

**Manitoba Pony Club
Regional Meeting
January 11, 2009**

Fair Board Office, Portage la Prairie 11:00 AM

Minutes

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
John called the meeting to order at 11:15. He welcomed everyone and presented a new DC pin to Linda Zimmerman, Mars Hill District Commissioner.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 1, 2008.**
 - **Motion:** Maria Berry/Sarah Read
That we accept the minutes from Nov. 1, 2008 as circulated. Cd.
- 3. Items from Executive Actions**
 - 3.1 Show Jumping – date set for Sept. 3-5, 2009 at Birds Hill Park
 - 3.2 Insurance – insurance forms sent to National
- 4. National Director's Report – Lori Leverington (Attached)**
 - 4.1 Update on Centers
- 5. Financial Reports – Lesley Wishart**
 - 5.1 Year End Financial Report 2008
 - **Motion:** Lori Leverington/Maria Berry
That we leave formal acceptance of the 2008 Financial Report until the April Meeting as there are still some outstanding items. Cd.
 - 5.2 Budget 2009
 - **Motion:** Lisa Taylor/Debbie Wood
That we accept the following pieces of the budget: Attached
 - 5.3 Budgeting for 2009 75th Anniversary
 - **Motion:** Sarah Read/Maria Berry
Motion from John's Report (Attached)
 - **Motion:** Sarah Read\Susan Wilson
That we defer approval of this motion until a special meeting has been held to discuss raising funds to cover the costs.. Cd.
 - 5.4 Budgeting for National Championships
 - **Motion:** Helene/Sarah – see sheet defeated
 - **Motion:** Sarah Read/Helene Savard
A budget of \$3000 be allocated to the 5 disciplines to assist in covering the cost of the entry fees for National Championships, prorated equally among qualified entries. Cd.
- 6. Benefit Show – Helene Savard**
Need each branch to provide volunteers to do certain areas.
Various people will approach various tack shops to get a quote on 12 blankets and 12 saddle pads.
- 7. Corporate Sponsorship – Lori Leverington/Dianna Fraser/Randy Tye**
Working on sponsorship for camp. \$500 for a barn or a ring. \$800 for a ring and a barn.
\$200 for a friend of PC. One donation for \$200 has already been received.

8. Discipline Reports

- 8.1 Dressage – Helene Savard (Attached)
- **Motion:** Lisa Taylor/Maria Berry
That the top scorer from each level from either 2007 or 2008 be sent to the 2009 National Dressage Championships. Cd.
 - **Motion:** Val Crowe/Sarah Read
That for the Dressage Championships for 2009, if a member can not attend the Benefit Show due to attending another CPC Championship, they may submit marks from an EC sanctioned show using the same judge as the Benefit Show. Opposed: Helene Savard, Cheryl Wishart, Debbie Wood, Dianna Fraser
- 8.2 Education – Karen McLean (Attached)
A/B Evaluation – July 23/24
Offering winter clinics.
- 8.3 Rally – Lisa Taylor
Lisa has resigned as of January 11, 2009.
Discussed new team format. We will go with mixed level teams for this year.
Dianna was voted in as Rally Chair.
Val has offered to update the Rally Rules.
- 8.4 PPG –
- **Motion:** Linda Zimmerman/Karen MacLean
That Susan Wilson take over as PPG Chair. Cd.
Westman Playday May 2nd at Willville
Eastman Date – TBA
 - **Motion:** Susan Wilson/Linda Zimmerman
That we accept two PPG play days for MPC in 2009.
- 8.5 Quiz – Maria Berry (Attached)
Affiliates at National Quiz
- **Motion:** Maria Berry/Lori Leverington
That we support our affiliate members to National Championships to the same amount as we support the active members to that championship. Opposed: Dianna Fraser, Barb Bradley, Sarah Read. Cd.
- 8.6 Show Jumping – Cheryl Wishart (Attached)
Series of 6 weekend SH clinics has been planned for 2009. Dates and locations TBA.
National Show Jumping – we need horses and billets. Deb Moehring has agree to organize the food. John Moehring has offered to host the welcome supper on Thursday evening. Jan Stephens and Marg Teske will judge. We have approached Eric to Course Design but are still waiting for an answer.
- 8.7 Testing – Dianna Fraser/Val Crowe
Examiners Clinic – April 10
Location –Wishart's/Portage, Canad Inn
Regional Testing – August 22-23
- 8.8 Tetrathlon – Sarah Read (Attached)
July 5 Tetrathlon clinic Mordha
Clarified the qualifications for National Tetrathlon.
Congratulations to Caroline Sims who is going to represent Manitoba at the Junior Air Pistol National Championships in Toronto in February.

