

Provincial Equine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2007

Lakeview Inns and Suites, Okotoks AB

IN ATTENDANCE: Laureen Kosheiff (Peace), Bonnie Ridley (Peace), Ken Schmuland (NW), Jimilee Chostner (EC/Chair), Marie Bignell (EC), Kayla Bignell (EC), Beth MacGougan (AEF), Dixie Crowson (South), Pamela French (WC), Kippy Maitland-Smith (WC), Linda Gooch (Calgary), Yvonne Yaremicio, Janet Kerr (4-H Office)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jimilee Chostner called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Polocrosse presentation
- Mane Event
- AEF Games

Beth MacGougan requested to present her reports early in the meeting.

MOTION – Kippy Maitland-Smith moved, Marie Bignell seconded that the agenda be approved with the additions. Carried

REPORTS

YOUNG HORSE – There were seven first year members and 5 second year members at the Achievement Day held on the September long weekend. The member's working ability is improving with the horses. Dismounted skills need improvement, especially the health and nutrition topics. The clinic in the spring was beneficial. **PEAC representatives need to promote this project to members in their region.** Minimum age is 12 and Level 3. Janet will send out information by a direct mailout to those members who are eligible by age. Application deadline is November 1st and the members will be notified by December 1st.

AEF GAMES – Kippy thanked all of the 4-H regions for their support of the AEF Games. There were several of the sport disciplines that weren't able to attend or cancelled (jumping, dressage, reining, driving). Representatives from Polocrosse did a demonstration and invited the members to learn the game. Members from the Peace and East Central participated and enjoyed the game. Peace has not submitted money for the games. Bonnie will bring this forward to the Peace Regional meeting. Calgary was the top team. East Central was presented the sportsmanship award and Peace was runner up.

AEF – Beth has a list of the board of directors and association/industry representatives of AEF. **This list will be circulated to PEAC members.**

Horse slaughter – if the United States bans horse slaughter, the inspection service will be discontinued. The result would be that there wouldn't be inspectors at the borders and horses from Canada wouldn't be able to cross the border into the US. Ken mentioned that there is an article in the July or August issue of the Western Horseman on this issue.

Can request funding for expense reimbursement for the AEF Games. Next AEF meeting is on Saturday, September 15.

CFIA is working on safe transportation of livestock.

Beth extended an invitation to the AEF Annual General Meeting in April – everyone is welcome to attend.

Equine identification – there is now an ink that can be used for tattoos that will not migrate beneath the skin.

An Emergency Livestock Response Unit has been set up in Central Alberta to respond to accidents that involve livestock. The unit will be equipped with the necessary equipment to deal with animals that are loose, injured, etc.

“Living Outside the Box” – this contest will continue.

Kipping is looking for ideas for what can AEF do in your community. Contact Kippy with your ideas.

STANDARD BRED – Janet reported that the Achievement Day is October 6th in Edmonton.

HORSE CLASSIC – Janet reported that there were 100 members and 50 adults in attendance. The top four members—based on individual hippology points—qualified for the Denver Western 4-H Horse Classic Award Trip, January 10 – 13, 2008. Stacey Kading from Dusty Plains 4-H Multi, Martine Anderson of the Silver Sage Riders, Devann Crick of Blindman 4-H Light Horse Club and Caitlin Smith of the Coaldale Equestrian are this year's trip recipients.

PROVINCIAL CLINICS – The working Cow Horse Clinic set for September 15 hosted by West Central was cancelled due to low registration.

Horsemanship 1 – 7 Clinic with Muffy Knox is scheduled for October 13 and 14 in Olds at the Calouri Pavilion. Levels 1 – 3 will be presented on October 13 and Levels 4 – 7 will be presented on October 14. Participants have to take Levels 1 – 3 and Levels 4- 7 are optional. Twenty members are recruited to ride for the clinic. There is a limit of two participants per region (14 total) and no limit for spectators. Cost is \$50 per participant and \$25 for spectators. This clinic is to teach participants to be able to assess the members – so participants should be project leaders. Discussion was lead on base price for assessors – should it be per hour, per member assessment, per day? This topic is to be brought up at the clinic with the participants at the clinic. It was felt that mileage should be paid to assessors.

