

Meeting of Provincial Equine Advisory Committee, May 13, 2014  
Stettler, AB

Present: Corrine Verbeek (NW), Amanda McGregor (NW), Andy Pittman (prov Council), Bruce Banks (Foundation), Bernie McGowan (EC), Laurie Fisher (Peace), Leslie Clay (NE), Tina Finch (Peace), Marguerite Stark (AB Govt), Yvonne Churko (NE), Connie Kluczny (WC), Lori Stuart(WC), Marylou Tainsh (Calgary), Linda Gooch (Calgary) Teresa Russian (South), Shelley Glatt (Calgary), Janet Kerr (Branch), Yvonne Yaremicio (4H)

Brought to order at 10:35am by Teresa

Tina led the pledge

Introductions

Presentation of gift to Connie as past chair of the council.

Moving some agenda items (Jonathan field and workshops to bottom)

Added foundation report as #7 on reports

Agenda approved, Yvonne C/Corrine carried

Minutes had been circulated. Jimilee moved to adopt as circulated/Yvonne C. Carried

Regional Reports

West Central - attached

North East - discussed upcoming horse camp, no report provided

Calgary - attached

Peace - attached

East Central - attached

Northwest - attached

South - attached

Teresa's report on Provincial Council's Regional Gathering - attached

4H Council Liaison Report

Youth Advisory Council - open to applications 18-20 year old members

Summer Equine Program

Information is on the calendar of events, attach basic tentative scheduling.

Horse members will not be eligible for Synergy scholarships, but will be invited to participate in Multi judging and social events etc.

Registration will be available right away, deadline for registration will be June 15. Program cost \$60, then add on meals and accommodations. Camping will be available also. Stalling is 20/ day at college, including shavings. Stalling at ag society is \$60 for weekend, includes first shavings. Will be showing in the college arena (Shirley McLellan Arena).

Question was brought up, what's the draw to bring people in this year. Janet replied it's to show off projects, and to participate in the other events, judging, etc, and the social events with Synergy.

Question was 'if we don't have enough for numbers will Synergy consider us viable for next year'. Janet did not know and it was suggested that we need to bring this up with Synergy.

Question was asked 'who's running the program and who's working the program'. Janet will be branch support, summer staff, and volunteers, some from the committee.

Once we become a full part re PEAC will need to send someone to the Synergy meetings.

Question was asked what the cancellation level will be, Janet thinks 30 participants.

It was mentioned that there is only horses being used for the Wednesday. Denver points will be from slides/quiz, Judging, possibly Multi judging.

Mentioned having a qualifying show.

This is the first year, so lots of tweaking will occur going forward from this year.

#### 4. PELF 2014

Successful conference, but very down in numbers.

Sheets were circulated

Dates for 2016 - suggested maybe to change to the weekend of the 5-6-7 of February. Second choice being Feb 19-20-21 2016

#### 5. Mane Event

Attendance seemed lower this year.

Do we continue next year?

Went through way less candy.

Discussed what kind of contacts made. Said that the contacts that were made were good ones, but questions is it worth repeating?

Booth costs 420 and that includes ten single day gate admissions. Also paid for are passes and hotel rooms.

Bruce mentioned that there may be a grant available to cover the booth costs.

Tina inquired if Peace leaders who aren't on PEAC could work the booth. It was mentioned that yes they could especially if paired with the PEAC.

Mentioned that the exposure is very valuable.

Friday 5 shifts, Saturday 5 shifts, Sunday 3 shifts.

Agreed to go again for next year. Maybe some adjustment for the booth for next year. Perhaps to make a focus on 4H being a youth program.

Yvonne C moved to have the booth at Mane event again/Bernie seconded Carried

#### 6. 4H Branch

Mark Shand has permanently left as provincial programs - Katelyn Strang is the new permanent staff member.

2017 planning is continuing - working on activities and ideas for 100th anniversary. Some kind of equine showcase at Big Bash. August long weekend at Calgary stampede grounds. PEAC will be asked to give guidance.

4H staff have been looking at leadership training.  
Rural leadership program coming up.

Summer staff are mostly in place, working on summer programming.

Early bird rate for summer camps is this Friday.

Equine project numbers sheet for our information.

Marguerite thanked PEAC for their time and dedication spent toward developing an excellent equine program.

#### 7 Foundation report

Bruce Banks - thanked PEAC.

Bruce asked if the regional clinic sponsorship grants are enough going forward as he is aware that things are becoming more expensive

Mentioned that the thank you's the kids send are very appreciated.

Send in applications sooner so that the money and banners can be available at the appropriate times.

Thanked Yvonne for the work she does organizing the sponsorship events.

