

Provincial Equine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

JUNE 3, 2009

Provincial Building, Stettler, AB

Jimilee Chostner called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. 4-H Pledge, introductions and signing of the attendance sheet took place. In attendance for the meeting were: Jimilee Chostner, Bernic McGowan (East Central), Lee Carothers (East Central & Provincial Council), Connie Kluczny, Ruth Maciborski (West Central), Karen Allen (North East), Linda Gooch (Calgary), Beth MacGougan (AEF), Jodee Hawley (Peace), Ken Schmuland (North West), Sherri Hosker (South). Linda Gooch moved that the agenda be adopted as circulated. Seconded by Bernie McGowan. Carried. Karen Allen moved that the minutes be adopted as circulated with the following amendment; under "Provincial Council" report Henry Wiegman is working for the 4-H Foundation, not 4-H Branch. Seconded by Jodee Hawley. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN: Linda Gooch nominated Jimilee Chostner. Seconded by Karen Allen. Bernie nominated Linda Gooch (declined). Nominations requested 3 times. Jodee Hawley moved nominations cease.

Seconded by Ken Schmuland. Carried. **Jimilee is Chairman by acclamation.**

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Ken Schmuland nominated Connie Kluczny. Seconded by Ruth Maciborski.

Nominations requested 3 times. Beth MacGougan moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Linda Gooch. Carried. **Connie Kluczny is Vice-Chairman by acclamation.**

RECORDING SECRETARY: Lee Carothers nominated Ruth Maciborski. Seconded by Linda Gooch.

Nominations requested 3 times. Jodee Hawley moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Connie Kluczny. Carried. **Ruth Maciborski is Recording Secretary by acclamation.**

AEF REPRESENTATIVE: Beth MacGougan gave a brief description of the role of AEF representative, the main purpose of the position is to maintain a communication link between 4-H and AEF.

Ken Schmuland volunteered to be the AEF representative and Jodee Hawley will be the alternate representative.

OLD BUSINESS

1) REPORTS

a) Regional Reports (condensed)

NORTHWEST Completed a equitation clinic with Cheryl Merrie. Region had trouble getting people to go to Muffy Knox's clinic in Olds. Focus is in Drayton Valley on July 3, 4 & 5 showing a good turnout with 131 horses. Working on putting some clinics together for fall. Deb Bennet (anatomy clinic) will be coming to Dave Elliott's on July 21,22 & 23. Call Dave Elliott if you are interested in attending. Ken is working on getting a copy of a DVD about issues a vet has with sport horses in Europe for our committee to review.

PEACE Regional show will be at the end of June in Valleyview. Clubs are wrapping up with achievement days. Some clinics and shows are currently being planned. Jodee has concerns regarding their regional show as classes are still run under age division and not levels. The decision to run the show in this format was made by the leaders and volunteers from clubs. It was felt by the committee that this is an issue that needs to be dealt with in both the Peace and North East regions and we could look at possibly doing some workshops and clinics on the levels.

EAST CENTRAL Have started with their Rodeo's (2 last weekend) 65 members enrolled and June 6 is the next rodeo. Regional show is in July at Cadogan. Completed a polo clinic 2 weeks ago in Stettler. Also had two clinics, one is April and one in May with Dustin on general horsemanship.

CALGARY Just finished 4-H on Parade last weekend with 111 members from 16 clubs participating (down from previous years). Regional show will be in Olds, July 24-26th.

NORTH EAST Had a great year, working on Regional show August 9th in Vermilion. Regional Summer Horse Camp will be held in St. Paul from August 5-8th.

REPORTS (Continued)

SOUTH Getting started now and will run all summer. Regional show will be held August 9-11. There is no learning day planned due to lack of interest.

WEST CENTRAL Completed regional show last weekend with 245 horses and 216 classes.

Planning a regional dressage clinic for October 17(tentative) in the Rimbey area with a morning session on theory and the afternoon session mounted. There is room for 12 riders and open for auditors. Also working on a Level 1-3 and Level 4-7 Clinics for the fall and the committee is looking into some facilities to host these events. There were two training shows (Benalto & Rocky) hosted by clubs in the region.

b) **Provincial Council (Lee)**

March Prov. C. meeting emphasized how important it is to make sure leaders, parents and members are familiar with the project policies. Prov Council would like PEAC to look at policy #6.06 to see if wording can be made clearer. The following will be added to project requirements: "Members wishing to enroll in non-mounted projects are not required to complete the riding assessments Level 1-3 but it is mandatory they complete the un mounted assessments level 1-3. The non mounted projects include, Standardbred, Draft, Minis and Driving". This will take effect in the 09/10 year. The Marketing committee will have a DVD out in the fall, showing members having fun...it is hoped this will get them out to District and beyond in hopes of keeping them involved in 4-H longer. Branch was asked if a club could start up on July 1st as they have kids who are 9 after Jan 1st and they want to ride in the summer. The answer was yes, although they may not participate in the 08/09 activities and must have registration and fees in before operation starts.

