

**Minutes of the
PEAC MEETING
Okotoks - September 6, 2008**

Called to order at 9 am.

In attendance - Ken Schmuland (NW), Pamela French & Kippy Maitland-Smith (WC), Bonnie Ridley & Jodee Hawley (Peace), Dixie Crowson & Trudy Andrews (South), Linda Gooch, MaryLou Tainsh & Anita Beaudin (Calgary), Lee Carothers (Provincial Council and EC) & Beth MacGougan (AEF and EC) and Yvonne Yaremco & Ashley Eckel (4-H Office) and Jimilee Costner (Chair).

Agenda Additions

Horse Slaughter and Actionable Items from previous meeting.

Lee/Dixie **moved and seconded** the adoption of the agenda as amended. Carried.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Pam/Kippy **moved and seconded** the adoption of the previous minutes as circulated. Carried.

Handouts

- Buck Brannaman Clinic - High River, November 15 & 16,
- PEAC Contact list,
- Horse Classic Report,
- YHIP Report
- WC Regional Report
- Handout of Vision Planning '06

Regional Reports (Condensed)

WEST CENTRAL- celebrated 25 years at Regionals. 205 members/17 clubs/ 245 horses/190 classes. Day 1 - Showmanship and English, Day 2 - Young Horse & Western & Day 3 - Fun Day

PEACE- #s dropping drastically. 2 Reg. shows -Bench, Crafts and Fun (cancelled by low interest) and Horse & Heifer Show - Aside from regular classes, had Showmanship Swap class - members had 5 minutes to teach each other how to show the other species, then judged.

SOUTH- Summer camp involvement sparked interest in 4-Hers who were thinking of leaving. Elkwater camp held despite bad weather. Regionals -120 entries, lots of Level 2,3&4, but down in 5/6 and some accidents. English interest growing. Issue of members attending functions while still indebted from prior events won't be able to compete. Cactus Country Rodeo, Medicine Hat (Aug) had only 20 and steer riding was cancelled. South kids enjoyed Horse Classic. Regional record book competition again. Requests for Ring and Tack Steward Clinic (possible instructor - Richard Smith from BC - contact Ginny).

CALGARY- 4-H on Parade - 8-900 members/1000 projects/150 horses. Regionals - 180 riders, LOTS of new riders (85 Level 1&2) Jess Hartung, leader, instructed Showmanship & Patterns Clinic 1st night - Good! Provincial Rodeo next weekend. Working new Stampede Casino -Feb.

NORTHWEST - Focus on 4-H early July, numbers down. At Northlands had 212, but cost \$70-80,000, now at Mayerthorpe, \$2500 - had 84 members (72 last year). Hard to get leaders to COMMIT to clinics. Had Dave Elliott Bit clinic and offered free to ALL members and leaders - only attended by Ken's club. Another planned for April.

****Ken brought forth the concern that when consumers go to purchase a bit at a tack store (eg. Lammles), they are often given the incorrect information, due to the salesperson's lack of knowledge - needs to be addressed.***

EAST CENTRAL- 22 at Regionals, but horse members down. 3 Rodeo Circuit still strong (75?).

**Observations from Regional Reports – 4-H NATIONALLY is declining. Discussion held regarding starting kids younger. Also New Focus needed - How to attract members AND leaders and get them to commit to clinics and learning????

Young Horse Incentive Program

Suggestions - Record Book figures for feeds, etc. are unrealistic - get Club leaders more involved by marking at club level (not faxed in as now) - will also take pressure off YHIP committee. Circulate (to leaders) information regarding achievement day expectations and perhaps develop quarterly assessments to be checked off, ensuring progress. Have information day early in the year (especially for weanlings). Members and leaders need more information regarding nutrition, health, and handling. Also, need dates set a year beginning, so they commit. Suggestion - form a YHIP Facebook?? Jodee and MaryLou join the YHIP committee of Larry, Beth, Kym Lawrence and Shirley Woods(?). Provincial clinic needed!!

Standardbred Project

Achievement Day is Thanksgiving in Edmonton. Do Standardbreds have to have Level 3 MOUNTED??

Dixie/Kippy **moved and seconded** "Members wishing to enroll in non-mounted projects are not required to complete Level 1, 2 or 3 Mounted Assessments, but it is mandatory that they have completed the Dismounted Assessments in Horsemanship Levels 1, 2 and 3".

Discussion noted that non-mounted projects are those such as Draft, Standardbred, Miniatures and Driving. Carried.