Regional sponsorship is 300/species/region (horse/beef/sheep). For leadership training. This is an annual.

Funding dollars can be split up, but recognition should be from one program.

Can apply for sponsorship for promotion and education programming

Not every region has been accessing the sponsorship funding.

Mentioned that foundation would like to EFT the money and get the banners to the events.  
The foundation can and will put stuff on the sponsorship banners for the events (eg names, logos etc)

Break for lunch.

OLD BUSINESS

Bit Poster - was passed around. Discussed the spade bit and gag bit being automatically disqualified. Spade bit would possibly be allowable only for level 4-7 and with a special test for use.

Mentioned that the point of this poster was to inform those who are less knowledgeable when they are buying bits for a 4H member and that those who are more knowledgeable will know on their own.

Corinne mentioned that there are no guidelines for gag bits, which is a major concern.

Consensus is to leave it as it is with spades and gag bits.

Was mentioned to add 'no chain mouthpieces' which would have before been covered by 'no more than three piece mouthpiece'

Mentioned that should clarify that there are no chain chinstraps allowed on a western snaffle.

Will change wording to completely leather chinstrap.

Mentioned that we add nylon to the leather when saying that a chain chinstrap must have leather on each end.

Adding 'chain curbstrap on a kimberwick must lay flat'

Mentioned that the photo of the Pelham bit might not follow the purchase to shank ratio.

Yvonne C says to remember we need to keep this simple, as it's for basic information for the less knowledgeable.

Removing the pint and the photo about lip straps.

Leslie mentioned that if we don't allow converters, we should take out the part where it says a Pelham can be used with only one rein. This will be moved to more confirmation, as this originally came from Kippy who is knowledgeable in the English disciplines.

Yvonne C mentioned to add a date/revision number so we know if they're current.

Also adding the 4H office number on for more information.

Will also check English use of Baucher bits.

Edits will be done and sent to PEAC

Once edits are done, this will be sent out to all the horse clubs. This may not get sent out until the fall start up package.

## 2 Provincial Judging Clinic

November 2013

Leaders etc learned to judge western disciplines.

Classroom sessions and arena sessions. Got to judge classes and see where they placed against the instructor.

Trail was scheduled for the Sunday, and was cancelled as the weather was very bad

Was mentioned that we should recognize Tim Belec for all his assistance at the Lakedell facility Moved to use PEAC funds by Shelley to purchase Tim a gift in the amount of \$100 to show our gratitude for his help over the years/ Yvonne C seconded Carried.

## 3 Policies 6.06 and 7.05 update

6.06 is now 6.08. Discussed the intention of the policy. Will remove vaulting as an equine project option. Will also remove vaulting from the helmet ruling governing equine projects.

Added the example of horsemanship 4-7 English or western as two horses in a project.

Discussion on '4H members must be responsible for providing the major part of the feeding, care, and management for their animals.'  
perhaps change 'must be' to 'are expected to'

Discussed tranquilizers section. Are there any more drugs that should be added (eg. Bute, Banamine)

Policy 7.05 now called 6.09. Rodeo project

The additions were approved.

Adding team roping back to the list of approved.

4 Horse Owners and Breeders conference

Amanda reported, said it was very informational. "Where is the horse industry going" was a good session. Market is 'single professional women' and 'Grandparents'. Discussed a session on 'pigeon fever' and one on 'West Nile'. A lot of people to network with. Also have a trade show and informational booths. Saddle fitting, session by a Paralympic athlete  
January 9-11 2015

5 Horse reference manual update

Green certificate is also updating their information. They're going to partner with the two and make sure the information is the same across the board.

Will be looking at permissions for the photos and a consistent voice.

Experts were provided for their sections of the book (nutritionists, vets, riding instructors) that have been provided by PEAC in the past.

a draft will be provided to PEAC for review. The book will be on the shelves for October 2015.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1 Record Books

Discussing how to do record books for one horse in two projects. The basic minimum was provided by Janet. There is mentioned on page 2 what to add also.

This also may be different depending on the record book competition per region.

When discussing two horses two projects, they do one full and complete record book for each horse.

Will clarify within the 4H staff what qualifies as a record book for diary points.

### 2 Horse Show Project

Calgary region would like 'Horse Show' to be registered as a project. If so, it needs to have assessments. There was a previous project (c.1997) which has outdated online project resources.

Discussion on project resources - revision of what's existing?

Marguerite mentioned that moving forward that members should register as COP - Horse showing, and if enough register for it, then they can track how many members are taking this as a project, which will let them know if there's enough members to develop resources.

Janet will look into finding the older online project for updating.

Marguerite says to anticipate this being an option for 2015-16, and not before.

