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Prince Phillip Games

The Board has passed a motion supporting the return of the annual rotation for International Pony Club Mounted Games Exchange. The 2008 exchange will be hosted by Australia.

Canada will host in 2009 as part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations (Calgary)

Testing Update

A Committee has been formed to look at setting up a Stable Management Stream for testing for all levels of Pony Club. Members can continue to progress through the Stable Management side and be credited for their achievements. Details will be submitted by the Committee at the AGM in April.

Across Canada Exchange (ACE)

A Committee has been formed to look at the possibility of running an informal exchange program between branches in different parts of the country. Up to four members of a branch at a time would spend time with another branch. Members would be billeted with PC families from the hosting branch.

PC Officials

A Committee has also been formed to look at the possibility of developing our own officials due to changes implemented by Equine Canada.

Fundraising Calendar

Regions should submit pictures for the 2010 calendar at the SAM in November 2008.

Rockwell Princess Elizabeth Trophy

Please take a few moments to review the virtual trophy on the CPC website to ensure all our "A" graduates are represented.

75th Anniversary

Branches, along with our region should start thinking about any local celebrations they may wish to have in 2009 to celebrate and budget accordingly. We need to determine how many youth from our region would go to the Conference in Toronto and how much support we would offer them. We also need to determine a selection process for determining who would go. A special coming events list will be available eventually for all Anniversary celebrations on the National website.

If any branches still have not submitted a history, please send to National office A.S.A.P

Membership Fees

National Membership fees will increase from \$55 to \$65 in 2009, mainly due to declining membership across the country.

Canadian Pony Club "Re-branding"

Over the last few years we have seen a steady decline in our membership numbers across the country. In 2008 the National Board will be looking at ways to "re-brand" Pony Club in Canada.

The Stable Management testing stream is one way we are trying to appeal to a broader range of youth across Canada.

If anyone has any other ideas; please feel free to email me. Please keep in mind we have limited financial resources .

Respectfully,

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