Horse Classic

Entries down - 76 members and 49 adult volunteers. All Denver delegates are from West Central. Cancelled illustrated talks. Trouble finding horses for Judging. Judged same 4 horses in Halter, Showmanship and Pleasure. Suggested check AEF contact list for horses close to Olds. REMINDER (for the records) *In HC Judging, all horses are to be considered SOUND.* Suggested to ADVERTISE clinics. Clinic topics needed - Ruth Fowler, Drill Teams suggested. Kippy has contacts for Vaulting, Dressage and Endurance - will forward to Ashley.

AEF Report

New AEF website (Search bar, Event Calendar, News, Forms/Site Registration) - contains information on all items below. Address remains www.albertaequestrian.com.

AEF has teamed with AVMA, AFAC, SPCA and Horse Industry to form the "Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada" to ensure a high standard of welfare for the horse and provide a unified voice across Canada. AEF's Chair, Dixie Crowson has been nominated to represent Alberta as the Spokesperson Trainee for Horse Welfare (seminar in Regina Sept 11/12). Booklet available to all "Humane Handling Guidelines for Horses" - contact AEF, AFAC or Horse Industry.

Casino Funding - is doubled. Groups are eligible for up to \$1000 and Individuals for \$500 IF they have worked at an AEF event (trade shows, casinos, etc). If not, amounts are ½. Individuals applying must be members and groups must at least be affiliate members (like 4-H).

Bio-Security - continues to be an ongoing concern to limit the spread of illness. Take precautions and care when transporting horses to and from events.

Competitions Coordinator for South Calgary position advertised - details on web.

Animal Health Technologists Conference - Sept. 19-21 at Capri, Red Deer - \$375. Topics include mare and foal programs, equine respiratory disease, horse acupuncture and chiropractic.

Equine Thermography Course - Calgary, October 26-30. Phone 250-579-7677

Black Pony Club Mare Stolen from Okotoks in August is still missing.

AEF Strategic Planning Session set for October 24-26.

Live Outside the Box Program for Kids 10-14. Phone 1-877AEF INFO or 403-253-4411

HORSE RACING ALBERTA PROMOTION - Beth had talked to the Horse Racing Alberta booth at Spruce. They hope to reach out to 4-H and youth clubs, invite them to spend the day at the track, etc. Anyone interested should contact Theresa Sealy (Assistant to Manager of Backstretch Programs) Phone 403-540-8707 or 1-888-553-7223 or email tsealy@thehorses.com

4-H Magazine

Deadlines are February 27, July 27 and October 24

Review of Vision

Visions '06 were reviewed. Education and Training remains top priority by identifying leader needs (especially new) and then providing training. Need for Assessment Clinics remains.

Contact List for TnT Clinic Instructors -

Muffy Knox, Keoma - 403-935-4356

Ken Schmuland, Sherwood Park - 780-449-0749

Marvin Amlin, Tofield - 780-662-0052

Leslie Oszli, Bowden - 403-224-3964

Lorna Malmberg, Carseland - 403-934-2871?

Kippy Maitland-Smith, Rocky Mountain House - 403-845-4864

VIDEO was one priority. Update - *VERY* close to distribution (within month??). 1375 copies for across Canada, goes first to Sponsors, Riders, PEAC members and one per Alberta Club (along with laminated copy of Assessments). Remainder of CD s will NOT be sold, as some funding was acquired through grant.

Budget was over, (just under \$37,000). Reproduction costs will be covered by Canadian Council - \$11 per set (4 discs). Disc 1 - Groundwork and Arena Etiquette and Discs 2,3 & 4 - Levels 1-6. Revisions to Level Assessments will be added to the posters and also posted on the website.

PROMOTION - The 4-H magazine remains our major source of distribution of information. Deadlines are February 27, July 27 and October 24. PEAC rep is still needed - Linda offered to try. Also hope to team with AEF for promotion.

UPDATED LIST FOR HORSE ACTIVITIES (as per Vision)

Young Horse Incentive Program - Larry, Beth, Kym, Jodee, Mary Lou, Shirley?

Standard bred - Daphne?

Horse Classic - Jimilee, Lee?, Kym?

PELF - whole committee

Draft Horse - Perhaps Olds Club?

AEF - Beth, Pam, Dixie, Kippy and Ken

Correspondent - Linda

Develop Level I Equine Training - (Develop Outline, Workshop Package, etc. via email) - Ken, Jodee, Kippy, Pam, Jimilee, Linda and Trudy

Road Trip

Yvonne explored 2 options - Chilliwack and Spokane, both \$150 per person. ** Noted that Spokane would need a passport.