## 5 meeting dates and locations

October 21, 2014

Teresa mentioned that for BAC dates and locations move around. They do a tour for one of their meetings. Mentioned that we used to do that as well, but it wasn't overly effective at that time. This is something to consider for planning future meetings.

Also mentioned that maybe to have a meeting on a weekend, to help regions get reps to come.

## 6. Role and purpose of PEAC

Branch's expectations of PEAC - this was the first project advisory committee (1993). Sees PEAC as a resource to help the branch meet their objectives for creating programming and resources. Also advisory to council regarding equine policy.

Discussion of the new equine program and how it follows with PEAC.

Discussion of a provincial rule book, Marguerite mentions that if we cannot come to a consensus at this table, they cannot use our advice, can't pick one side over another.

Discussion of the announcement of the new equine program at PELF

Tina was wondering what the job of the PEAC representative is - having difficulty finding that space in the Peace. Didn't realize at the PEAC reps could call a meeting of horse leaders.

Discussion of the cancellation of the horse show, and Marguerite spoke to the discussions with the branch trying to make the show meet the objectives of the Branch.

## 7 Jonathan Field September 20-21, 2014

Possible PEAC event. 2 day pass (10 or more) \$65 each. Hotel rooms and meals. Held at the Agrium Western Events Center. Deadline to commit to tickets - May 20th. Yvonne will look after the hotel, asking for someone to book a social event. Tina moved to use this as a PEAC teambuilding and educational event, with Yvonne to look after purchasing tickets. Yvonne C seconded.

8 workshops/ Clinics

English judging clinic? Are there other clinics that we need to offer provincially?

Assessment clinics? Took a year off. Looking at different areas to have one. Considering having one in northwest. Possibly one in the north and one in the south. Researching the idea of having a combination train the trainer and assessment clinic. For the spring.

English judging clinic, was suggested after the western judging clinic last fall. Tentative dates for the end of October at Lakedell. October 24-26.

PEAC meeting would move to October 24, the Friday at 12 noon at the 4H Center. Followed by the clinic. Looking for resource people for English judging.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Recording secretary

Corrine nominates Shelley - Yvonne moves nominations cease, Tina seconds, Shelley is secretary.

Vice Chair

Connie nominates Amanda McGregor, Yvonne moves nominations cease, Amanda is vice chair

Adjourned at 4:05

# West Central Report – May 13, 2014

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- 1) Since our last meeting we have had three meetings held Jan 21, Feb 18 & April 23. These meetings were held mostly in part to plan and organize our upcoming Regional Horse Show to be held May 30, 31 & June 1 @ the Westerner Grounds in Red Deer. We will run the show and classes pretty much the same as last year with the addition of “handy horse” classes. The Westerner will not have tent “C” or “D” repaired in time for our show so we are stalling some horses in the old “barns” and coping with fewer tack stalls for each of the participating clubs. We have 259 stalls available and about 245 horses coming in again and anticipate a great show.
- 2) A committee has been working on updating our rules for regional horse shows and we have circulated copies of our new rule booklet to all leaders to distribute to their member’s (we have copies for committee to review).
- 3) We are trying to acknowledge all the support we have received from the “Westerner” over the past 35 years and have chosen to thank them in the following manners; place an ad in the Red Deer papers, present them with a plaque for display, encourage each club to send hand written cards & have a 4-H flag present @ regional show & have our members sign it & present it to the “Westerner” staff.
- 4) We will be looking at an increase in our cost for the grounds next year.
- 5) We have had three shows hosted by clubs in our region; April 19 – Show Prep Clinic hosted by the Westaskiwin Club, May 4 - Pre Regional Show hosted by Shadow Riders was postponed to May 25 due to snow and May 10 - Leslieville Trail Trotters hosted a Warm up Show at the Rocky Rodeo Grounds which turned out to be a nasty, windy, snow flurry day resulting in the cancellation of the “games” scheduled for the last part of the day. Hoping for better weather at our regional show!
- 6) We hosted a “Tack Workshop” clinic Lacombe on January 18 where we had Kippy Maitland-Smith & Leslie Ozlie come in and spend a few hours going over English & western tack explaining what is recommended, allowed and not allowed in the two disciplines. We had a Q & A session after each discipline was explained and received great feedback from those participating. The clinic was enjoyed by 40 or so members, parents and leaders.
- 7) We have no immediate clinics planned for the summer, but our long term plan is to host one in the fall or winter based on feedback we receive from our leaders at our meeting in June following the regional show. Previously, we hosted a “trail judging” informational clinic to educate leaders and members on what a trail judge is looking for in each obstacle and how he scores them & the “tack workshop” in January.

