seconded, carried.

Minutes: Bernie moved to adopt as circulated, Amanda seconded, carried.

Reports

1. Regional


Peace



Calgary - unavailable

East Central

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East Central Region
2013 May long weekend was Gramma Shirley's
Horse Camp at Donalds. 30 4-H members
attended for a full educational and fun
weekend.
In July east Central had a Regional
Day Reunion - Horse Show - Pot luck supper
and Gymkana. Committee may try to
repeat the weekend in 2014.
The Rodeos took place in June hosted
by Stettler Silver Stars, Walkirk Hicks, and
Neutral Hills, all were well attended.
The clubs this fall are just
getting (or not yet) organized.

West Central

WEST CENTRAL REPORT (PEAC)

- Our Regional show held May 31, June 1 & 2 was successful with approximately 218 riders entered & 260 horses entered in ²³⁰144 classes over the 3 days. Some suggestions to improve our show were; have bit gauges available for the judges, tape measure to measure the bit(s), Use a backup rule book (AQHA), review a few of our patterns used in levels to be sure they have in fact, been taught the skills, use of rubber gloves by tack stewards to prevent spread of disease, etc (bio security practice).
 - Rule Review meeting on October 29th to clarify ruling throughout the existing rules.
 - Suggestion from West Central Committee to PEAC was to possibly set up a FACE BOOK PAGE.
 - We explained & discussed "Summer Synergy" with committee and it was felt by our committee that they would like to see HORSE CLASSIC become the Provincial Event used as the qualifying event for applicants wishing to enroll in the Synergy competition.
 - Next meeting date is January 21, 2014
 - 2014 Regional Horse Show dates are May 30, 31 & June 1
 - ~~Submitted by Connie Kluczny~~ BIT EDUCATION CLINIC IN MID JAN/14
- Submitted by Connie Kluczny
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South

Southern Regional 4-H Light Horse Committee
Report Submitted by Teresa Russian
October 22, 2013

The Southern Regional Light Horse Committee hosted our Southern Regional 4-H Light Horse Show from August 11-14. The committee was pleased with the feedback and comments all of our judges provided us. We are confident that members are on track in their skills and levels. The committee was pleased to have past 4-H member of the Calgary Region, Jordie Prestie judge one group of our trial classes. Jordie commented on the variety of classes available to our members at this show. I suppose I hadn't given thought as to how fortunate our members are in the choice of classes available to them. I am proud of the fact that we offer something for everyone at our show. The show is a full three days of fun and friendly competition. We start on Sunday evening with a Parade of Clubs followed by group and individual costume classes. Monday, Tuesday & Wed are full days with everything from Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, trail and a variety of Western and English classes including jumping and Gymkhana events & games. Our members really do enjoy the variety.

This year at our show, the committee hosted an evening supper on Monday night consisting of bbq hotdogs, salads, chips, cupcakes and beverages for all of the members, leaders, parents & family members. On the Tuesday evening the committee hosted an equine nutrition learning session with guest speaker Judy Hoffman-Smith of Hoffman's Mineral & Ration. Over the course of our show the committee also incorporated some theory games and a scavenger hunt, where members searched for various tack & equipment items related to equine projects. I hope the members had as much fun as I did coming up with these games!

Attendance for our show was down a bit this year but this could be part of the curve. The committee continues to promote and encourage members and leaders to participate in the provincial equine programs made available to them.

The South Region has Sarah Andrews (former 4-H member) and Sherri Papke attending the Provincial Judging Clinic Nov 1 & 2, and Regional Council has generously agreed to pay their registration fees. I am grateful to Dwayne Grover and PEAC for making this clinic possible. The increased pool of knowledgeable judges will be a great benefit to the 4-H equine program.

Saturday October 19th the South Region hosted their annual learning day and celebration. I had intended to host an equine session but regrettably that didn't happen for this time. I will continue to explore the idea of doing this when the opportunity arises.

The South Region with the help and expertise of Yvonne & Ginny Smith has been busy planning the 2014 Leaders Conference. We encourage all leaders in the province to attend this fantastic event – we look forward to seeing you all there for a fun weekend of learning, networking and socializing with all of you hardworking and dedicated leaders!

→ Add: Members who attended the Provincial Show had a fantastic time & really appreciate all the work PEAC puts into it. Members are looking forward to next years Provincial Show.

Northeast (noone in attendance)

Northwest

Northwest Region Report

Focus on 4-H was held July 5-7, 2013 and saw over 100 light horse members in attendance.

Had members participate at the Provincial Horse Show and do well.

Our 2nd Annual Horsephys is being held November 2, 2013.

Also had members attend Horse Classic and were very successful.

Submitted by Amanda Hughes

2. 4H Council of Alberta
3. AEF – No current Rep.

4. Horse Classic

Horse Classic 2013 Report

Horse Classic was held at Olds College on August 1 and 2. Thirty 4-H members participated in the program.