c) **Young Horse (Sherri)**

Hosted Ricky Anderson clinic which was fantastic. He was really good with the kids, encouraging them to work and work with each other.

d) **Standardbred (Bernie)**

Have not yet heard of any upcoming events...another track day is supposed to be in planning. Sale is Saturday, Oct 17 in Olds. It has been a tough year for the standardbred industry.

e) **Horse Classic (Janet)**

Deadline was June 1. Currently working on clinics for trail (1st day), saddlebreds & gaited horses (2nd day) and still looking for something for Friday. Renovations are being done to the horse facility at Olds College which means that participants will need to be "moved" from the college to the riding arena.

f) **AEF (Beth)**

Green Certificate program has been approved and will be ready to go for September/09 (go to www.agriculture.alberta.ca/green certificate) for more information. Contacts for the Green Certificate program are Nicole Hornett or Rayleen Mercier. AEF as produced a booklet called "Petite Trot" designed for beginners or people giving lessons to beginning young riders. Cost is \$39.00/set and there is also an instructor's manual for \$8.00. Look for the new AEF publication called "Alberta Bits".

2) **PELF 2010 PLANNING (Feb 19-21, 2010)**

Committee is still looking for a "send them home happy" speaker – possibly Brenda Robinson? It was felt that we could take the last session time on Sunday and put this speaker into that time slot if needed. Session ideas' to be planned for the 2010 PELF are;

CLASSROOM

- 1) Judy Wardrobe – Cost is \$750.00 + mileage for 2 sessions of \$1500.00 for a day clinic (Yvonne)
- 2) Dan Martin – Chiropractor (Ken)
- 3) Kevin Tash – Osteopathy (Ken)
- 4) Wes Kopas & Nathan Neufeld - Ranch Roping (Maintenance Bldg) (Jimilee)
- 5) Tara Gamble – Judges point of view (Ken)
- 6) Horseback Games – Classroom (Jimilee)

CLASSROOM (Continued)

- 7) Horseback Games – Classroom (Jimilee)
- 8) Equine Dentistry – Margaret Roughet (Connie)
- 9) Level 1 Equine Training – classroom
- 10) Equine Parasites – classroom
- 11) Farrier – hooves (maintenance building) (Connie)
- 12) Level 1 Leader Training – General (Janet & Yvonne)
- 13) Drill Team (Ruth – Shadow Riders?)
- 14) Equine Parasites – (?)
- 15) Hosting & Running an equine event (Lee)
- 16) Young Horse Project – Feeds/Care (Yvonne & Janet)
- 17) Aged Horse Nutrition – (Yvonne)
- 18) Available Projects - (split into 2 sessions) (PEAC)
- 19) Record Books – Beth & Linda
- 20) Lesson Planning – Muffy Knox (2 sessions) (Linda)
- 21) Dan Martin – Chiropractor – Maintenance Bldg (Ken)
- 22) Judging (?)

ARENA

- 1) Dave Elliot – (Bits & Biting) Friday Evening
- 2) Muffy Knox - Trail demonstration at the arena (Linda)
- 3) Christine Seidel - Dressage (Ruth)
- 4) Anatomy & Movement – Dave Elliott & Ken Schmuland (Arena)
- 5) Dustin Grimes – Horsemanship/Young Horse (Bernie)
- 6) Dave Elliott & Ken Schmuland – Osteopathy Anatomy & Movement (Ken)
- 7) Ranch Horse/Roping – (?)

SPEAKERS

- SPCA – Don Ferguson (keynote speaker – no longer that 45 minute presentation, possibly ½ hour with Fifteen minutes for questions (Connie)
- Horse Industry Issues (Janet & Yvonne)
- Risk Management (Janet & Yvonne)
- Dave Elliot – Friday evening (Ken)

Organizers are to let Yvonne know what preferences session speakers may/may not have by email.

Committee also discussed what attire committee members would like to wear for PELF and it was felt that hoodies or windshirts (full zip) would be desired. Janet & Yvonne will choose and order some prior to the October meeting. Backpacks were suggested for the delegates attending PELF.

