

Provincial Equine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2010

Sports Hall of Fame, Red Deer

Jimilee Chostner called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

4H pledge, introductions and signing attendance sheet took place. In attendance were: Mary Lou Tainsh (Calgary), Stacey Harrison (West Central), Jimilee Chostner (East Central, Chair), Janet Kerr (4-H Office), Ken Schmuland (Northwest), Corine Verbeek (Northwest), Anita Beaudin (Calgary), Linda Gooch (Calgary), Trudy Andrew (South), Sherri Hosker (South), Yvonne Yaremicio (4-H Office), Jodee Hawley (Peace), Kim Lawrence (East Central), Karen Allen (North East), Lee Carothers (Provincial Council), Laura McGowan (East Central), Bernard McGowan (East Central) and Ruth Maciborski (West Central).

Additions were made to the agenda (Policy 606, Golden Clover Award, Suggestions for PEAC clinic at PELF), it was then moved by Linda Gooch that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Karen. Carried.

Corine Verbeek moved the minutes be adopted as circulated with the following correction: Northeast's Regional Show was held in Vermillion and hosted by St Paul. Seconded by Sherri Hosker. Carried.

Old Business

1. Reports

A) Regional Reports

West Central: We had a slow summer. Are gearing up for a dressage clinic and looking forward to a level 1-3 and 4-7 clinic in the future.

East Central: Had a good turn out for the rodeos. 37 kids at achievement day. Collected 40+ prizes. Kids had fun.

Northeast: We had Regional Horse Camp in Vermilion, August 5-8. We had 61 4-H'ers and horses! St Paul did an excellent job organizing our camp. We had everything from groundwork and natural horsemanship to working cowhorse to jumping and dressage. Our regional horse show was held Aug 9 and we had 26 members attend.

Peace: Valleyview horse show had a decent turn out. Had a quiet summer. Fairview horse club has possibly folded.

South: Regional Horse Show was held August 9-12th with 110 members attending. All reports are very positive and it ran very smoothly. There was an issue with the cattle events as people volunteered to do it and then did not step up to the plate in the end. The events were cancelled. We are right in the middle of our record book competition with 7 of the 10 districts represented. We have a \$500.00 horse scholarship recipient, but their name has not been given out.

Calgary: Quiet summer. Regional Show was July 24-26 in Olds with 180 kids. Planning a train the trainer in Millarville in Oct.

Northwest: A slow summer. Regional Show was in July. 125 riders at a new facility-Drayton Valley. Good Show. Planning a leadership workshop in the fall. October 15th is record book competition.

B) Provincial Council (Lee)

Lee was unable to attend the meeting in person so this report is taken from the minutes she received.

WPCA – There have been some concerns about this program so it has been suggested it be put on hold for the next season. Susann is to take the concerns to Foundation for a decision.

There was a motion to have Regional reps talk to the Regions about the age policy: is it ok or should it be changed. Consistent questions were to be asked by Sept 1st 2009 to see what grassroots felt.

November 4th is the National Wear Green Day.

Next meeting is in November.

C) Young Horse

Achievement day had 9 of 12 yearling and 7 of 10 two yr olds present. Judges were positive and helpful. Payouts from \$125 to \$325 from a \$225 investment. Kids should be reminded that record books count in their dollar amount.

D) Standardbred

Achievement day will be Oct 16th in Olds on the Friday night with a show all day Saturday the 17th. At noon there will be a buyer lunch and the sale at 4pm. We had 5 kids in the program last year. The breeders give the foals to the kids to work with. The kids have their expenses paid and receive a percentage of the sale price.

E) Horse Classic

It was held at the end of July in Olds. There were 90 members involved. A team was chosen to go to Denver. There was a clinic on trail with Todd Bailey, a saddlebred and saddle seat clinic which was very impressive and a mounted shooting clinic on the last day. We had a good variety of clinics and they were enjoyed.

F) AEF

Ken couldn't make the Sept meeting.

Dixie sent a report to make us aware the AEF is planning a competition circuit for the province designed for grass root competitors which will include 4-H members if they choose to participate. It is based on an "open show" concept. Participants will not need to pay any more fees other than being an AEF member and the regular show fees. They will provide provincially recognized officials. The circuit is not finalized yet. We welcome any questions and feedback. It will have classes from Western, English, Driving, Jumping, Gymkhana, Reining, etc.

2. PELF 2010 Planning

Registration will be from 4:30 till 5:30 on Friday evening.

There is not enough room for a trade show and tack swap so the trade show has been scrapped and the tack swap will be kept. Connie will oversee the tack swap.

We will have a silent auction. Sherri will organize this.

There will be a sharing fair. Corine will take care of this.

Friday evening there will be a social time with nothing organized. On Saturday evening there will be a social time with a table activity organized by Corine.

Janet will take care of a presentation regarding Horse Classic.

Ken will contact someone from AEF for a session.