A decision was made to proceed with the program with a modified program due to the low registration. We held the following competitions:

- Horse Bowl
- Marketing
- Slides
- Quiz
- ID Stations
- Team Problem
- Movie Night
- Pizza Party
- Swimming
- One Clinic – Extreme Trail – done by Adrian Neufeld

The following will be representing Alberta at the Denver 4-H Roundup – Hippology Contest:

- Megan Beierle – Calgary Region
- Amy Belec – West Central Region
- Melissa Gablehaus – Calgary Region
- Monique Uittenbogerd – Calgary Region

4-H Specialist Report

With the departure of Jocelyn McKinnon, 4-H Specialist – Northwest Region, some changes to staff roles have been made. They are:

Stacy Murray – 4-H Specialist, Northwest Region, responsible for Beef Project, staff contact with Summer Synergy

Lexi Hoy – 4-H Specialist, Peace Region, responsible for Judging, Bio-Security and Traceability

Leila Hickman – 4-H Specialist, Northeast Region, responsible for Key Member, Senior Member's Conference and Ambassadors

Andrea Church – 4-H Specialist, Calgary Region, responsible for Sheep Project

Ginny Smith – 4-H Specialist, South Region, responsible for Dairy Project

Janet Kerr, 4-H Specialist, East and West Central Regions, responsible for Equine Project, Key Leader Program, Ambassadors

Yvonne Yaremcio will continue to work with Project Advisory Committees, Provincial Project Training, Leaders' Conference and Selections.

When we did the major overhaul of the Equine Project we contacted 4-H programs across North America to see what their equine project was like. I would like to do that again in 2013 – 14. Not because I think we need to do a major overhaul of the equine program, but to see if there are any good ideas we can borrow or modify for use in our programming. If there are any specific questions you would like me to ask other 4-H Programs, please let me know and I'll include them on the list.

5. Provincial Horse Show - Has been decided by Branch the show does not meet enough objectives to continue to be hosted as a 4-H entity. If the show is to continue, a partner host to have an 'invitational' show.
6. PELF 2014

Discussion on What we'd like to hear in the Friday night session from Ron Anderson

1. How to choose clinician/trainer/teacher
2. Lesson planning/structuring
3. Learning progression/limitations
4. How to deal with parents when child is not progressing due to limitations (mount etc.)
5. Choosing a horse for members (and how to explain this to families)
6. His session 'enjoying your horse to the fullest'
7. Scenarios about how to deal with the horses we see on a daily basis

Discussed moving Leslie Oszli to the arena for Level 1-3 dismounted. Replaced 'Bomb proofing' with this session.

Saddle fitting added with Ken Cameron to replace 1-3 dismounted in a classroom session

Discussion on the descriptions and focus of some of the other sessions.

For Bit session – Ron Anderson – Leslie Oszli

Yvonne is working on getting PELF registration onto the online registration session.

Discussion on the reining session, what are we wanting to see during this session. Suggested that it be 'final project, and steps on how to get there'. (aka she can bring her finished horse, and have a student to work with)

Logistics – all committee members attending need to register, just not pay.

Connie will do the tack swap again

Silent auction (Tina and Lori)

Draw prizes (ITS travel voucher) ideas for a second prize -(Weekend passes plus hotels for the Mane Event in Red Deer for two)

Will need volunteers for Session hosts – MaryLou

Someone to look after social activities – Saturday evening – Corine, Amanda Mc,
and Amanda H

Try on Jackets for the committee clothing

Delegate clothing is a quarter zip, sport grey fleece jacket

7. Mane Event

Booth space is booked, signup sheet will be at PELF.

Yvonne is working on accomodation – may require booking, payment and reimbursement due to new government rules

8. 4-H Specialist report (attached)

Get back to Janet with questions for the information letter by Nov 22. (Driving, Green Horse, Leader's information resources)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Summer Synergy 2014 – Committee is meeting on Sunday October 27, we need to let them know if we're interested in pursuing joining with this program.

Janet will let Stacy know that, and they will give us parameters as to how we can join (what is permissible and what is not).

2. Bit Poster – Stacy has a couple of questions - “How do we see this being distributed?” Her understanding originally was that this would be something basic for tack stores. Are we looking at a poster or a flyer, and are we looking to have this distributed to tack stores, or farther out.

Teresa suggested that it would be something that would be good to have for all of the clubs.

Corine wondered if tack stores would even post it? Linda said they've had contact from a couple of stores that are interested in having it.

Connie mentioned that at the previous meeting we had discussed having an 'app' built with this information.

Also it was mentioned that mailing this out would not be successful, it would likely need to be delivered locally by personal contacts.

Teresa requested that there be at least one large poster (flipchart page sized) be given to each region for their shows.

11X 17 was suggested by Janet as the largest to actually get posted in tack stores.

AEF may also be interested in cooperating with us on this.

Discussion on what to include in the poster – basic minimum and maximum parameters to keep things simple. Also information on the parts of the bit.

Suggested that all regions have a 'bit gauge'.