9. Other Reports

- 9.1 Membership – Barb Bradley
91 members plus a few more to come
Please make sure everyone gets their MHC forms and fees in by Feb. 15.
- 9.2 Communications/Web Site – Maria Setterbom
Congratulations on updated web site and very good newsletter.
March 23 deadline for next newsletter.
- 9.3 Youth – Stephanie Sawatzky & Caroline Sims (Attached.)
Having trouble getting response from Westman branches.
Have a dance after the dinner, while adults have their meeting
Want all clubs to have a rep.
- 9.4 Camp – Barb Bradley
61 stalls available 52 people have expressed interest, so it appears that camp will be full. Get your applications in early.

Camp 2010 – we must choose the location at the April Meeting. If anyone wants to present a proposal, please let Val know so that it can be distributed prior to the meeting.
- 9.5 Senior Prep Clinic – Val Crowe & Dianna Fraser
August 19-21 followed immediately by testing. Open first to C1 and above who are testing, then C1 and above who are not testing, then C's. If there is room, we will allow D2's. Clinician Jackie Allen from Nova Scotia.
- 9.6 Awards Banquet 2009 – need a chair
- 9.7 Horse Council – Marilyn Funk
Council of Clubs Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 17. Marilyn will be our rep.

10. Other Business

- 8.1 Club Participation Competition – John Moehring
➤ **Motion:** Maria Berry/Sarah Read
Manitoba Region of Canadian Pony Club encourages the active participation of all its members in all Regional activities normal to Pony Club, to foster friendships and educational opportunities.

To recognize the participation of Branches in Regional activities, effective January 1, 2009, the Manitoba Region will implement the **Annual Branch Participation Award** to be awarded at the Manitoba Region Annual Awards Banquet. The award will consist of an Annual Trophy to be kept by the Branch for one year, Branch picture provided by Branch to be posted on a Virtual Trophy on the Manitoba Regional page, and a credit for supplies from the CPC supply list in the amount of \$3.00 per current year registered members.

Points will be awarded for participation in Regional **Sanctioned** events and clinics. Events and clinics are considered to be sanctioned if they are presented at a Regional Committee meeting, approved by the Regional Committee and recorded in the Regional Committee meeting minutes prior to the date of the activity. Placing points will only be awarded for Pony Club divisions, restricted to Pony Club members only, for which results are provided by the event organizer. Cd.

See the attached report for more details.

11. Next Meeting

Sunday, April 19, Portage la Prairie Fair Board Office 11:00 Pot Luck Lunch.

12. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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Attendance List**

Position	Name	Alternate	Present
Regional Chair	John Moehring		✓
Regional Vice Chair/Dressage/NH DC	Helene Savard		✓
Treasurer	Leslie Wishart		✓
Secretary /VC	Val Crowe		✓
Membership Secretary	Barb Bradley		✓
Baldur DC/National Director	Lori Leverington		✓
Baldur ADC /VC/Testing/Rally	Dianna Lee Fraser		✓
Brandon DC	Barb McConnell		Regrets
Brandon ADC	Terry Klassen		A
Mars Hill DC	Linda Zimmerman		✓
Mars Hill ADC	Tammy Johnston		A
North Hill ADC/Communications	Maria Setterbom		✓
Portage DC	Tim Klassen		✓
Portage ADC	Monique Rutbeek		✓
Prairie Valley DC	Elizabeth Sims		✓
Prairie Valley ADC	Wendy Brownlie		A
Quarry Ridge DC /Education	Karen MacLean		✓
Quarry Ridge ADC/PPG	Susan Wilson		✓
Quiz Chair/Deputy Director	Maria Berry		✓
Red River DC	Cheryl Heming		✓
Red River ADC	Wanda Hicks		A
Show Jumping	Cheryl Wishart		✓
Tetrathlon Chair	Sarah Read		✓
Youth Rep East	Stephanie Sawatzky		Regrets
Youth Rep West	Caroline Sims		Regrets
Windy Plains DC	Lisa Taylor		✓
Windy Plains ADC	Debbie Wood		✓
Bingo Rep	Harry Crawley		A