Submitted by: Connie Kluczny  
W.C. Rep



# Calgary Regional Report.

Busy winter with 4-H members involved with Senior Members Conference, Public speaking, selections and various other activities. Regional Council is busy planning for 4-H on Parade May 29 - June 1 at Calgary Stampede. Very excited to be the first show in the new Stampede Arena Agrium Western Event Center (AWEC). Our show has been increased to 3 days. Horses moving in Thursday showing English Friday, Jeopardy Trail and Horse Bowl Saturday, Showmanship and Western on Sunday. Looking forward to a great show. Midnight express is putting on a Schooling show May 25 in Airdrie. Also planning our Regional show July 25-27 at Olds. Adding some classes for all levels English Showmanship and Handy Horse. as well adding some level 4-7 project classes, Jumping, Reining and Gymkhana extra classes. Anticipating a great show!

Peace Region

Year is close to End.

since last meeting had train to trainer  
besides that it has been really quiet.

Laurie Fisher

Tina Finch

*hicks*

East Central Report. May 13, 2014

Coming up this weekend May 16 to 19 is the Grandma Shirley's Horse Camp. There are 35 4-H members registered for this camp, held at Donalds Arena. Show on May 19, Monday

The East Central Rodeo Circuit starts on May 31, June 1 at Gooseberry Lake,  
June 7 & 8 at Stettler Rodeo Grounds  
June 14 & 15 at Halkirk Rodeo Grounds  
July 12 & 13 at Tees Ag Grounds

2 District Shows clinic for region  
April 19 May 10, 16 people

PLASMA CUTTING - SAW CUTTING - FLAME CUTTING  
SHEARING - BRAKING - FABRICATION

# Northwest Regional Report

The Northwest Region is gearing up for another Focus on 4-H July 3rd to 6th, 2014. in Mayerthorpe. Registration closes May 15th, 2014. The Focus horse show offers Western classes on Friday, English on Saturday, Trail and Gymkhana on Sunday.

We are planning another Horse Play for November 1st, 2014. Expecting a great turn out again. The day will consist of dismounted theory, a guest speaker and a variety of dismounted games.

Planning an advanced Showmanship Clinic with fitting, nutrition, attire, setup, working the quarter method and pattern work for leaders and senior members.

Amanda McGregor  
Corine Verbeek

Southern Alberta Regional 4-H Light Horse Committee  
Report submitted by Teresa Russian

The Southern Regional 4-H Light Horse Committee met on April 15, 2014.

The committee is busy with final planning of our Regional Horse Show which is taking place August 10-13 at the Claresholm Agriplex.

The committee is pleased to inform PEAC that the two representatives from the South who attended the Judging workshop last November have both volunteered to fill two of our three judging assignments for our Regional Show this year.

The South Region had quite a discussion on Horse Show Rules. It would be nice to have a consistent set of rules for the province to follow regarding tack and bits (especially difficult when referring to "recommended Guidelines")

The committee also discussed their scholarship criteria and made some changes. It was felt that with the uncertainty and lack of information with regards to the Provincial Equine Program this late in the year they would exclude the requirement for attending a Provincial Equine Event.

Frank Crooks from Medicine Hat was elected by the committee to represent the south as an alternate PEAC representative.

The Committee meets again in August at our Horse Show.

Regional Gathering 2014  
4-H Council of Alberta  
March 29, 2014  
Submitted by Teresa Russian

I felt privileged to accept an invitation, as President of PEAC, to attend the 4-H Council of Alberta's Regional Gathering.

We arrived at the 4-H center the evening of March 28<sup>th</sup>. The evening was met with situating ourselves in our rooms and gathering for some social time prior to a fantastic meal. As always the meals at the 4-H center are fabulous!

Saturday following, breakfast attendees were provided with several short yet meaningful sessions;

- 4-H Council History
- Council Initiatives
- Canadian 4-H Council
- Communication
- Succession Planning
- Nonprofit/volunteers sector statistics
- Cracker Barrel Q & A

I found the sessions to be very enlightening and the information was both interesting and relevant.

There were plenty of opportunities to network and socialize with the different committee members and Regional Councils from throughout the province allowing everyone to get to know one another intimately in this smaller setting.

Networking with so many different, yet like-minded and interesting people from the different Regions helped me gain insight as to how unique we are and how deep our passions run for the 4-H program. The experience was inspiring! I'm sure we were all able to take away many different ideas and learn from one another.

Council members were gracious hosts and hospitality at the 4-H Center flows endlessly. I am hopeful that Council will continue to make this an annual event. I would highly recommend you take advantage of the opportunity to attend this event should you be invited, you will not be disappointed!