REGIONAL REPORTS

PEACE – Regional Days were held in a new location this year. Low attendance. The region sent a team to the AEF Games.

NORTHWEST – Focus on 4-H was held at Mayerthorpe this year. This was the first year at this venue. The event went well and Focus will be held at Mayerthorpe again. There were 121 horses that participated in the Horse Show. The region had selected a team for the AEF Games, but members were unable to attend for various reasons.

POLOCROSSE PRESENTATION – Jacquie McArthur joined the meeting. Polocrosse was introduced at the AEF Games and this was successful.

Websites: <http://www.polocrossecanada.com/contact.htm>
<http://www.millarvillepolocrosse.com/index.html>

Polocrosse is looking to get the information out to 4-H members about the sport. PEAC presented information about the 4-H horse program.

Polocrosse has training DVD's and game rules set out. The group has a training coach come to Canada once a year and they are hoping to have this coach teach the sport to people who are interested. There are currently 35 members in the Millarville club. Teams consist of 3 players and horses. Teams play at beginner to advanced levels. Racquets cost approximately \$130 and balls \$40. Rental equipment is available.

PEAC discussed introducing Polocrosse at PELF in February 2008. Participants would begin on foot to learn how to use the racquets and learn basic play. It was suggested that Polocrosse could be introduced at Regional Horse Shows as a fun activity. Potential topic at Horse Classic as well.

Riders can begin to ride Western or English. The horn on the Western saddle can catch the reins so it is recommended that riders use an English or Australian stock saddle. World competition will be held in the United Kingdom in 2011. Horses and tack will be provided for riders. Exchanges are available for participants to the US and other countries. The sport is quite competitive and focused. Tournaments held at Lynnwood Ranch at Aldersyde. Alumni that want to get a team going, possible exchanges are available.

Janet suggested that Polocrosse could be promoted by an article in the 4-H magazine, session at PELF, demonstration at Horse Classic, display and demonstration at Regional Events.

Jacquie's contact information:

Phone number: 403-938-5577

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REGIONAL REPORTS (continued)

EAST CENTRAL – 30 members attended the Regional Horse Show. There used to be 100 members in past years. Had Jeopardy Trail class, which was successful.

WEST CENTRAL – Working Cow Horse Clinic was cancelled. Twenty-three members tried out for the AEF Games team. Horse Show saw 191 members and 221 horses participate. Numbers are down. Three day show – first day is English, second day is Western and the third day is games. There were some issues with the type of tack being used. Regional Horse Show meeting is in January.

SOUTH – Regional show had 123 entries – down 10 or so. Levels 5, 6 and 7 are down in numbers. Great show. Also had issues with type of tack being used. Number of dressage participants increasing. Rodeo at Medicine Hat. Regional Horse Fun day – 80 members with good response.

CALGARY – 4-H on Parade was held on June 1 – 3 at the Calgary Stampede Grounds. There 154 horses, 143 steers, 187 heifers, 30 dairy, 144 sheep 49 dogs, 9 bench show entries and 13 rabbits. The various shows took place throughout the weekend, along with multi-judging on Friday evening, a pancake breakfast hosted by EnCana Saturday morning, and a Carnival on Saturday evening. At the Carnival, 10 lucky 4-H clubs received 50 grandstand tickets each for the Calgary Stampede rodeo, which was generously donated by the Calgary Stampede.

On Saturday, June 23, the Arrowwood River Wranglers hosted a District Horse Fun Day for all of the horse members in the Wheatland District. Our Calgary Regional 4-H Show was held in Olds on July 27 – 29 with 174 members taking part.

On August 2, 4-H members from our Wheatland District helped to organize and host the WPCA/EnCana barbeque in conjunction with the Strathmore Heritage Days Pro Rodeo and Chuckwagon Championship. We also decorated a 4-H float and took part in the Heritage Days Parade, which honored 4-H's 90th birthday as its theme.

We had a team of 5 4-H members represent the Calgary Region at the Alberta Equestrian Games in Millarville on August 9 – 11. We worked the Calgary Stampede Casino on August 11 & 12 for our Region. We always have a very good turnout of volunteers for our casino so that everyone only has to work one shift.