National Director's Report January 2009

submitted by Lori Leverington

75th Anniversary

- Ride for 75 - distances can be backdated to April 2008
- New Items available from supplies : 75th anniversary Pin (\$5), 75th anniversary Horse Brass (\$10) , original history book (\$20)
- each active member will receive a newsletter & 75th anniversary badge in the mail shortly.
- CPC is setting up 14 scholarships; one per region and one for affiliates in memory of Sandra Silcox.

National Election Results

National Chairs:

Dressage - Sherry Jackson

Tetrathlon - Sue Eagleson

Rally - Lynn Morris

Education - Bev Hewitt

Active Member Director West - Casey Leroux

Finance - Nancy Hibbert

Vice Chair - Cathy Miller

Management Committee: John Moehring, Cathy Miller, Nancy Hibbert, Kasia Miedzinski, Lori Leverington

Affiliates

Show Jumping and Dressage will now offer special classes for affiliates in addition to Quiz.

Affiliate members who graduate out of Pony Club at age 25 will receive a certificate of recognition. As a result a 15 year member pin has been introduced.

New Requirements for International Teams

A new cover letter has been designed to go in with applications . The requirements include PC and PSO memberships at time of application and the year of the exchange.

Applicants must also have a valid passport that is valid for 6 months after the end of the tour.

Members should also keep track of National/International Activities for future applications

Communications

Discipline Chairs or Hosts of National Championships should submit results immediately following the event to Liz Inglis - National Communication Chair. Liz submits press releases to several magazines and publications.

This is positive for our Brand recognition if some of our results are published.

Regional Communication Chairs are also reminded to forward anything they feel is news worthy for Press Releases to Liz as well.

Test Levels

The pilot in 2008 of the Stable Management stream proved to be very popular. 2009 will be the official launch year for the program. The new designations will be full levels from D - A and partial levels from DSM to HA and RA.

Disks are only given out for full level completion and HA, RA.

General Membership

- National Membership will increase by \$5 in 2010 and an additional \$5 in 2011 due to decreasing membership across the country.

- The National Board has spent considerable time discussing why memberships has been steadily dropping and how we can increase it.
The Stable Management Stream was one such initiative.
Please promote Pony Club whenever possible. IE. school newsletters, sports registration nights etc. We need to get our membership up.
- Clubs are reminded that members do not need a horse to join Pony Club and members should not be turned away for this reason.
- Clubs should be using the CPC website as a reference for new members. The site contains valuable information on how Pony Club operates as well as information on the various disciplines and activities of Pony Club.
- Please remember to issue Child Fitness Tax Receipts for membership fees. The receipts are available under downloads.
- Deadline for Governor General Scholarships for 2009 is July.
- Members must apply for their EC coach level within 1 year of achieving their "A" designation.

Centre Memberships

I would like everyone to take some time before our meeting on Sunday to think how this concept might affect your branch in particular.

The US & UK Pony clubs are currently offering this program and the Canadian Board thinks it is worth looking at for Canada.

I have included a discussion paper on how the centers would possibly work. There was much discussion on it at our SAM in November and it was decided that we needed some input from the Regional Level before any decisions were made.

What is a Pony Club Riding Center?

