

Southern Alberta Regional 4-H Light Horse Committee

Minutes of the Meeting Dated April 20, 2010

Attendees: Sandra Fellger, Raylene Sushelnitski, Sharon Dueck (Coaldale Equestrian), Ginny Smith(4-H office), Teresa Russian, Sherri Hosker, Trudy Andrews (Stavelly Stampeders), Serena Crown, Elaine Cutforth, Brittany Ashley (Western Wranglers), Audrey Westrop, Bridget Graf (Pincher Creek Silver Reins), Coreen Unruh (Circle V), Don Musgrove, Natalie Newman (John Ware Light Horse), Lisa Bechthold(Shortgrass Beef Club / Westwinds), Shari Wehlage (Milk River), Mark Vanden Berg, Charlene Price (Coutts 49ers), Anna Hermus, Bert Peeters (Bow River Riders), Roxanne Johnson (Champion Multi Club), Doug Ashley (Willow Creek Wranglers)

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Teresa Russian. 4-H Pledge led by Trudy Andrews.

No additions to agenda

Introductions

Minutes were read from the January 19, 2010 meeting:

Amendments: Changed the funds received from Imperial Exxon Mobil to \$500 from \$50,000.

Minutes were adopted as read and amended by Sandra Fellger and Seconded by Shari Wehlage. Carried.

Treasurers Report: \$5556.20 in bank and since last meeting \$64.00 went out to pay for the thank-you photo collage created for Exxon Mobil.

Dues of \$775.00 have been collected.

Coreen Unruh moved that her report be adopted as read, Seconded by Don Musgrove.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence for this meeting

Old Business:

Fundraising: Bridget Graf suggested writing a letter to Devon Petroleum. They are always interested in donating to worth while causes. Discussion to ask for funds of approximately \$2000.00 to cover the purchase of ribbons. Discussion was positive and it was decided that Teresa Russian would write the letter to apply for the donation. Bridget will email Ginny the address.

Report from PELF: The PELF conference was Excellent. Don Musgrove attended and he reported that there was so much to learn and everybody had a good time. The only disappointment is that there is not much representation from the south and we need to definitely try to attend the next conference if at all possible. You would not be sorry!!!

Learning Component: looking into adding an equine learning component to horse show, as we don't have sufficient volunteers to host a stand-alone day. Grants \$1500 available = \$750.00 Lammles, \$750.00 Apache.

Trudy Andrews has looked into a local team group to give a small team sorting demo/clinic possibly on the Tuesday evening of the show. Every one thought that this would be a great idea. Trudy will keep on this.

Ginny Smith suggested that Kathy Waddell of the LC Agriculture and Natural sciences would present about the new Equine Green Certificate program offered through high schools. Sharon Dueck and Ginny Smith will work on this.

For a fun Learning component, the suggestion is learning how to give injections to your horse using cupcakes or chicken breasts. The kids would inject food coloring into a cupcake to show them how it would look under the horse's skin. Shari Wehlage and Lisa Bechthold will work on this.

Sharon Dueck moves to do these three sessions as our Southern Region 2010 Equine Learning Sessions. Elaine Cutforth seconded, motion carried.

Do not forget that we have to hang up banners recognizing Lammles and Apache sponsorship; we also need to take pictures for the thank you and submit a bill and summary to Yvonne Yaremci/PEAC.

Sam's Western Outlet: Teresa has invited Sams Western Outlet to have a booth and look after the tack swap this year, and they are thrilled to come back.

PEAC Committee: The games policy from the PEAC Committee. Our letter was forwarded, but we still need some more clarity on our issues. Sherri Hosker and Trudy Andrews to follow up.

Record Book Competition: Reminder that 40 Mile District is in charge and the record books need to be into the 4-H office by September 10, 2010.

New Business:

PEAC Report: Given by Sherri Hosker.

There will be a Provincial 4-H horse show this summer in Olds, August 10-12. This show is open for members levels 4-7. The Horse show is looking for support from the South Region through donation of sponsoring an event (\$250.00) or \$500.00 cash donation.

There is some concern that we do not have enough money as we are already having a hard enough time fund raising for our own region, although it is a good cause do we actually want to do this. After further discussion there was a motion by Bridget Graf to sponsor an event for \$250.00 seconded by Don Musgrove. Motion was carried with a total of 9 for and 7 opposed.

Regional Specialist report: Given by Ginny Smith

There will be an email blast, but reminder that UFA wants all clubs to pick up there packages at their local UFA store by April 30, 2010.

We really need to appreciate our sponsorships and work hard to let them know this, as it is getting increasingly harder to find the sponsorship that 4-H needs.

Our district councils are being encouraged to have more key members - this is very important and brings great opportunity.

We need to encourage our kids to attend more of the provincial summer events such as Horse Classic and Club Week. All the summer events or all events for that matter are a great experience and lots of fun!!

Dave Hansma's request:

Dave was approached by the Pony Club to have jumps at the Claresholm Agriplex; they are now in the process of purchasing new jumps for \$3294.00 for a full set. He has asked if we want to donate money to go toward this purchase.

