

# Southern 4-H Regional Horse Committee

*Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

*Claresholm Agri-Plex*

*31 parents / leaders recorded as in attendance*

Sherry Hosker volunteered to act as Chairman and called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m.

The Meeting opened with the pledge.

Everyone introduced themselves.

In the absence of a copy of the April Minutes, reading was waived.

Coreen Unruh provided a verbal financial report. There were no questions.

Coreen – Nina – moved financial report adopted as presented.

Sherry called for some acknowledgement for the tremendous work done by Trudy Andrews and Nina Conner on the organization of the Regional Show.

Pete Fraser, Regional Horse Show Judge, was brought in for some comments. The members seem a little more polite than usual, getting along very well. He is not seeing as many folks from the 'show circuit' or 'breed shows' to help give a benchmark for the members to reach. The patterns are being done poorly, especially considering he was 'hounded' to get them in three months ago, so maybe the clubs did not take advantage of the opportunity to review them, or if he picked the wrong patterns. Pete suggests posting the patterns the day before or morning of the show to keep a 'level playing field' because having them ready three months early does not seem to have made much difference. Pete asked if there were any questions. The first comment was a compliment to Pete on how constructive his comments are to the members and Pete explained the simplicity of some of the technical mistakes made by the members and how he approaches helping those members. Pete was given a round of applause for his tremendous efforts as Show Judge.

After Pete's departure from the meeting, some parents/leaders agreed with Pete's assessment that there is little point to having the patterns so early and this was corroborated by the number of disqualifications that have taken place over the past couple of days.

Motion: Nina / lady from Bindloss – "That the Organizational Committee will not provide patterns for Trail, Showmanship, English Equitation, Western Horsemanship ahead of the dates of the 2010 Southern 4-H Regional Horse Show. Patterns will be posted at the show the morning of each abovementioned class." - Motion Carried (five opposed)

## Old Business

Wild Pink Yonder Breast Cancer Trail Ride – did not happen in southern Alberta

Trail Ride – 120 horses – a lot of fun – thanks for bringing your kids out!

Sam's – this has gone over very, very well so kudos for doing it. There have been other tack stores show interest, is there an opportunity to obtain some cash or sponsorship from this inclusion. There is a lady from Medicine Hat who would like to bring barrel shirts to sell... Do we need to provide the opportunity for merchants to 'tap into' this market. Further discussion is tabled to the November meeting regarding a 'go forward' for 2010.

Show Jobs – Nina is stepping down from her role so the Show Secretary position is 'up for grabs'. Any amount of computer skills will make this a rather simple job. Biggest time commitment is from entry closing until the show. The computer program is already set up so its really quite simple. The need for a new Secretary is tabled until the November meeting.

Reports are that everyone is pretty much doing their job with only a couple of exceptions. Nina went through the remaining jobs to try and get them filled.

Sportsmanship Award – There are 16 clubs so there should be 16 nominations. There are currently 11 so five clubs should still get their nominations in.

Improvements – This show runs so smoothly so thanks to the organizers. Some rules need to be updated regarding bits and this will be tabled to November. The warm-up ring, it was noted, is WAY safer this year than in 2008, so kudos for that and to those responsible for the warm-up ring.

Cattle issues – we don't know if we have enough people who know what they doing to actually run the events. Should we go ahead with the cattle events or cancel them? The question regarding how many members are affected, so it works out to about 25% - 33% of the total number of members registered. This discussion identified some miscommunication between the clubs at the April meeting who volunteered for jobs and the Show Committee regarding expectations. The cattle are here and will cost about \$150 regardless.

Motion: Danielle / Joyce - We cancel the cattle events (daubing, roping, sorting) for 2009 and refunds provided to those members who entered. 11 for and 9 against with the remaining abstaining.

As per the previous Minutes, this means the Big T Race will now take place.

Anything else? – The wind is really gusting this afternoon... will members be penalized if their hats come off – most definitely! So nail them on!!!

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. by Nina Conners.