

Provincial Equine Advisory Committee
February 23, 2011
Stettler Provincial Building

1. Jimilee called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.
2. Pledge
3. Introductions: In attendance were:
Ruth Maciborski (WC), Jimilee Chostner (EC), Kym Lawrence (EC), Ken Schmuland (NW), Corine Verbeek (NW), Amanda McGregor (NW), Teresa Russian (S), Trudy Andrews (S), Karen Allen (NE), Yvonne Churko (NE), Daphne Schnurer (AB Council), Lee Carothers (EC), Linda Gooch (C), Mary Lou Tainsh (C), Lee Creasy (EC), Yvonne Yaremicio, Janet Kerr (4H Office), Connie Kluczny (WC), and Bernard McGowan (EC).
4. Agenda – additions: under New Business ‘info for your info’
Karen moved we approve the agenda with this addition. Yvonne C seconded.
Carried.
5. Minutes
Ruth moved we adopt the minutes as circulated. Trudy seconded.
Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. a) Regional Reports

East Central

Orally given by Janet.

North West

The region is planning for the regional show Focus on 4H. On July 7-10 we are moving to a new location so there is extra work in planning this year.

We are setting up to have a spring leaders horsemanship clinic. Clinician and date are still to be set.

Corine Verbeek

South

Due to poor weather and poor driving conditions our meeting that was scheduled for November 19th was postponed twice. We were finally able to meet in Taber on January 4th. We held our reorganizational meeting and held elections. It was brought to everyone’s attention to watch out for the upcoming helmet survey and everyone was encouraged to take the time to fill out their response. Also, I made everyone in our region aware that they are encouraged to burn and share the 4H equine CD’s featuring Muffy Knox. I also brought forward the possibility of a Daniel Stewart Clinic. Our region lost two horse clubs this year. The committee is in the process of organizing and fundraising for our annual Regional Horse Show.

Submitted by Teresa Russian

Calgary

Northwest

On 6th and 7th November 2010, an Advanced Horsemanship Clinic was held at the Cold Lake Agricultural Society Exhibition Grounds (indoor arena). The clinician was Diane Jackson (from Bonnyville) who has successfully raised, trained, and shown horses all her life. She has a passion for horses, and a wealth of knowledge, which she is happy to share with youth. She is familiar with the 4-H program and was happy to be part of the clinic.

There were 5 members who signed up for this clinic. On day one, Group 1 (3 members) rode at 9 – 10:30 and again at 12:30 – 2. Group 2 (2 members) rode at 10:30 – 12 and again at 2 – 3:30.

On day two, Group 2 rode first, Group 1 rode second.

Sincere thanks to the Cold Lake Ag Society who supported this clinic, as there was no arena rental fee. The total cost of this 2-day clinic was \$563.28 (clinic/mileage/meals). There was no charge for the members riding. Stabling was available at \$20/stall/night (responsibility of the member) with bedding available.

All feedback was positive. The members learned lots, and certainly polished their horsemanship skills. Parents' feedback was "I wish I could have her memory card". Anyone who attended (spectators/riders) came away with more knowledge, drills for skills, and a better understanding of advanced horsemanship.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Churko and Karen Allen

West Central

Our meetings have been primarily focussed on preparing for the Regional Show on June 4-6. We have had really high attendance at these meetings. We are in the process of adding a driving and a vaulting demo to the show with the intention of adding classes for these events in the future if there is enough interest.

We have 3 new clubs.

There was a comment from someone in attendance that PELF had too much social business and not enough time to digest what was being taught.

There was a desire for a Train the Trainer event with Muffy Knox.

Amanda Norman (780-352-6333) of Wetaskiwin Light Horse Club wanted to make known a show she is planning for Aug 5, 6 and 7th at Wetaskiwin Agricultural Society. There are open classes as well as 4H classes.

We are also considering a young horse clinic with Rick Anderson.

We made it known about the importance of responding to the helmet survey, the opportunity to send kids to Horse Classic and the Daniel Stewart Clinic.

b) Provincial Council Report

Daphne gave an oral report and submitted the report she presented to Provincial Council in November.

c) YHIP Report

Only 2 people applied so we won't try again.

Janet

d) Standardbred Report

Sherri has 5 kids. There is some difficulty because of a lack of commitment. Support is needed from leaders and it could use promoting at club level.

Feb 5th was track day to which 3 attended. Farm day was cancelled because of a lack of involvement.

Achievement day has not been set. Last year it was in late August.

Janet, Bernie, Laura

e) Horse Classic Report

Haven't given it much thought yet. Need ideas for clinics that would be an hour to an hour and a half long. **Please forward to Janet.**

Janet

f) AEF Report

More mediation is to take place between AEF and EC.

AEF is broke \$80,000.00 deficit. They are trying to balance the budget. They may be raising membership fees. The magazine costs a lot to produce. Perhaps they could sell ads or get sponsors. Looking for ideas to raise money and for feedback.

There was a conference call on Feb 15th. There was some conflict and one of the directors resigned and hung up.

There will be an AGM March 19th in Red Deer. **Email Ken with feedback to take.**

We can use AEF rules rather than EC. These can be found on their website.

They are looking for directors of education and recreation.

Ken

g) Provincial Horse Show Report

It is getting organized. Ginny Smith is helping in the office. The budget had to be revamped so we are looking for sponsors to make up the difference in order to keep up with the prizes.

The English judges are booked. **Please submit some Western judge options.**

Last year's helpers are willing to return. The ring master is coming back. The same announcer is lined up.