As we have been asked to remove our wooden jumps, this could be an easy alternative to having to find storage for our own. We need to remove these jumps right away or they will find there way to the burning pit. Teresa will pick them up.

Topic was put to discussion and was positive that we donate. Doug Ashley moves that we donate \$300.00 to the Agriplex for jumps, Trudy Andrews seconded. Carried.

Horse show evaluations, rule changes / updates:

Rule: English #2 tack:

It is recommended that saddle pads be white or natural color except in classes over fences, which allows for colored pads.

We need to be specific either the pad have to be white or natural or they can be any color.

Bridget Graf moved that we change 'recommended' to "required that saddle pads be white or natural in color" in the rules, Seconded by Sheri Hosker, carried.

Rule #4 page 11 Western Equitation:

□Members in levels 3 and under may ride with two hands in western classes, regardless of age of horse. However, senior horses must still be ridden with a shanked bit. This applies to both Equitation and Pleasure Classes.

Trudy Andrews moves to take out - However, senior horses must still be ridden with a shanked bit. Bridget Graf seconded, carried.

Speed events: Bridget would like to see only one horse at a time during poles, as concern about accidents. Could we run level 4 and up separately?

Through discussion it was decided that it would take too long and why should the higher levels dictate how it is done. They are experienced enough to know how to be more in control. We should just leave it tandem with white line down center and if you cross the center line at any time you will be disqualified. We should put this at the beginning of the rule book so there is no miscommunication.

Brittany Ashley moves that poles, key hole, thread the needle and flags will be run in tandem with the white line the middle all the way to the gate, and if crossed the competitor will be disqualified. Seconded by Roxanne Johnson. motion carried.

Patterns - the judge last year was disappointed that many kids did not know their patterns even though the show booklet contained them well ahead of the show. It was suggested that we do not post the patterns until the show. Trudy Andrews moved that the patterns be posted the evening prior to the events the following day. Seconded by Sherry Wehlage. All in favour, motion carried.

Supervision - There have been problems in the past of parents leaving their children at the show unsupervised and this is causing concern. We all feel that there needs to be a rule in place to have a parent or guardian available on the show grounds at all times. It is important in case of accidents or other problems that can arise. Charlene Price moves that a rule is made, stating every 4-H member must have an adult guardian in charge on the show grounds at all time, and have on the registration form a contact phone # if available and name of the parent or adult guardian. Don Musgrove seconded and motion carried.

Registration fees - Should we change the registration fees for the show to help cover the rising costs to put on a show of this size? We have not raised the fees for a long time and almost every one would rather spend the \$10.00 extra than have to cut out events. This is for the kids and should be fun. Doug Ashley moves that the registration be changed from \$25.00 to \$35.00. Sherri Hosker seconded. Motion carried.

Cattle events:

Drop break away roping.

Sorting and calf daubing will be run if there is enough interest and this will go also for the Big T. The committee will decide by August 1,2010 if we will have enough numbers for keeping classes. Coaldale Equestrian reiterates that they will not run any cattle events.

Don Musgrove, Vanessa Weaver, Doug Ashley and Blain Bolen will be in charge of cattle events.

Gymkhana:

Coaldale is stepping down from running the gymkhana this year as their club is getting smaller. Coaldale will supply the information and patterns to whomever take over this task.

There are 4 clubs that have decided that they will take on the gymkhana this year.

1. Western Wranglers will supply 3 parents
 2. Stavley Stampedeers will supply 3 parents
 3. Bow River Riders will supply 3 parents
 4. Champion Multi will supply 1 parent
- Western Wranglers will take care of timed events.

Goat tying: will be run by Coutts 49ers

Main Jobs

Show Manager – Trudy Andrews (understudy, Brittany Ashley)

English Manager: Katie O'Brien

- Jumping - Taber Roughriders, but everyone can help set up and take down
- Dressage will be dropped from this year's show – to be reviewed in future years.

Live Stock Manager: Doug Ashley has booked the cattle

Show Secretary: Bridget Graf (Bridget to pick up all required materials, supplies in Lethbridge)

- Office Assistance – Rob Smith and Brittany Ashley
- Office clean up Wednesday- Brittany Ashley

Stall and Camping Manager: Doug Ashley

Patterns – Muffy Knox – Trudy to ask Muffy to create all patterns including Trail

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE – Circle V, Silver Reins, Coaldale, Western Wranglers and Stavley Stampedeers

MAIN SHOW JUDGE – Muffy Knox

TRAIL/SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES – Trudy Andrews to contact

ANNOUNCER- Don Musgrove to contact Gordon Musgrove

Tack Swap – Sam's Western Outlet

FIRST AID FOR MEMBERS – Stavelly Stampeders

FIRST AID FOR HORSES - Stavelly Stampeders to post info

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD - Stavelly Stampeders

BARN PROFICIENCY AND CLUB AWARD – Western Wranglers

TACK STEWARDS (Note times approximate)

Monday (Showmanship and Western)

8am – 10 am - Teresa Russian (Stavelly Stampeders)

10 am – noon – Sharlene Price (49ers)

Afternoon = Pincher Creek Silver Reins

Tuesday morning (English) -

8am – 12 noon – Roxanne Johnson and Katie O'Brien

afternoon – 12 noon – 2 pm – Circle V

2pm to 4pm – ??

