

# Provincial Equine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2011

Stettler, AB

Jimilee called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Pledge, introductions and signing of attendance took place. In attendance were: Jimilee Chostner (EC), Ruth Maciborski (WC), Lee Carothers (EC), Janet Kerr (4-H Office), Yvonne Yaremcio (4-H Office), Connie Kluczny (WC), Karen Allen (NE), Yvonne Churko (NE), Teresa Russian (South), Linda Gooch (Calgary), Mary Lou Tainsh (Calgary), Laurie Fisher (AB Council), Amanda McGregor (NW), Corine Verbeek (NW), Ken Schmuland (NW), Bernard McGowan (EC) and Laura McGowan (EC).

Additions were made to the agenda:

under New Business; steer daubing, info regarding the present virus outbreak, and info regarding regional workshops

under Old Business; American Youth Horse Council resources and a handout regarding Regional workshops.

Yvonne C moved we adopt the agenda with these additions and Corine seconded. Carried.

The covers of the manuals are being changed. Possible pictures were circulated for comments regarding their appropriateness.

Karen moved we adopt the minutes as circulated. Teresa seconded. Carried.

## Old Business

### 1. A. Regional Reports

#### East Central

They have had 2 clinics with Dustin Grams and another scheduled for this weekend. They will have rodeos in June. They are doing a games day in July in Donalda instead of a show.

Given orally by Bernie

#### Northwest

Held our registration for our Regional show which is on July 7-10 in Barrhead.

Registration is up to 133 members. This year we used online registration for Equine

Competition. It works good for horse registration but all projects need to be added to make the registration more complete

Submitted by Corine Verbeek

### Calgary

4-H on parade will be taking place at the Calgary Stampede Grounds May 27-29. There are 144 horses entered for the Horse Show from 17 out of the 21 clubs in the Region. Our Regional Horse Show will take place in Olds on July 23-25. Entries deadline for that show is June 8<sup>th</sup>.

We are planning on hosting an Equine Leader Workshop in the fall as it seems that there are several leaders who are not aware of all of the aspects of how the 4-H Equine program works.

2 clubs held schooling shows in May. Both were well attended by 60-70 members. All members were thankful for the advice given by the judges.

### Northeast

Things are winding down in our region. Some clubs have had Achievement Day and are done until fall.

Regional Horse camp is July 6-9 in Vermillion. Regional Horse Show is June 5<sup>th</sup> in Ranfurly.

Feed back on the helmet rule has been extremely positive. We are not anticipating losing any members due to this change.

Have a great summer.

Submitted by Karen Allen and Yvonne Churko

### West Central

Our Regional meetings have primarily been focussed on preparing for our Regional Show in Red Deer on June 3 – 5. We are booking judges, assigning duties going over the schedule. We are hoping to include a mini driving demo as well as a vaulting demo this year.

We are planning to have a colt starting clinic with Ricky Anderson some time in the fall. We have had two training shows, one at Benalto and one in Rocky Mtn House.

Attendance was up and both shows ran smoothly. It appears that the rider assessments are having an impact on the levels being ridden at the shows with closer classes and more accurate levels.

### B. Provincial Council Report

Daphne brought our recommendation regarding Policy 6.06 to Provincial Council.

An ASTM/SEI or BSI approved equestrian helmet is mandatory for Levels 1-3 when mounted and all participants who are born on or after January 1, 2000 with the exception of vaulting. Helmets are highly recommended for all mounted activities at all other levels. Everyone will be wearing helmets shortly.

Submitted by Laurie

#### C. Standardbred

Sherri is going to have an outing in July where they will be watching the filming of Heartland. The sale date is Sept 24<sup>th</sup> in Olds. The farm tour day was cancelled due to a lack of interest.

Submitted by McGowan's

#### D. Performance Standardbred

Information went out in a package to all equine members regarding re-homing off-track Standardbreds.

#### E. Horse Classic

Janet is looking for 3 clinic ideas for 1-1 ½ hour sessions. It may be a good place to promote the Performance Standardbred project.

Mounted games, side saddle, drill team....

#### F. AEF

March 19<sup>th</sup> was their annual general meeting. Not many registered so they cancelled. They have new directors. At this time they say that 4-H is not among the directors. They say that 4-H hasn't paid their membership fee. There was a clerical error where the funds were recorded wrong and we are not considered members. Ken will be provided with proof of membership so that he can go to the meetings. AEF is working out how to handle the conflict with EC. It is going to arbitration. AEF is still struggling financially.

