

West Central Regional Light Horse Committee Minutes – June 16, 2009

Gordon Wood called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Introductions and signing of the attendance sheet took place. Those in attendance for the meeting were; Gordon Wood, Breanne Pfeil, Charleen Pfeil (Thundering Hoofbeats), Connie Kluczny, Ruth Maciborski, Jessica Reeves (Winfield Gait Riders), Janet Kerr (4-H office), Lori Stuart (Noble Riders), Janette Weisenburger, Shaylyn Weisenburger (Coal Trail Riders), Carolyn Latimer, Lucille Paquette-Lohmann (Silver Stirrups), Rhonda Vic, Pat Hammond (Shadow Riders), Lori Falkiner (Silver Valley), Margaret Green, Stacey Harrison (Bits & Spurs), Shelby Crick, Debi Jensen (Blindman), Leanda Frederickson, Tanya Bristow (Coal Lake Multi), Jo MacDonald (Lakedell Lighthorse).

Charleen Pfeil moved that the minutes be adopted as circulated. Seconded by Pat Hammond. Carried.

Leanda Frederickson moved that the Agenda be adopted as circulated. Seconded by Ruth Maciborski. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Debi Jensen moved that the report (West Central Regional 4-H Horse Show Committee June 16/09) be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Old Business

1) Review of Regional Show

Comments from members at the meeting were as follows;

- Dance was the best it has ever been with great weather, D.J. and interaction (we forgot to announce that food was set out for members at the dance).
- Allow spot door prizes and stick bracelets for next year...there will be more sponsors for next year (Lori Falkiner).
- English judge was dressed inappropriately for her duty (ask judges to dress more appropriately next year).
- Ring Stewards were paid but english ring steward was not paid. It was suggested that we pay english ring steward the same as the other ring stewards (\$100.00).
- Possibly pay the outdoor announcers for announcing for Sunday next year.
- Gordon Wood cancelled the drill team judge (Ruth Fowler) as she was \$400.00 for judging one event. It was felt that this judge would have given phenomenal feedback to the teams and that we look at possibly charging a \$25.00 entry fee for drill team classes or book a clinic with her to get skills taught & feedback from her. We could possibly have her come to judge one year and judge the Junior and Senior separately. **It was felt that this should be discussed at the next meeting in January, 2010.**
- Discussion took place with regards to the show packages. The class list mailed with the show entry forms is in the **same order** as the classes are at the show. It was agreed that one show program booklet would be handed out to each club along with the stall notices on Thursday evening (after 6:00 p.m.) so that leaders know how many classes, etc., are going on Friday and class times for members in these classes.
- Parking...35 trailers were already parked at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday and as long as they called Charleen Pfeil ahead, they were allowed to go in early (camp trailers only). No horses are allowed before 6:00 p.m., but members can come and prepare stalls **BUT NO HORSES**. It was felt that overall, people were great about parking trailers and horse trailers except for one or two incidents.
- It was great to have two warm-up rings.
- The trail class for young horse was the same trail class (pattern) as the level 5 trail and it was felt that this was too difficult for young horses and not fair to the rider or horse.
- Members were "wrongly" riding on the dirt "race track" between the new tent and the indoor arena and were repeatedly asked to leave the area as it is not a warm up ring. Could this area, however, be used as an access to the warm up ring used by the upper level riders for next year?
- Could we possibly use both "gates" on the warmup rings, having a supervisor at each gate so members can access and leave the rings easier and safer? (There is a radio given to each warm-up ring).

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- We should mention to the “Westerner” what time our show starts on Friday and request which rings we need watered, etc for start time.
- Overall....a great show this year!

Upcoming Clinics

- 1) Regional Dressage Clinic for leaders and instructors on October 17, 2009 in Bluffton. The morning is theory, followed with mounted in the afternoon. Contact Ruth Maciborski @ (780) 388-3790.
- 2) Benalto Junior Rodeo – Friday, July 3
- 3) Benalto Open Horse Show – July 3 (evening) and July 4th (for more information go to Benalto Ag Society Web site or contact Rhonda Vic).
- 4) Rocky Mountain House All Breed Horse Show & Gymkhana (indoor) – August 14 & 15th. Contact Bonnie Perreault (403)846-4422.
- 5) Level 1-3 and Level 4-7 Regional Clinic, possibly in Rimbey at the Ag Grounds....cost, etc. need to be checked out.

Peac Report

- Working on Horse Classic...deadline is June 1.
- Green Certificate program is approved and ready to be used in September of 2009. Go to www.agriculture.ab.ca/green certificate for more information.
- Connie & Ruth along with Janet Kerr and two other PEAC members drove to Spokane to attend “Ride the West” symposium. A great time was had, with them sitting in on sessions by Daniel Stewart, Al Dunning, Steve Edwards, Mitch & Jolinn Hoover, Mike Watkins & Doug & Kathy Vouchell. The sessions educated them about sports physiology, training techniques, equine massage, mule training, show preparation to name a few.
- Committee is busy working on P.E.L.F. to be held February 19-21, 2010.
- Working on a “Tack Book”
- Also working on an outline for a possible Level 1 – Equine Training for 4-H Leaders.
- Members worked in the PEAC booth at the Mane Event.
- Planning 4-H Provincial Games for 2010. This will consist of a maximum of 10 members from each region competing against each other as teams in mounted classes. Possible dates for this event are July 9-11 or August 6-8th, 13-15th or 20-22nd. This will be held in a community in central Alberta (possibly Olds).
- Organizing a Regional instructor training workshop with Muffy Knox. This will be split into two levels (1-3 and 4-7) and will be geared for people who are “training” clubs and would like to take training to be more knowledgeable and who will be committed to working with other clubs in the region instructing, assessing, etc. for a good period of time following the workshop. Each region should be looking and checking around their region to select people to represent their region.
- Janet Kerr informed the committee that PEAC is working on hosting a Leader Workshop (for leaders new to 4-H Horse). This will provide a head start for leaders so they have an understanding of what the horse project is all about. PEAC is also developing a tack book for all events and classes and levels, etc. She asked if this region would like to be the “pilot” region for these two projects? It was felt that this would be a great opportunity for the committee and region. Janet suggested that we have a “rule review” meeting in the fall to update our rules and align our rules with the new tack book, etc. Janet Kerr, Lori Stuart, Connie Kluczny, Ruth Maciborski and Stacie Harrison will be on the rule review committee and meet on November 24, 2009 to update the rules. Rules for English “bling” on bridles, one and two eared western bridles and Australian saddles need to be implemented at this meeting.
- Next PEAC meeting is October 3, 2009 in Red Deer.

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Other Business

Committee for Level 1-3 and 4-7 Member Clinics

Connie Kluczny, Stacie Harrison and Jeanette Weisenburger volunteered to organize these clinics.

Dates for 2010

Leader Workshop – Saturday, November 28th in Lacombe (tentative)

Regional meetings – January 26, February 23, April 27 and June 15th (all Tuesdays)

Regional Show – June 4, 5 & 6th

PELF – February 19, 20 & 21

MOTION: Charleen Pfeil moved that we accept the 2010 dates as selected above for regional events.
Seconded by Shelby Crick. Carried.

Charleen Pfeil moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.