The purpose of the CPC Riding Center Program is to make the CPC membership and educational curriculum available to entry-level equestrian families. Specifically, it is to allow Pony Club participation to young people (under the age of 21) who are interested in learning to ride and learn about the care of horses and ponies, and who do not own or have access to horses or ponies.

A Pony Club Riding Center is a legal entity (i.e., stable) providing mounted and unmounted instruction consistent with the established curriculum of The Canadian Pony Club.

The facility may offer the Pony Club curriculum in addition to its normal lesson/training business. Riding Center Pony Club members will participate in Pony Club activities organized by the Riding Center, the local region or clubs, or another Riding Center. Testing for the Riding Center Pony Club member would be the same as those for a regular Pony Club member, and all rating levels will be possible for the Riding Center Pony Club member. The amount charged for Pony Club lessons and ratings is determined by the Riding Center.

The facility will be visited by a CPC Area Coordinator, and if found to have an appropriate facility, the administrative capacity to teach the required curriculum, and is accepted by CPC, it is awarded Riding Center status. The CPC Area Coordinator will interface with CPC, help with the Riding Center's startup, and answer questions the Riding Center may have about operations. The Area Coordinator will re-visit the Riding Center periodically and is available for advice and assistance whenever necessary.

What Must a Facility Offer to be Considered?

The basic requirements that must be met in order for a facility to be considered for participation in the Riding Center Program are:

- 1 Capability to offer the core disciplines of Dressage, Show Jumping, and Eventing. Centers are

encouraged to offer opportunities in all three disciplines but is accepted that all facilities may not be able to offer training in all three disciplines.

- 2 Ability to administer the Pony Club program.
- 3 Ability to provide proof of insurance with the following minimum conditions:
 - o Limit of Liability per occurrence \$2,000,000 (minimum)
 - o Broad Form Property Damage
 - o Bodily Injury including Participants - Limit per activity \$2,000,000 (minimum)
 - o Cross Liability

 - o Non-owned Automobile

 - o Tenants Legal Liability - Limit \$1,000,000.
 - o Additional Insureds with respect to Liability arising out of the operations of the named insured are Canadian Pony Club (CPC) and it's affiliate Regional and local clubs, CPC Officials, Stewards, Course Designers, Volunteers
 - o Waiver of subrogation clause against Canadian Pony Club
- 4 Able to produce and maintain a minimum of five Pony Club members.
- 5 Provide instruction and practices that are in line with Pony Club.

What are the Benefits of the CPC Riding Center Program?

The facility will benefit by advertising the Pony Club Riding Center Program and capitalizing on the worldwide name recognition and reputation of excellence of "Pony Club." This may lead to increased enrollment and retention of students, and these select stables may charge a premium for the Pony Club lesson program. In addition, Riding Centers are listed in Pony Club publications and on the CPC Web site, and are included with clubs in the referral of potential members. Center members can compete in all Regional Shows and Championships.

Standardized Proven Curriculum

Standards of Proficiency – CPC has established Standards of Proficiency within the framework of the International Pony Club movement as the curriculum for a program of instruction and testing of its members. This educational program is designed to guide youngsters from the most rudimentary ability to lead a pony/horse through progressively higher levels of Stable Management and equestrian skill. It also provides a testing system for recognizing achievement as the youth masters the Standards.

Rider level equivalency with EC

C2's equivalent to new Rider 6

B's equivalent to new Rider 8

A's equivalent to Learn to Teach, Mentoring, Evaluation and the Assessment or exam, providing an EC Course Conductor was on the panel. Must apply within one year of achieving their full A.

Achievement Badges – This program was designed to develop a sense of achievement in between ratings for members working at all levels, especially D and C. It also gives instructors another tool to teach basic knowledge of horse care and riding skills. It is available for participation by all Pony Club members. There are currently over 40 badges available including riding, stable management and Regional, National and International achievements.

Insurance:

Qualified and approved Centers may be able to acquire discounted insurance policy from the CPC Insurer.

How Do Individuals Become Members?