Teresa suggested the idea of having these added to the 'goodie bags' at PELF.

Janet will talk to Stacy and get the ball rolling on this with the answers to the questions she had.

Tina suggested having these available at PELF (either in bags or just available to pick up at that time)

Discussion on rein stoppers and whether that should be added to the bit poster as they're not allowed in english flat classes or hunter hack and many are built into the reins.

3. Provincial Judging Clinic

22 people registered, some from each region

Friday all classroom – what to do if you're asked to be a judge.

– questions to ask etc.

Saturday – judging pleasure and horsemanship – some classroom some arena.

- proper equipment

Sunday – classroom and arena – trail

– how to score for judging trail

– evaluations (will not be 'carded') some people will be interested after the clinic in putting their names as available for judging. There will be an 'exit interview' to see if people are comfortable and able to judge.

Discussed how the AQHA rules are used as the back-up rules for the provincial 4-H and

these will be used at the clinic, but the 4-H rules will be discussed.

Do we see a need to do something on the English side as this clinic is mainly focused on western.

Mentioned for another time we do this, need information on who's instructing ahead of time, so that it can be promoted.

4. Horse Industry Involvement

We are still maintaining our membership in AEF, the question is do we as PEAC want to be involved in AEF or should we be looking for a different organization? Do we want to belong to any organization outside of 4-H?

Do we get anything from AEF? Do we give anything to AEF?

Felt that AEF is the most all-encompassing of the groups available.

It was voted and approved at the last meeting that we continue with AEF for the 2013-2014 year, so we can revisit this question next year.

Could advertise through AEF for things like this judging clinic. (esp. English)

5. Policy 6.06 and 7.05 update

Lyanne said that the policies are under review. Numbers will change to be concurrent (6.7 and 6.8) It is possible that these will be amalgamated into a single policy.

Questions were sent from the policy committee

1. Rodeo Policy – who is responsible to check to make sure the members have completed the requirements for rodeo entry.

Discussed that in EC it is the show committee who deals with this information

2. 6.06 – a question on the two project horses for rodeo project.

3. Suggestion that driving, vaulting and minis be put into a 'creative option' project instead of making exceptions in the policy for these.

4. Question on the policy 'Leased Horses' and the requirements for horse care and keeping. That members need to be responsible in this case to know how the horse is being kept.

Committee being formed to reword the policy.

Discussion on creative options for horse projects, and how this would mean the kids wouldn't have to do level 1-3. This will also move the numbers of horse project members out of the equine options.

Driving may have to be changed to have a level 1-3 option to keep the members as equine project members as part of this policy change.

Vaulting is discussed as being removed from the equine project umbrella. (We currently have very few members in this).

Amanda H., Corine, Linda, Teresa – committee to reword. Will pass their revision along to the rest of the group for comments before forwarding to Lyanne to take to the policy committee.

6. Research Trip

Horse Owner's and Breeders Conference (Same weekend as Leader's Conference) Jan 10-12

~\$3000 in the travel fund. Up to \$200/person wanting to go.

If one person coordinates registration, it saves ~15 per person.

Yvonne Y will gather names for registration.

7. Horse Reference Manual

Revisions have been made, currently on hold as there is some work still to be done.

Will hopefully be ready for next fall 2014. The old manuals are available for this year.

This manual will also be available electronically.

Show manual needs updating with the new tack and rules.

This currently has a broken link on the 4-H website

This book is only a resource, there is no Show Horse project code.

The newly revised Rodeo manual will be available this year.

8. AEF representation

Currently we no longer have an AEF representative.

We are allowed to have a representative at AEF meetings

Tabling this and getting information for the May meeting to decide if we need to elect/appoint a representative.

NEW BUSINESS

1. How can PEAC be more effective in our regions?

PEAC is a resource that is under-utilized in the regions.

How should the PEAC members be passing information out to the clubs in the region.

Mention of a previous PEAC newsletter as info on what PEAC does

What are PEAC members expected to do in the regions.

Janet explained that PEAC is in an advisory capacity to the Branch and Council, and how we gather information in the regions differs depending on the region.

Tina wants to know how PEAC can get information out to the regions.

PEAC people are sent out in the equine newsletter as contact people.

Janet mentioned that perhaps PEAC reps should be contacting their regional specialists, and giving them stuff to put into the email blasts that they do. Some specialists might not have this information themselves. Perhaps have them add PEAC members information to their email blast.

Janet said that she is intending to send out an email to all new horse leaders with a link to the video welcoming people to the 4-H Horse project. She is waiting until after the club registration deadline.

Yvonne mentioned that the South region has a handout which gave info on PEAC and upcoming events etc. She will forward this to the other regions (PEAC and specialists).

DATES For 2013/2014

January conference call: January 28th Tuesday evening 8pm.

PELF: February 21-23, 2014

May: May 13th Tuesday Stettler

October: October 21st Tuesday Stettler

Adjourned 2:38 PM