



COR BITS

Feedback is Welcome ... Please send comments or suggestions to [Bob Inglis](#), COR Communications Chair.

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OEF Grant

Congratulations to Helen Heft, our OEF Rep, and all the people who helped with the 2005 grant application. The photo shows our 2006 Regional Chair, Debi Robertson, being presented with a cheque for \$2,028 at the OEF Annual General Meeting. That is the fourth largest amount given out to anyone. Many thanks to the Ministry of Health Promotion and the OEF for their support of Pony Club in general and the Central Ontario Region in particular.



Keep Those Cards and Letters Coming

Or at least, those Branch rules & regulations. Just a reminder, those of you who do not have their own Branch rules & regulations approved by the Regional Committee as of April 1 get to use the CPC template. The CPC template may be just fine with you, but you should at least be aware of some of its restrictions, as described below by Crawford Dales, recently retired Chair of the CPC Governance Committee, and the man largely responsible for drafting the template.

For example:

- All Branch Executive Committees will become ONLY the DC, ADC, Secretary, and Treasurer and those 4 will be the ONLY ONES who are covered by the Directors and Officers Liability insurance and will be the ONLY ONES in the branch who have the authority to make or vote on all decisions except those at Branch General Meetings (which are only for elections and removal of officers).
- All branch cheques will need to be signed by 2 persons who shall be any 2 of the DC, Treasurer, or another person selected by the (possibly reduced) Branch Executive Committee. If this does not correspond to the branch's current banking policy, there could be problems up to and including loss of access to the branch bank account.
- Voting rights at branch general meetings and elections shall be as described in the default branch R&R's. Some branches may want something different.

- And lots more.

As of February 21, four days before the second-to-last meeting of the Regional Committee before April 1, a grand total of two (2) Branches have provided draft rules & regulations to the Rules & Regulations Committee.

None of us - including your faithful Editor - got involved in Pony Club because administrivia is our favourite sport. But it is necessary. Any organization that wants liability insurance - or to avoid existing is a state of permanent chaos, for that matter - has to establish a framework of rules. People at the national level spent hours and hours trying to come up with a model for Branches that would fit most of their needs. But one size rarely fits all ("One size fits all" is right up there with "The dog ate my homework" in the Golden Book of Great Big Fibs), so Branches really do need to make sure they are not getting set to wear shoes that pinch.

Branch News

Many thanks to King Pony Club for the CD of its "2005 in Review" and "Awards Banquet" PowerPoint slide shows.