Clients of the Riding Center, under 21 years of age may join The Canadian Pony Club as a Pony Club member. There are special circumstances that may allow member between 21 and 25 to join. Contact the National Office for criteria and restrictions. The recognized Riding Center will give the potential member a CPC Pony Club membership application. This application will be completed and returned to the Riding Center with the appropriate fee. For 2009, the National fee is \$65.00. The Riding Center will forward the CPC membership form and fee to the CPC National Office. Pony Club members must also be a member of the PSO in the province in which they reside. A photocopy of

the membership card must accompany the PC application. The membership will be valid and general liability insurance coverage in place when the completed application and fees are received at the CPC National Office. The Riding Center membership will run thru the end of the calendar year. Upon receipt of the membership form and fee at the CPC National Office, the individual new member will be sent a packet consisting of:

- 1 Parent's Guide
- 2 Parent's Code of Conduct
- 3 Pony Club Passport
- 4 CPC Membership Card
- 5 Supply Order Form
- 6 A welcome letter from the National Chair

What is the Process to Become a Riding Center?

To become a CPC Riding Center, the owner/operator of the facility must fill out the Application for Consideration and return it to the National Office. The short application process will act as a means for CPC to verify that the facility meets the criteria required to provide quality equine training consistent with the Pony Club curriculum. A minimum of five prospective youth members will be required to start a Pony Club Riding Center program.

Upon receipt of the Application for Consideration, the National Office will forward the Application to the designated Area Coordinator (for the pilot project, John has suggested that the National Director from that Region act in this capacity). The Area Coordinator will contact the facility to discuss the information on the Application and the viability of the Pony Club program operating at the facility. If both the facility and the Area Coordinator feel confident that a Pony Club program would be a suitable fit with the facility, a site visit would be set. Should the facility be found to have an appropriate facility and the administrative capacity to teach the required curriculum, the Area Coordinator would make a recommendation that CPC Riding Center status be granted to the facility.

Following a recommendation to grant recognition, the facility will receive a one-year contract. The contract is to be signed and returned to the CPC National Office. Once the CPC National Office receives the properly executed contract, the facility will be put forth to the CPC Board of Directors or Management Committee for recognition. Upon approval from the Board, a letter authorizing the Riding Center to begin Pony Club activities will be sent.

Membership recruitment for the CPC program may begin after the letter of authorization has been received by the Riding Center. The Area Coordinator will also schedule follow-up visits for continued program evaluation. Each subsequent year a new contract will be exercised.

In addition to the letter of authorization, the Riding Center will be sent necessary reporting materials. Riding Centers will be listed in the CPC Annual Directory and on the CPC Web site. The Riding Center will also receive a certificate to display, and may advertise participation in the CPC Riding Center Program.

The CPC Area Coordinator (National Director) will interface with CPC, help with the Riding Center's startup, and answer questions the Riding Center may have about operations. The Area Coordinator will re-visit the Riding Center periodically and is available for advice and assistance if required.

Center Organization

A CPC Riding Center will be required to name a Center Administrator as a person to act as the point of contact for the CPC National Office and Area Coordinator. The Center Administrator will provide continuity and give parents and members an on-site person with whom they will work. Ideally, this person should have knowledge of Pony Club activities and requirements, and should be in contact with local Pony Club DCs (if applicable), the Regional Chair, and Area Coordinator as required. The Center Administrator will be responsible for:

- 1 Sending new membership forms as well as membership renewal forms to the CPC National Office.
- 2 Forwarding the appropriate fees to the CPC National Office.
- 3 Organizing meetings, camps, tests, etc.
- 4 Keeping records of testing and sending these to the CPC National Office.

- 5 Maintaining and distributing information packets for parents and members.
- 6 Coordinating Riding Center instructors attendance at Testing Clinics or Instructors Clinics when offered by the Region.
- 7 Recording dates and locations of the Riding Center Pony Club lessons with the CPC National Office, so CPC liability coverage is extended to stable owner during CPC meetings.
- 8 Attend Regional Meetings (max. 4 a year) – discuss if they get a vote.