#### G. Provincial Horse Show

Plans for the Provincial 4-H Horse Show are well underway. Ginny Smith, 4-H Program Assistant for the Southern Region, is our 4-H Staff assistant for this show. The 4-H Foundation is in the process of securing sponsorship for us. However, because they are getting us the money, our budget has been cut back quite a bit, so we are going to have to watch our expenses carefully.

We have almost all of our judges in place. Our English and Jumping judge is Klaren Jarvie. Nancy Purkis is the Dressage and Handy Horse judge. I am just waiting confirmation from Vickie Holst for our Western and Reining judge, and have a couple of calls out for our Trail judge.

We will be following the same schedule as last year – English on Tuesday, Western on Wednesday and Gymkhana on Thursday.

We are offering the same classes as last year with the addition of a Jr. Horse Handy Horse class.

All of the information and entry forms have been distributed by mail (except for the class list) and are also available on the website (including the class list).

We have already purchased some prizes and are collecting more as we go.

All of the PEAC volunteers who helped out last year have confirmed again for this year (THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!) as well as our ring master, our recorder and our announcer.

I have contacted Erin Keim to see if she would be available for our English Tack Steward and if anyone has any other suggestions, I would appreciate it.

Rooms are booked at the Best Western for judges and the Concession trailer has been booked.

Electronic timers are booked, numbers are ordered, ribbons are ordered.

We tried to get Digital Sports Photography to come for pictures, but they think they are booked at that time.

I think that is it for now.

Linda

Suggestion: Action Sports Photography

A Sharper Image – Advertised in Alberta Bits

Janet will be sending everyone involved in equine projects a link for the Provincial Horse Show.

## 2. Policy 6.06

How is Alberta Council putting the message out?

There needs to be some communication regarding what it means when we send out the policy – in the magazine, fall mail outs, web site, email blast, horse committee meetings, leaders package.

Provincial Council set the policy and so we are looking to them for how to present this. Do they have a communication process? What would PC like us to address? It's not adequate to just send out the policy. What about guidelines on helmet use?

We need to communicate:

1. How to access a helmet?
2. How to ensure a fit?
3. Who enforces the policy?
4. How do you decide what is an acceptable helmet?
5. What is acceptable for a helmet?
6. What does the policy mean?

7. What is the leader(s) liable for?
8. List of people who are good on helmet fit, etc.

Please forward any other questions for Provincial Council to Laurie Fisher.

### 3. Provincial Clinics

#### a) Equine Leader 'Train the Trainer'

Muffy is booked for Oct 15th and 16<sup>th</sup> for a level 1-3 Train the Trainer clinic. This will help leaders learn how to work with kids in those levels.

#### b) Ride Right Clinic with Daniel Stewart

The information and forms have been sent out. We have received 6 rider applications and 2 spectators.

There was some debate regarding whether level 3's should have been invited seeing they cannot participate in the jumping project until level 4. Also, the information could have been geared more toward the spectators rather than mostly to the riders.

### 4. PEAC Clinic

It had to be rescheduled due to snow. It has been rebooked for Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, a Saturday and Sunday. We will attempt to go back to Lionel Jackson's by Crossfield. This clinic will deplete the PEAC fund collected through the silent auction and raffle at PELF.

The consensus was to go ahead with this clinic.

### 5. Mane Event

This year's Mane Event was April 29<sup>th</sup> till May 1<sup>st</sup>. Next year will be April 27<sup>th</sup> till 29<sup>th</sup>. The game was a big hit. It would be good to display the horsemanship dvd. The event cost over \$2000 including rooms and tickets for everyone. The consensus was that it is a good opportunity to advertise and worth doing again next year.

### 6. Horsemanship Video Update

Currently there are 1000 more dvd's ordered to distribute across Canada. It has now been chaptered. They will be distributed to clubs in the fall in the mail out.

### 7. Online Horse Bowl

Janet has not had a chance to go over the results yet.

### 8. PELF 2012 Feb 10-12

Dave Elliot is not available to speak.

Bernie has spoken to Nathan Nuefeld and Lee Creasey for ranch roping.

Connie will contact a helmet fitter.

The arena sessions are planned with a Ranch Roping, Muffy clinic, Judges Perspective and a Ken session as well as a halter session.

A polocross display could go downstairs.

A Performance Saddlebred display could also go downstairs.

It would be useful to play the horsemanship dvd during registration so that everyone is exposed to it. Also display the flow chart.

Ruth will contact Rebekah Rasmussen regarding a session to do with Chiro and massage.