The Calgary Stampede 4-H Rodeo is coming up on September 15 and 16th. Invitations were sent out to members in the Calgary, South, West Central and East Central Regions. Entries were due on September 4th. They are following the same format as last year, which includes clinics in the morning, followed by the events in the afternoon. Saturday events included Barrels, Keyhole, Thread the Needle and Pole Bending for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Sunday will be Breakaway Roping, Cow Riding and Goat Tying.

Next Regional 4-H meeting is mid October.

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL – Lee unavailable to attend the meeting.

VIDEO UPDATE – Dixie reported that taping for the video has begun. Levels 5 & 6 have been taped. Levels 1 to 4 will be taped next. Goal is to debut the video at PELF. Yvonne reported that the Canadian 4-H Council's National Resource Network is providing funding for the video. Applications for funding have been submitted to the American Youth Horse Council (AYHC) and Alberta Equestrian Federation. Janet indicated that PEAC has membership with the AYHC in order to apply for the educational grant funding. Dixie brought forward questions regarding marketing the video. Since the Canadian 4-H Council has provided a major portion of the funding, they will provide the procedure for marketing the video. The video will be available nationwide. The video will eventually be French language dubbed. CTV Lethbridge is the company producing the video.

RODEO – GOAT TAIL UNTYING ASSESSMENTS – No committee report available. Marie Bignell volunteered to be on the committee to review the assessments.

PELF - Cancel Trick Rider demonstration. Use Polocrosse demonstration instead. Reviewed timeline.

Silent Auction – need Silent Auction items to a value of \$50 per region. Could be one or two items.

Tack Swap – will continue. Tack needs to be in good repair, clean, labeled and priced.

Sharing Fair – concept is good, reword instructions.

Trade Show – sponsors will be welcome to have a display. Silent Auction item will be accepted for table rent.

Dixie is to speak with Muffy about including the video with the Level 1 – 3 presentation as a teaching tool.

Social Activity – Corine Verbeek will help. Dixie will also work on the social activity.

Select a sessions – have 24 tentatively scheduled. Think of sessions that could be used in case of cancellations.

REVIEW OF VISION – Did this a year ago, check it over. Would like to see the horse program in Green Certificate – Janet will look into this.

Promotion – internal – Linda has developed a regional newsletter promoting what she does. Linda to circulate her newsletter to other PEAC reps. Need someone to submit articles to the 4-H magazine.

Working on 1, 2 & 3 ranked items and should look into items ranked 4 & 5 after PELF.

MANE EVENT – Yvonne and Janet will send in the application for a booth at the Mane Event. Would like volunteers to come up with ideas for the booth – Jimilee and Pam. Level 1 – 7 video, interactive pictures, simple games, were suggested. Any ideas are welcome.

NEW BUSINESS

JUDGES LIST – forms for judge recommendations to compile a list for our group use. Send completed forms to Yvonne.

STANDARDIZED TACK BOOK – Each region is to send their tack rules to Janet. Janet will compile the rules and send out to representatives from each region: Kippy, Bonnie, Ken, Jimilee, Dixie and a rep from NE. Committee will review the tack rules and determine what is common or not and identify rules that should be addressed.

CHILDREN'S FITNESS TAX CREDIT – Revenue Canada has introduced a \$500 tax credit for physical activity for children. PEAC members discussed the tax credit and how it fits with 4-H horse clubs.

PEAC recommends that if a club chooses to issue receipts for the tax credit they are responsible for ensuring that the requirements are met and do their own record keeping of activities. (For more information, clubs can refer to Revenue Canada's website: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/fitness/>.)

PHOTO FOR 4-H WEBSITE – photo of committee will be taken at PELF.

SHOW HORSE PROJECT BOOK – Linda, Dixie, Kippy to review

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

January 16, 2008 – conference call @ 8:00 pm

April 24 & 25, 2008 – Red Deer in conjunction with Mane Event

September 6, 2008 – Okotoks

Bonnie Ridley adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm. Seconded by Pam French.