3) Policy #6:06

Project Animals

Council has asked for clarification on this ruling – current ruling reads “Once the member has graduated beyond Horsemanship Levels 1-3, the member can have only one (1) animal per project option (with the exception being the Rodeo project). It was felt we should change rule to read....” with the exception being the Rodeo project OPTION”

4-H Events

Current ruling reads “...members must have completed Horsemanship Level 1, (as certified by their club leader), prior to competing in any *equine Rodeo project events*, and must use an equine for which they have maintained a project record book during the current 4-H year...” Rule is to be changed to read ...” prior to competing in any equine 4-H Rodeo events...”

4) Ride the West (Spokane Trip)

Janet, Lee, Jimilee, Connie & Ruth reported it was a great trip with great clinicians, weather and smaller crowds than the “Mane Event”. They enjoyed sessions on horsemanship, sports psychology, mule training, stock dogs, extreme trail, packing, border patrol, dressage, jumping, reining and others!

5) Provincial Clinics

Equine Leader Level Assessment Clinic, Olds – March 7 & 8th

Linda reported that the clinic was a great success with 38 attending, one half spectators & the other half participating. There was good feedback from the clinic, with people wanting to see more level 1-3 and 4-7 “Train the Trainer” clinics. Due to bad weather (storm) participants need to be emailed to see if they feel they are ready to start assessing members and Muffy Knox will make the decision as to whether they passed and are in fact ready to begin assessing.

6) Tack Training

Janet reported that AEF is willing to work with us on the project and to date, Pony Club still has not made a commitment.

7) Standardized Tack book(s) for Tack Stewards/Leaders & Members

Committee is currently working on the book and will be meeting to continue further works.

8) Level 1 Equine Leader Training

An “Outline” for the proposed leader training was handed out for committee review. Linda felt that we should add the following topics; “Regional & Provincial Opportunities and Options for New Leaders”. Committee members are to review the Leader Training Outline and send any comments or suggestions to Yvonne.

9) Golden Clover Nomination

Corine has talked to Dwayne and is still waiting to hear back from him. Janet will ask him to forward the information to PEAC. Deadline for nomination is in November.

10) Mane Event Booth

Comments received from committee members working in the booth were;

- we need another rack to display books
- leader(s) working in the booth don’t always understand what PEAC is and does
- set up schedule to ensure we always have one PEAC member in the booth working with others so we have “informed” people in the booth at all times.
- put the “PEAC” name somewhere on the booth heading

The cost for the booth is around \$1800.00 which cover the booth, hotel rooms, candy, passes and draws and committee discussed having the booth next year at the mane event.

MOTION: Karen Allen moved that we renew our booth for 2010. Seconded by Jodee Hawley. Carried.

11) AEF Casino Hours

Beth reported that every region as casino hours and has eligibility to apply for regional funds for regional educating events. Information can be found by looking at the AEF website under “Casino”. All original receipts must be turned into AEF for these funds.

12) AEF Proposed By-laws

Beth reported that AEF is not totally against, but would like to see your plans for your associate members.

13) Equine Games (Provincial Horse Event)

Planning is underway for these games in 2010. South & West Central felt they would definitely have interest. North West did not think they would and North East was unsure. Classes at the show would be western pleasure, western horsemanship, trail, jeopardy trail and games. We will check out Olds for a facility to host the games and dates for the show would be July 9-11th, August 6-8th, 13-15th or 20-22nd, with Friday being the move in day and events running Saturday & Sunday, with the potential of people still being at the facility until Monday morning. We will have a maximum of 10 members per region with a maximum of 100 horses. We need to find out how many show rings and how many warm-up rings they have available.

14) Regional Instructors

Linda reported that Muffy is willing to train “Regional Instructors” and felt we should pick out experienced leaders or people that are currently training clubs and are interested in updating. Each region will select members to go for the training which would be two part, the first for level 1-3 and the second for level 4-7. Each region should look around their region to select people to represent their region, ensuring that these people would be willing to go back to their region to teach level training, train & train clinics and also be willing to work with clubs, instructing, assessing, etc. It would be up to each region to supply members for the first clinic. Linda will talk to Muffy about available dates and maximum participants and then find a central location for the clinic.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Project Description for Young Horse – do we want to change it?

A discussion was held with respect to the current definition we have for “Young Horse” which reads “.....not necessarily restricted to a certain “age” of horse, rather it is the amount of training or handling that determines whether you are eligible to take part in the “Young Horse Project”. It was felt that perhaps need to take out all reference to horse beyond “young horse”. Further discussion is required.

NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 3 at 10:30 a.m. in Red Deer at the Hall of Fame Museum (same weekend as the “Supreme”). Accommodation will be provided for one night and it was agreed that rooms would be booked for Saturday night.

Jodee Hawley adjourned the meeting at 3:40. Seconded by Karen Allen. Carried.

* Actionable items are highlighted throughout the minutes