The Center Administrator will interface with the CPC designated Area Coordinator. The Area Coordinator reports to the National Office.

The CPC Riding Center Program is meant to be a pay-as-you-go relationship concerning the riding stable's business and the client (i.e., Pony Club member).

Due to this relationship, there is no need for the Riding Center to have a Pony Club bank account. In addition, the CPC non-profit status does not extend to the Riding Center. Riding Centers will not be allowed to do any fundraising using the Pony Club name in any form (i.e., CPC, Pony Club, Riding Center, Pony Club Riding Center, CPC Riding Center, etc.), or indicate that it is for the Pony Club Riding Center members.

Center Fees

\$100 Annual Fee or as determined from time to time by the National Board.

The Center Administrator must be a CPC Associate Member. (currently there is no fee)

A CPC Riding Center is required to carry a minimum of \$2,000,000 commercial liability insurance and name The Canadian Pony Club as an additional insured.

Working with the Local Pony Club

Riding Center Pony Club members may visit neighboring Pony Clubs as 'visiting' members by invitation and approval of both the Center Administrator and the DC of the local club. If the Riding Center has indoor activities during the winter they may be happy to open them to the local Pony Club members. This would be done in collaboration with the local DC.

It is beneficial to both groups if the Riding Center can develop a relationship with a local club, as examiners can be shared and unmounted trips to big events or other attractions, etc., can be combined to save costs and allow interaction of the members.

**MANITOBA PONY CLUB
Budget 2009**

BUDGET

REVENUE:

General	
Memberships	
2008	
2009	6,000.00
Reimbursements	
Grants	
Dressage Program (07)	
Bingo	500.00
Fundraising	
Benefit Show	3,500.00
Cash Calendars	
Youth-bracelets	
Jumps	
Miscellaneous	
Patronage Refund	
Interest	
Total revenue	<u>10,000.00</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Administration:		
Bank charges		15.00
Meeting Costs		900.00
Memberships		
Canadian Pony Club		
Manitoba Horse Council		6,000.00
Postage, stationary		125.00
Jump Trailer		200.00
Examiners Clinic		500.00
CPC Calendars		
Annual Banquet		50.00
Committees		
Show jumping		
National Show Jumping Championships		2,500.00
Tetrathalon		
Dressage		
Regional Testing		4,300.00
Quiz		
National	was 2,500	3,355.00
Regional		100.00
Evaluation Clinic		1,900.00
Camps		
Senior		0.00
MPC Camp		1,500.00
Regional Rally		425.00
75th Anniversary		2,170.00
Total expenditure		<u>24,040.00</u>

SURPLUS (DEFICIT)

23,185.00 Originally presented
18,470.00 Amount passed at mtg

OPENING CASH ON HAND

CLOSING CASH ON HAND

**MANITOBA PONY CLUB
FINANCIAL REPORT
PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

BUDGET

REVENUE:

General			
Memberships			
2008		7,200.00	
2009		5,180.00	6,000.00
Reimbursements		280.00	
Grants			
Dressage Program (07)	333.00		
Bingo	<u>1,137.50</u>	1,470.50	500.00
Fundraising			
Benefit Show	3,858.14		3,500.00
Cash Calendars	150.00		
Youth-bracelets	67.00		
Jumps	<u>55.00</u>	3,960.16	
Miscellaneous		15.00	
Patronage Refund		7.00	
Interest		<u>27.55</u>	
Total revenue		<u>18,140.21</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Administration:			
Bank charges		4.90	15.00
Meeting Costs		876.62	900.00
Memberships			
Canadian Pony Club	6,050.00		
Manitoba Horse Council	<u>300.00</u>	6,350.00	6,000.00
Postage, stationary		161.56	125.00
Jump Trailer		519.38	200.00
Examiners Clinic			500.00
CPC Calendars		980.00	
Annual Banquet		96.22	50.00
Committees			
Show jumping		669.30	
National Show Jumping Championships			2,500.00
Tetrathalon		-379.61	
Dressage		-57.25	
Regional Testing		3,044.60	4,300.00
Quiz			
National	2,472.62		3,355.00
Regional	<u>91.63</u>	2,564.25	100.00
Evaluation Clinic		450.55	1,900.00
Camps			
Senior	-439.71		0.00
MPC Camp	<u>125.35</u>	-314.36	1,500.00
Regional Rally		349.25	425.00
75th Anniversary			2,170.00
Total expenditure		<u>15,315.41</u>	<u>24,040.00</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		2,824.80	23,185.00 Originally presented
OPENING CASH ON HAND		<u>9,336.94</u>	<u>18,470.00</u> Amount passed at mtg
CLOSING CASH ON HAND		<u>12,161.74</u>	