If you have ideas for a person who could do a session on conditioning let Yvonne know.

Ken will contact Charlie Briggs regarding a session on lameness.

Ken will see if Vic Bennett is available for Saturday.

Connie will contact someone for rider fitness.

Yvonne will contact Carol Martin for a nutrition session.

Present the 'New Leader Workshop' as a 'New Equine Leader' workshop. Linda, Jimilee and Connie will work on this workshop.

Linda and Connie will do a Record Book session on Sunday morning.

Include a round table discussion for commonly asked horse questions on specific topics.

Linda will contact Ron Anderson for a session on Horse Appraisals.

We are still looking for ideas for 2 more classroom sessions. Contact Yvonne Y with suggestions.

Friday night: a 2 hour session with Muffy doing level 1-3

Yvonne Y will contact Muffy. (also have her do a lesson planning session)

Sunday morning: Laurie Davis, looking for humor and leaving everyone on a high.

Ruth will contact her to see what she would charge.

Saturday evening meal speaker: Yvonne will contact the SPCA replacement who came last year.

There was a consensus to scrap the sharing fair, keep the silent auction and tack swap.

## 9. American Youth Horse Council Handouts

At the last meeting Janet handed out some information for our consideration. The folded brochure repeats the other handout. The handout has some useful, basic information and so it was decided to send it out with the fall mail out.

## 10. Regional Horse Workshops

Yvonne handed out information. Funding is in place, \$500 annually from Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

These clinics are open to senior members who instruct other members as well as horse project leaders within the region.

We must send a proposal at least 2 months in advance and if approved then we will receive the funding and banners.

After the workshop, within 6 weeks, we must send a final report. If we fail to submit a final report we will be ineligible to receive funding the next year.

## New Business

### 1. Young Horse/Green Horse

The wording is wrong in the Young Horse Manual.

Young – weanling to 2 yr old

Green –

We need to decide where the lines are so that there is direction. We could make the present manual a young horse book and tweak the definition in the beginning of the book.

We would then need a separate 'Green Horse' book.

The committee (Trudy, Kim and Jodee) will tweak the present book. Young, green and junior horse need to be clearly defined. This will be included in each manual.

The 'Green Horse' project needs its own set of assessments but not a whole new manual as the same methods apply.

Ken will supply Linda with feedback.

Ken will work on assessments for the 'Green Horse' to be reviewed.

Bring to October meeting.

This will be available fall 2012.

### 2. Election of Officers

Nominations for Chair:

Bernie nominated Connie

Connie accepted

Jimilee called for more nominations

Yvonne C moved nominations cease

Connie is Chairman by acclimation

Nominations for Vice Chair:

Karen nominated Linda

Linda declined

Lee nominated Yvonne C  
Yvonne accepted  
Jimilee called for more nominations  
Karen moved nominations cease  
Yvonne is Vice Chair by acclamation

Nominations for Secretary:  
Yvonne nominated Karen  
Karen accepted  
Jimilee called for more nominations  
Linda moved nominations cease  
Yvonne is Secretary by acclamation

Nominations for AEF representative:  
Karen nominated Ken  
Ken accepted  
Jimilee called for more nominations  
Corine moved nominations cease  
Ken is AEF rep by acclamation

### 3. Steer Daubing

Calgary Stampede has sent a request to add steer daubing to the 4-H events for 2011 and has sent rules for review.  
Should we support this event at all?  
Vote held: yes

There has been some controversy regarding inexperienced hazers possibly making this a dangerous activity.

Of the two choices in the rules that were sent the first would have the rodeo committee provide a hazer and the second would have the contestant be responsible for providing their own hazer.

Should we support the rule involving the rodeo committee supplying an experienced hazer?

Vote held: yes

We need to supply assessments as well as rules for this event. Our acceptance can go back to Calgary but they need to come up with assessments. Then it needs to come back to us and go through Provincial Council. We don't meet again until October so it won't be accomplished this year.



Teresa moved that we approve the rules recommended by the Stampede Committee with the choice of experienced hazer and that we go back to the Stampede Committee to provide assessments before we can approve it and send it to Provincial Council.

Mary Lou seconded.

#### 4. Equine Virus Update

Janet supplied a bulletin that was sent to horse owners from the Government of Alberta Chief Provincial Veterinarian regarding the Neurotropic Equine Herpes Virus -1 (nEHV-1). It included precautions that should be taken as well as how to monitor your horse.

This will be distributed through AEF and other industries also.

Yvonne adjourned the meeting at 2:17.

The next meeting is Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in Stettler.