Kippy/Mary Lou **moved and seconded** that a road trip be taken to Spokane. Carried. Yvonne will make arrangements. Reply deadline is March 15th to Yvonne (intent and money, with cheque payable to the Alberta 4-H Foundation included).

Minimum of 10 spots available, depending on the vehicle. First priority given to the 2 Elected Reps from each region, positions of Chair, Secretary, Past Chair, Provincial Council and AEF Reps and Regional Alternates. If there are spaces left over, then it will be opened up to others. Jodee will check with High Prairie Coach lines (approx. \$1.10 per km.)

Liability Information

Attached are two "Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability" example forms that were obtained from Capri Insurance and are used by AEF (one for Minors and one for Adults).

Provincial Clinics

Financial allowance available for up to 3 Provincial Clinics per year. Definitely is a need for another Assessment Clinic and also a Young Horse Clinic.

Young Horse (Proposed details) -

Intent - Leader Training - learning how to help members with Young Horse Projects

NOVEMBER 22 & 23 - Saturday and Sunday to early afternoon

PARTICIPANTS - all leaders, YHIP participants with yearlings in '07/8 program to be asked to bring horses, new registrants in '08/9 strongly encouraged to attend (with horses???), parents and interested spectators

LOCATION - must include arena (heated), roundpen, stabling and accommodation (reasonably close). MaryLou will check out Olds, Jimilee - Stettler and Dixie - Delburne

INSTRUCTORS suggested - Ken (handling), Dr. Larry Frischke (health and vaccinations), Olds College Farriers (hoof care - handling and trimming), Olds College Instructor attending PELF (nutrition), Beth & Lee?? - (record books).

Details (including above, as well as cost to participants and spectators) are to be in to Yvonne by September 19th !!!

TNT Evaluation Assessments Clinic - Muffy's available dates - October 25/6, or November 1/2, or November 15/16. One of these to replace the East Central Regional TnT she has had to cancel twice. Discussion - fall is too rushed to get info out, have to push for her show schedule to see when she is available in spring.

The PELF weekend in February is MOST suitable, (or March). Agreement that we pursue a Prov. Assessment Clinic with Muffy Knox in early spring of 2009. Details to be decided.

Regional Assessment Clinic for EC is tentatively planned for Nov 15/16 (pending arrangements).

Judge's List

Yvonne will compile once she has more information from PEAC. Judges MUST sign the form allowing their names to be distributed (get from Yvonne).

Tack Guidelines

Meeting date for a committee, made up of one rep per region should be set to compile a guideline. The committee of Kippy, Bonnie, Jimilee, Ken, MaryLou, Pam and Dixie (and a NE rep) will meet briefly following the meeting.

Drill Team

Ruth Fowler has indicated that she WILL help to develop information on Drill Teams on the website if needed. Janet purchased an excellent book "US Equestrian Drill Team Manual", approximately \$35. It covers how to get started, 165 maneuvers, articles on teams, etc. To purchase, send a request and check for \$25.00 to Gary Bonner @ P.O. Box 1333 Van, Texas 75790 (as per info in book)

4-H Application to AEF for Funding

Extensive discussion regarding the request of AEF Casino Funding by 4-H organizations. Consensus was that the activity should be of an educational nature.

Lee/ Jodee **moved and seconded** the following policy - "Each region must work an AEF activity (or designate someone on their behalf) in order to apply for funding for their proposed activity. Funding should be applied for through their Region, and then passed on to the AEF with the region's recommendations. Maximum funding will be decided by AEF." Carried.

New Business

4-H/Pony Club/Polocrosse Alberta Equestrian Summer Games

Is there enough interest to host in August of 2009? Proposed location would likely be Central Alberta. Reps to take back to regions and reply at next meeting. If interested, need volunteers to make it a success.

Horse Slaughter

Dixie reported that slaughter opponents (activists) are working on a bill to shut down slaughter in Canada, as was done in US. Reps are to take issue back to their regions and find out -"What 4-H adults opinion is on the slaughter????" and make sure they are informed. A publication, through AEF, is available and very informative - "Humane Handling Guidelines for Horses". The activists' website (to check out their distorted info) is defendhorsescanada.org.

Next Meetings

2009 DATES – Tuesday, February 17, Tuesday June 3rd, and Saturday October 3rd (in conjunction with Cow Horse Supreme). Times to be determined later.

Dixie adjourned the meeting at 3:10.