There needs to be a proof of project horse submitted with application such as a declaration of mount or a photo copy of the ID form or the horse info page from the record book.

There is a sponsorship form letter available. Email Linda for it.

If regions can send sponsorship please do.

Linda

2. Helmet Survey

Results were tabulated and circulated.

453/1260 responded to the email survey.

A summary report will be posted on the web after Provincial Council has had an opportunity to respond.

Please take you region's results back to your region.

Jimilee has contacted Stacey Price and we are on their agenda. We are slotted for Saturday morning. She would like the names of those coming to put on the agenda. The meeting will be at Battle Lake.

Recommendation:

Karen moved that we make a recommendation to Provincial Council that helmets are mandatory when mounted for levels 1-3 and highly recommended for levels 4-7.

Before voting it was clarified that 2 representatives from each region could vote.

Seconded by Yvonne C.

Defeated.

Ken moved that we make a recommendation to council that helmets are highly recommended for all mounted activities in all levels.

Seconded by Teresa.

Carried

It was agreed that some information for their consideration should accompany the recommendation seeing it seems no one is available to go to the meeting.

Considerations:

- Liability and responsibility – if helmets are mandatory does this make leaders liable?
- Enforcement – who is responsible to see it is enforced?
- Loss of members and leaders
- Anecdotal evidence – contrary to survey

Karen moved to present the motion to Council that if you are unwilling to support PEAC's recommendation our suggestion for implementation is for mandatory helmets for level 1 – 3 mounted with the exception of vaulting.

Corinne seconded.

Carried

Ruth will write up a presentation.

3. a) Leader Assessment Clinic

The clinic was a great success. There were kids to ride all the levels. Muffy was very pleased as this was the first time we have ever had riders who could ride the levels. Our assessments have been accurate.

Everything was done on time on Sunday.

There has been a request for a list of approved assessors.

b) Daniel Stewart Clinic

Daniel Stewart is excited to come. He will charge \$1500/day. He has submitted a schedule for each day with the first day being flat and the second including jumping. The first day will start at 9:45 and the second at 8:45. He would like to have the opportunity to have supper with the auditors and riders on Saturday evening.

We have an arena booked for July 2 and 3 just north of Sylvan Lake, Klondike Victory Farm.

There is an outdoor arena which we hope to use but if necessary we can ride inside.

The arena is \$250 for the 2 days. There is a \$10 haul in fee and they charge \$15 for a stall but you are welcome to use your trailer instead if you like.

There is a camp ground just east of Bentley on Gull Lake. Some campers could stay on the grounds but there would be no hook ups. There is also a brand new Best Western in Sylvan.

Ruth will check for a caterer in the area.

Ruth will provide a write up by tomorrow for the magazine.

4. PEAC Clinic

Muffy originally gave us 2 sets of dates but we took too long and were left with no option. The clinic will be on March 26th and 27th at Lionel Jackson's arena east of Crossfield near Irvine Tack.

There is outside stalling. Hotel rooms are being booked in Crossfield.

Funds from PEAC will be used to cover meals, accommodations, the clinic and stalling. Each member attending will pay \$125.00.

A host is needed to run to town and get lunch, etc. on the Saturday.

Registrations (cheques) are due by March 15th.

Train the Trainer.

There has been a request for a clinic for leaders with Muffy. Muffy will not do a 4-7 clinic until she has done a level 1-3.

We need to find an arena in central Alberta not any farther north than Stony Plain.

Ruth will check to see if we could use the Klondike Victory Farm arena at Sylvan Lake when she has a date.

5. Standardbred Placement Program

The horses are taken from the track and "rehomed". They will take up to 6 kids and provide them with a horse to be responsible for retraining. Expenses are reimbursed and help is offered. The horses are available at no cost. They would have a show in August and after the show the horses are available for sale. The kids can market the horse.

The 4H members must be level 4 or up and a minimum of 12 years old. Record books would be kept. Yvonne C moved that we offer this program in the next 4H year.

Karen seconded.

Carried.

6. Dressage Manual

There have been some issues with computers but the manual is still progressing.

7. Horse Resource CD

They have also been having issues but are still progressing.

8. Mane Event

April 29 – May 1

The Red Deer Lodge has been booked. Each volunteer will receive a pass and a night's accommodation.

Please sign up and take home your reminder sheet.

Lee and Jimilee will take down and bring back the booth.

9. Horsemanship Video Update.

The video will be chaptered, thanks to Canadian 4H Council. 1000 copies will be produced as well as some for our province.

10. The western attire guidelines are outdated. Linda presented some necessary changes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PELF 2012

Schedule:

Shorten speaker Friday evening so that buses return to lodge earlier. Leave by 9:30 back to lodge by 10:00.

No change to Saturday or Sunday.

Friday night social time – Janet and Yvonne Y

Saturday night social time – Corine and Teresa

2. Online Horse Bowl

The college has changed from Olds to Lakeview and this has meant a software change which slowed things down. It cannot be run March 4th but may start March 18th.

3. Info from Janet

Janet circulated handouts from the 'American Youth Horse Council'. We were once a member. They have info on the web that may be valuable. We can share it as is or tweak it and use it.

Please go over it and see if it is useful.

We will go over it at the next meeting.

Alberta Farm Animal Care is having a conference on April 6th and 7th at Red Deer Lodge. There are many speakers on different subjects including the Research Chair from UBC.

4. Is the mini horse and equine project? Yes

Can they do a mini project before level 3? Yes

There is no age limit or level requirements.

Yvonne C adjourned the meeting 3:00 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday, May 18th in Stettler.