4pm to 6pm – ??

RINGMASTERS (Note times approximate)

Main Show ring master – Nina Conners

Monday – Inside 8am to 10am

Showmanship Ring 1A - Sharon Dueck (Coaldale Eq)

Ring 1B – Nina

Outside Showmanship – Ron Garber (Milk River Multi)

Outside Trail 2A – Natalie Newman (John Ware)

Outside Trail 2B - Sandra Fellger (Coaldale Eq.)

Inside Rail Classes – Nina Conners

Outside Command 2A – Sharon Dueck

Outside Command 2B – Ron Garber

Tuesday – Inside English – Nina Conners

Inside Western Horsemanship – Nina Conners

Outside – Jumping – Nina Conners

GATE STEWARDS -

Monday – Inside – 8am to 10am - Showmanship – Coaldale Eq

- 10am to end - Rail Classes – Coaldale Eq

Outside – 8am to end of Showmanship – Circle V

Approx noon to 2pm Trail/ Command 2A – Don Musgrove (John Ware)

Approx 4pm to end of Trail/Command 2A - Champion

Approx Noon to end Trail/Command 2B – Bow River Riders

Tuesday – Inside – 8am to approx. 2pm all English – Bow River Riders

-2pm to 4pm - Western /Maiden Command – Stavelly Stampeders

-4pm to end – Shortgrass Beef/Westwinds

Outside – Barrels – 49ers

Wednesday – 8am – 10am – Shari Wehlage & 49ers

10am – 2pm – Bow River Riders

2pm – end – Willow Creek Wranglers

WARM-UP ARENA (gate and monitoring #'s in arena, safety etc.)

Sunday Night after Parade of Clubs – Shortgrass Beef

Monday morning (after outside Showmanship)in small ring – P.C. Silver Reins

Afternoon – Don Musgrove (John Ware)

Evening – Arenas closed
Tuesday morning (during English/jumping) small ring and outside large ring – Western Wranglers
Afternoon – Champion
Evening – Arenas closed
Wednesday morning – ??

TRAIL – Set up and Take down – Sunday evening (2 arenas) Stavely Stampeders in charge, volunteers welcome
- check with Stavely Stampeders to possibly borrow additional equipment?

JUMP COURSES - Set up and take down – Katie O'Brien in charge, Taber Roughriders, more volunteers welcome
Patterns same as last year

Order/Obtain Porta-potties and handwash stations – Doug Ashley (Willow Creek Wranglers)

BATHROOM CLEANUP

Sunday evening – Teresa Russian (Stavely Stampeders)
Monday 8am to noon – Bow River Riders
Noon to 6pm – Bow River Riders
6pm till done – Coaldale Eq
Tuesday 8am to noon – P.C. Silver Reins
Noon to 6pm – P.C. Silver Reins
6pm til done - P.C. Silver Reins
Wednesday 8am to noon – ??
Noon til done - ??

FIRST AID FOR MEMBERS – Stavely Stampeders

FIRST AID FOR HORSES – Local Vets
– Stavely Stampeders to post info

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD – Stavely Stampeders
Also contact Mr. Harold Seymore
Note – voting sheet to be included with mailout of entry info

BARN PROFICIENCY AND CLUB AWARD – Western Wranglers

RIBBONS – Coaldale Equestrian to count leftovers and order new
Sort Sunday evening - Coaldale Equestrian
Presenters – Outside Monday – Showmanship – Circle V
Inside Monday – Coaldale Eq
Inside Tuesday – Willow Creek Wranglers
Wednesday - ??

PARADE OF CLUBS Sunday 7pm – Don Musgrove (John Ware)
Note – Bio sheet to be included with mailout of entry info
M.C. – Rob Smith or Sharlene Price

Costume Class Gate person – Natalie Newman
ring steward – Sherri Hosker
Judge to be Harold Seymour/Rob Smith

DOOR PRIZE TABLE – Don't forget \$20.00 GIFT from EACH CLUB FOR PRIZE TABLE
– organizer to be: ??
Monday – 8:30am to 2pm – Champion
2pm till 8pm – Stavely Stampeders
Tuesday – 8am to 2pm – Circle V

2pm till done – Bow River

PHOTOGRAPHER – already booked by Ginny (Digital Sports Photography)

Banner at Regionals (put up, take down) – Mark Vandenberg (49er's)

Pickup ribbon boxes, p.a. system, poles, other supplies at Regional office and return – Bridget Graf

Also need throughout show – spotters for classes such as Command, Egg and Spoon, Delsey Derby (spotters should be wearing proper footwear), helpers to set up/take down events requiring equipment such as jumping, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm