

**Minutes of the East Central 4-H Horse Committee Meeting**  
**January 28, 2012**  
**Gus Wetter School, Castor, Alberta**

**Present** - Big Valley Rusty Spurs - Lori Reule, Karen Sorensen; Neutral Hills 4-H Rodeo Wranglers - Sharon Kelts; Hanna Rangeland Multi - Heather Pedersen; Killam Light Horse - Laura McGowan, Bernie McGowan; Paintearth Multi - Wendy Dunkle; Stettler Silver Stars - Dwayne Grover, Aaryn Lynham, Kennedy Cox, Maleigha Cox, Jaycee Murray, Davis Cox; Halkirk Hicks - Alison Schauer, Melody Neufeld; Stainsleigh 4-H Club - Elaine Berg, Siera Berg; 4-H Office - Janet Kerr

NOTE - MSC = Moved, Seconded, Carried

Thanks to Wendy Dunkle for providing a room, coffee, tea and cake for the meeting.

Chairman Bernie McGowan called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Stettler Silver Stars led the pledge. Those present introduced themselves.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MSC Alison Schauer/Karen Sorensen - that the minutes be adopted as circulated.

**Treasurers' Report**

The treasurers' reports were reviewed. There was some discussion about the income, and there was no payment for any ribbons.

MSC Sharon Kelts/Heather Pedersen - that treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

**Old Business**

*Clinic Review*

Halkirk had a 2 day rodeo clinic that included Roping and timed events. They held it at the Donalda arena and instructors were Rocky Ross, Kristina Ross and Tammy Hronek. This year they have had a Dustin Grams horsemanship clinic which focused on body position and groundwork. They are looking at having some more this year.

Sharon Kelts reported that the Steer Riding Clinic which was held last year was a success. There were 10 - 11 members in attendance. Trevor Witnack was the instructor and he was really good with the kids. He is looking forward to having another clinic and perhaps making it a two day event and including a bucking machine. Sharon reported that she already had 5 members interested in a steer riding clinic for this year.

Killam Light Horse had 3 clinics with Dustin Grams - each one focusing on a different topic. In addition to the Killam members, there were some Paintearth and Big Valley members in attendance. There were two clinics in April and one in May.

Big Valley Rusty Spurs reported on the clinic that they had with Marty Gardner, Flat Top Horsemanship - a natural horsemanship clinic. They also had a clinic with Teri Larsgaard on getting ready to show. All of the clinics were well received.

### *Rodeo*

Halkirk had two days of Rodeos on June 4 and 5. The weather was very interesting on Saturday - with a bit of everything - including snow. The kids did well, but the horses were a bit frisky due to the weather.

Gooseberry Lake was the location for the final two rodeos. Neutral Hills 4-H Rodeo Wranglers were glad to host the final rodeo of the season. They had great weather for both days.

There were about 50 members participating at each of the rodeos. Members like the 2 day format for the rodeos.

There were some members who participated at the Calgary Stampede rodeo and a rodeo in Elk Point. The Schauer girls did well at the Stampede Rodeo. The Elk Point Rodeo had great prizes, a dance with a live band. They did not have a lot of entries, but it was their first year.

### **Games Day**

The event was cancelled due to lack of participation.

### **Regional Training Event**

There were non held in 2011.

### **Horse Classic**

There were East Central members who participated. Some did very well, particularly in the intermediate age division. No East Central members represented Alberta in Denver this year.

### **Provincial Training Events**

There was a Level 1 - 3 Training event held in October in Vegreville. East Central leaders participated in it.

### **Provincial Equine Advisory Committee (PEAC)**

Currently PEAC is working on the Provincial Equine Leaders' Forum (PELF) which will be held on February 10 - 12 at the Alberta 4-H Centre. A variety of sessions will be held on topics including Biosecurity, Parasites, Record Books, Horse Classic, Ranch Roping, Showmanship, Level 1 - 3, Level 4 - 7, Trail, Barefoot Trimming, Fitness, A Judge's Viewpoint along with others. Wes and Terry Kopas, Nathan Neufeld and Dr. Tamara Quaschnick - all from East Central will be presenting.

A Drill Team Clinic will be held April 21 and 22 at the Double W arena near Bluffton. The Instructor will be Ruth Fowler who is the only Drill Team Judge in Canada and has

coached the Calgary Stampede Riders is instructing. There are other clinics planned for later in the year. Information will be on the web-site and also sent out via e-mail blasts.

The Equine DVD has been chaptered and the new version was distributed to all clubs in the fall mailout. The dressage manual has been updated and rodeo is under revision.

MSC Heather Pedersen/Wendy Dunkle - that the Committee purchase a \$ 50 item for the Silent Auction at PELF.

Bernie and Laura McGowan will look after making sure that there is something at PELF.

Alison Schauer discussed a clinic that they are going planning. It will be a Dave Elliot clinic on bits and biting. It will be mostly geared to adults, although 4-H members are welcome. The clinic will cover the mechanics of bits and how they work.

MSC Dwayne Grover/Sharon Kelts - that the East Central Region support the Cave Elliot Bit Clinic being hosted by the Halkirk Hicks.

Janet Kerr will forward the form to Alison Schauer for her to complete it to apply for the Provincial Funding.

### **Election of Officers**

#### *Chairman*

Bernie McGowan was nominated by Wendy Dunkle

MSC Dwayne Grover/Wendy Dunkle - that nominations cease.

#### *Vice Chairman*

Alison Schauer was nominated by Sharon Kelts

MSC Wendy Dunkle/Karen Sorenson - that nominations cease.

#### *Secretary/Treasurer*

Karen Sorensen was nominated by Dwayne Grover

MSC Davis Cox/Sharon Kelts – that nominations cease.

#### *PEAC*

Karen Sorensen reported that Jimilee Chostner was interested in being the representative.

MSC Dwayne Grover/Laura McGowan - that the PEAC Representatives for the East Central Region be Bernie McGowan and Heather Pedersen, with Jimilee Chostner and Lee Carothers as alternates.

MSC Alison Schauer/Heather Pedersen - that Kym Lawrence be removed as a signing officer on the bank account and that the new Secretary/Treasurer, Karen Sorensen be added as a signing officer and the Bernie McGowan remain as a signing officer, as he is still Chairman.

### **Clinics**

Halkirk will be hosting a Dave Elliot Clinic -the date will be determined. The location will likely be Donalda.

#### *Grandma Shirley's Horse Camp*

Lori Reule reported on the event being hosted by the Big Valley Rusty Spurs in memory of Shirley Woods. The camp will be a 4 day event in Donalda - May 18 - 21. May 18 will focus on health and an equine dentist will speak, and possibly a driving demonstration. Saturday will focus on sports and Gymkhana events and Sunday on Horsemanship. Monday will be a show/gymkhana day.

People can come later on Friday if they have school. The cost is \$ 100 - whether you come for one day or all four. Members may attend the show gymkhana day only and there is an entry fee for those classes.

Big Valley Rusty Spurs is having a bench made in honour of Shirley Woods. The club is designing it and it will be placed somewhere in Big Valley. Thanks to all the people who donated towards this cause.

#### *Steer Riding*

Sharon Kelts reported that the steer riding clinic, hosted by Neutral Hills 4-H Rodeo Wranglers, will likely be held in early April.

#### *Dustin Grams Horsemanship Clinics*

Laura McGowan reported that the Killam Light Horse Club will be hosting two Dustin Grams Horsemanship clinics, tentatively on the weekends of April 7 and 21. There are no fees determined as of yet.

#### *Farm Safety Day Camp*

The Stettler Silver Stars are planning a Farm Safety Day Camp.

All information regarding clinics should be in the Stettler 4-H Office by Friday, February 17th. It will be distributed to all clubs in time for their March meetings.

### **Charity Rides**

The Big Valley Rusty Spurs will be participating in the Stars Ride at Tolman Bridge on April 11 and 12. Other clubs are welcome to participate too.

The Wild Pink Yonder wagon/trail ride will be going through the region - Richdale, Coronation, Veteran, Consort, Czar, Sedgewick, Killam, Daysland - August 18 - 27, 2012.

Circle Square Ranch has a ride in September through the coulees as well.

MSC Sharon Kelts/Laura McGowan - that we pay Dwayne for the pizza.

We broke for lunch.

### **Rodeo - 2012**

Halkirk Hicks will host a rodeo in Halkirk on June 2 and 3

Neutral Hills will host a rodeo at Gooseberry Lake on June 23 and 24.

Stettler Silver Stars may possibly host a rodeo on June 9 or 10 or May 27 or 28, likely in Halkirk. Halkirk Hicks and Neutral Hills 4-H Rodeo Wranglers offered to assist with organizing and running the rodeo.

MSC Alison Schauer/Karen Sorensen - that the entry fees for 2012 be \$ 5 per event for all events.

The events offered in 2012 will be the same as in 2011.

It was agreed that buckles would be the prizes for events and High Point awards.

Buckle Sponsors will be found by:

Neutral Hills Rodeo Wranglers	5 Event + 1 High Point
Stettler Silver Stars	3 Event + 1 High Point
Halkirk Hicks	6 Event + 1 High Point
Big Valley Rusty Spurs	3 Event
Hanna Rangeland Multi	2 Event
Killam Light Horse	1 Event
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20 Event + 3 High Point</b>

Event buckle sponsorship is \$ 125 and High Point \$ 150.

Please e-mail Sharon Kelts with the names of your Buckle Sponsors at [wskelts@gmail.com](mailto:wskelts@gmail.com).

Cheques for buckle sponsorship should be:  
Payable to East Central 4-H Horse Committee  
And sent to:  
Karen Sorensen  
BOX 549  
STETTLER AB T0C 2L0

Ribbons need to be ordered for 2012. Dwayne Grover and Karen Sorensen will look after ordering them.

Neutral Hills will look after the High Point Calculation.

Remind members to bring their record books to the rodeos. The leader's master lists of which levels riders are in will be accepted for the assessment sheets.

MSC Lori Reule/Siera Berg - that we add to Rule 3 "If members do not bring their record books to a rodeo, they may participate in the rodeo, but they will not receive points."

There was discussion regarding using numbers. It will be done on a trial/voluntary basis for 2012. Janet will order 5 sets of 1 - 75 numbers for 2012.

There was discussion regarding when a 4-H event is over at a rodeo - particularly in regards to the requirement to wear helmets. There was no decision made.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

The following dates were posted at the meeting:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
10 - 12 - Feb	Provincial Equine Leaders' Forum - Alberta 4-H Centre
20-Feb	Multi Species Judging - Killam
31-Mar	Multi Species Judging - Veteran
14-Apr	Multi Species Judging - Czar
21 -22- Apr	Drill Team Clinic - Bluffton
27 - 29 - Apr	Mane Event - Red Deer
18 - 21 - May	Grandma Shirley's Horse Camp
2 - 3- June	4-H Rodeo - Halkirk
23 -24 June	4-H Rodeo - Gooseberry Lake
7-Jul	All Girl Rodeo - Hanna
1 - 3 - Aug.	Horse Classic - Olds
4 - 6 - Aug.	Provincial Horse Show - Olds
8-Sep	Little Britches Rodeo – Hanna