

West Central Regional Light Horse Committee Meeting
FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Gordon Wood called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The 4-H Pledge was led by Pat Hammond. Introductions and signing of the attendance sheet took place. Those in attendance at the meeting were; Jo MacDonald (Lakedell Lighthorse), Janette Weisenburger, Shaylyn Weisenburger (Coal Trail Riders), Ashley Eckel (4-H Office), Connie Kluczny, Ruth Maciborski (Winfield 4-H Gait Riders), Debby Nielsen (Red Deer 4-H Horsemen), Velvet Wood, Gordon Wood (Thundering Hoofbeats), Debi Jensen, Shelby Crick, Hannah Jensen (Blindman 4-H Lighthorse), Christine Merrills, Stacey Harrison (Bits & Spurs), Leanda Frederickson, Rick Frederickson (Coal Lake Multi), Pat Hammond, Rhonda Vick (Shadow Riders), Lori Falkiner, Sheila Rodney (Silver Valley), Lori Fairbrother & Katie Fairbrother (Ponoka Renegade Riders).

Jo MacDonald moved that the agenda be adopted as circulated with the following additions made to the agenda: #7) Business Arising from the Minutes – “**Show numbers**” and #13) Date of Next Meeting: April 21 @ Kozy Korner - “**Entry**” Forms due. Seconded by Shaylyn Weisenburger. Carried.

Pat Hammond moved that the minutes be adopted as circulated (with two spelling corrections). Seconded by Shelby Crick. Carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Debi Jensen reported that she has not, yet, received the Treasurer’s information from Pamela French and asked that the report be tabled until the next meeting. Committee executive also reported that the bank signature forms still need to be completed at ATB Financial.

Old Business

a.) Show numbers - discussion on changing from one number pinned on back of uniform to two sets of numbers pinned on each side of their blanket for ease of members and judges.

MOTION: Stacey Harrison moved that we have two sets of numbers (same number) to be worn on each side of blanket, seconded by Debby Nielsen. Carried.

Gordon Wood will look into getting three sets of numbers (300 numbers). Each member will have one set of numbers per horse.

MOTION: Debby Nielsen moved that we amend ruling to change in that “members do not need to wear numbers when traveling to and from wash “rack”. Seconded by Stacey Harrison. Carried.

Regional Light Horse Show

a.) Planning duties - The committee reviewed the “Show Planning Checklist” with members verifying assigned duties (see updated show checklist attached). Gordon Wood will talk to the “Westerner” about the following issues;

1. Obtaining a map of the fire lanes for the parking people.
2. The possibility of having two outdoor warm-up rings
3. The possibility of using the new tent at the north end of the new covered outdoor arena for stalling – eliminating the use of tent D and overcrowding in that area.

b) Rule changes – committee reviewed “proposed rule changes handout” (with the proposed rule changes written in bold and italics). The ruling on helmets in showmanship classes needs to be reviewed as ruling currently states “mandatory for all mounted classes”.

c) Forms – we need to check with Lori Stuart to see if we have a form with the job description for “Ring Stewards”.

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- d) Dressage classes – discussion with regards to which test patterns members can ride this year. It was agreed that Level 4 riders will ride the Dressage Canada “Training Level – Test 4” and the Level 5, 6 & 7 riders will ride the Dressage Canada “1st level – Test 1”. Rhonda Vic will send Ashley the exact dressage information to be distributed onto clubs.

Regional Training Events

None reported

Upcoming Clinics & Shows

Silver Valley and Renegade Riders will not be hosting any shows this spring

In lieu of there being no shows planned, Shadow Riders (Rhonda Vic) will try and organize a spring show and send information to Ashley Eckel ASAP for mail out.

PEAC Report

Connie Kluczny & Ruth Maciborski reported that committee is currently working on the Leader Assessment clinic in Olds on March 7 & 8th, the feasibility of introducing a “Level 1 Equine Training” course for new leaders, planning of PELF 2010 and completing a “tack book” for members. They have received huge appraisal on the Horsemanship video and are looking into the possibility of selling copies of the video and 4-H manuals. They will be having a booth at the “Mane Event” in Red Deer on April 24, 25 & 26th. The Alberta Equine Games will not be held this year as the AEF is not willing to organize again and PEAC is hoping that regional committees will work on hosting the games in 2010 as a provincial competition with each region sending a team to compete in the same and/or added classes.

Other Business

- a) Drill Team Judge – Gordon Wood will check into getting a judge for the drill team competition.

Next meeting date – APRIL 21, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Kozy Korner

Connie Kluczny adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.