Arena sessions are all established. It was clarified that the Horsemanship session was about how to teach it. There were concerns expressed about the expectations of Judy Wardrope. Sherri moved we have Judy Wardrope back. Jodi seconded. Defeated.

Ken will talk to Deb Bennet about coming to do a session on conformation.

Jimilee will contact someone regarding Ranch Roping and if they are not available Stacey Harrison will contact someone.

Yvonne will contact Ruth Fowler regarding drill team.

We will have one session not two on available projects given by Lee and Karen.

Janet will contact someone to do a session on Equine parasites and health.

Janet and Yvonne will organize the Level 1 Leader Training.

Yvonne will contact Susann about doing session on Judging.

Beth and Linda will do a session on Record Books.

It was suggested that the Horse Nutrition session could include "feeding in a drought".
Contact Yvonne ASAP regarding speakers and when they are available.

We reviewed the Schedule of Events making an adjustment to Friday evening. In order to make it not such a late evening, Dave Elliot will begin at 7:00 instead of 7:30 and the bus will leave a half hour earlier also.

Jackets were provided to be tried on. We will have our names on the sleeves.

3. Committee Training Opportunity

Janet notified everyone that there is funding available for training PEAC members. We could have a training session on Friday afternoon since everyone will be coming anyway.

4. Review of PEAC Vision

What possible projects could be worked on?

Jimilee will implement a "horseless horse project" for those who cannot own a horse, keeping track of how it goes. She intends to use the same record books. She will get back to us with her results.

There is a need to update the Dressage project book. Ruth will approach Christina Seidel to review it for us. Linda and Kim will continue to edit the booklet on "Introduction to Horse Showing" including tack.

5. Provincial Clinics

Linda has spoken with Muffy who is willing to do training of leaders and coaches. We hope to get going in the spring. There was concern expressed about those being mentored becoming "certified" and then merchandizing their knowledge. Each region needs to come forward with 2 names. To be eligible they need to:

- have experience with the 4-H level system
- already be instructing
- be willing to provide training
- be credible
- work well with kids

Linda will talk to Muffy to establish dates and a place for this clinic and for more assessment clinics.

Trudy and Sheri will write up an ad including the qualifications and expectations of applicants.

Stacey Harrison informed us that Central Alberta Cutting Association has had a clinic with working cow horse, cutting and cow handling for youth and are interested in 4-H involvement. The youth paid \$55 last year for the clinic. Would PEAC be willing to help get their info out? We will know more after PELF. We would need to follow the magazine deadline.

6. Standardized Tack

The long version and the short version will go on the web site.

7. Tack Training

No more info.

8. Level 1 Equine Training

West Central has one planned for Nov 28th in Lacombe. It is open to everyone. Hoping to start with lunch and go all

afternoon. Janet will find a place. It is an intro session for new equine leaders. If you are going to do one in your area please let Yvonne know.

9. Mane Event Booth

It is booked for April 23-25, 2010. There will be 3 hour shifts again with a PEAC member in the booth at all times. Members working in the booth will be offered a night accommodation and a wrist band for the weekend. There will be a sign up sheet at PELF.

10. Equine Games

These would be in place of the previous AEF games. Linda has checked with Olds for availability and found that their weekends are booked so if we were to use those facilities it would have to be during the week. It would be for levels 4-7 with a limited number coming from each region. Perhaps a limited number per level, per event, per region. Each region would have to have their own qualifications.

A committee was organized to write up a proposal including dates, classes and a budget. The committee includes; Linda, Lee, Sherri and Stacey.

Stacey will also check into the facilities at Thorsby and Drayton Valley.

Janet will check into Red Deer's facilities.

11. Regional Instructors

Muffy clinics.

12. Young Horse Definition

Are 5 & 6 year old horses that are unhandled really "young horses". The manual will be changed removing the sentence: "However, this project is 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." on page 1.

13. Policy #6:06

There was clarification that when you reach level 4 you can have more than one project horse. This should be made clear in the level 1 training.

Also, one horse can be in more than one club as long as it is in 2 different projects.

14. Golden Clover

Nomination of Muffy, Dixie and Linda or the PEAC committee.

It was felt that nominations should come from outside the group if the committee was to be nominated.

Corine will do as she sees fit. If you know of someone who appreciates the video and/or resources, letters must be sent in, dated and signed before Nov 1st.

New Business

1. Suggestions for PEAC Clinic at PELF

Much discussion but no conclusions. At PELF we will consider more dates and opportunities.

Janet will look into going to Edmonton to visit Standardbreds.

Send any suggestions to Yvonne for opportunities PEAC members could take advantage of on the Friday afternoon of PELF.

Deadline for PELF registration is Jan 15th.

2. Meeting Dates:

Jan 28th 8:00pm Conference call

Wed, May 19th 10:30am in Stettler

Sat, Oct 2nd 10:30am in Red Deer

3. Adjournment

Anita moved meeting adjourn at 3:15pm.