2009 75th Anniversary Budget Proposal

At the Sept. 21, 2008 Manitoba Region, regional meeting, item 5.3, John Moehring, Val Crowe, Maria Berry and Sarah Read were tasked to develop a budget for the 2009 75th Anniversary. Following is a motion that will be presented at the January 11, 2009 Regional Meeting.

MOTION:

Whereas: Canadian Pony Club will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2009 and will be hosting a Disciplines/Youth Conference & 75th Anniversary Banquet, November 13, 14, 15, in Toronto, Ontario

And: The Canadian Pony Club has agreed to fund 50% of the airfare for the following to attend the Discipline/Youth Conference

1. Regional Test Chair
2. Regional Education Chair
3. One National Examiner
4. Regional PPG Chair
5. Regional Tetrathlon Chair
6. Regional Rally Chair
7. Regional Quiz Chair
8. Regional Show Jumping Chair
9. Regional Dressage Chair
10. 2 Active Members

And: The Active members must arrive on Thursday, November 12, 2009 and will depart Sunday, November 15, 2009 and Discipline Chairs and Examiner must arrive on Friday, November 13, 2009 and will depart Sunday, November 15, 2009

It is agreed that the Manitoba Region, of Canadian Pony Club will:

1. Fund the remaining 50% of the airfare and cost of hotel room, based on minimum of three to persons to a room, for the following currently filled positions:
 - a. Regional Test Chair – *Diana-Lee Fraser*
 - b. Regional Education Chair – *Karen McLean*
 - c. One National Examiner -
 - d. Regional Tetrathlon Chair - *Sarah Read*
 - e. Regional Rally Chair – *Lisa Taylor*
 - f. Regional Quiz Chair – *Maria Berry*
 - g. Regional Show Jumping Chair – *Cheryl Wishart*
 - h. Regional Dressage Chair – *Hélène Savard*
2. Fund the remaining 50% of the airfare and cost of hotel room, based on minimum of four to persons to a room, for the following two Active Members
 - a. Regional Youth Rep. West - *Stephanie Sawatzky*
 - b. Regional Youth Rep. East - *Caroline Sims*

2009 75th Anniversary Budget Proposal

3. Establish a fund totaling \$1000.00 to support one Active or Affiliate member, sponsored by a Branch. Funds to be distributed evenly amongst all members, with condition that Branches must fund a minimum amount equal to the funds received from the Regional fund. Names to be provided to Regional Secretary by April 1, 2009.

4. Book all Air fares through McPhails Travel, as a group booking, to obtain best rates possible. Youth to fly out on the 12th of November, remainder to fly out on the 13th of November to arrive in time for start of activities. Participants wishing to fly out earlier to attend the Royal Fair may do so with permission from the Regional Executive. Air Fare will be reimbursed at ticketed rate or rate paid for remaining participants, whichever is less. Additional accommodations will be the responsibility of the participant.

It is agreed that the Participants will be responsible for:

1. Banquet and registration fees
2. All other personal expenses.

And therefore the Manitoba Region of Canadian Pony Club approves the following budget for participation in the 2009 Canadian Pony Club Disciplines/Youth Conference and 75th Anniversary Banquet.

Estimated Airfare	\$ 600.00
Estimated Room cost incl. taxes/night	\$ 140.00

Participant	50% Airfare	Room	Total	Notes
Regional Test Chair	\$ 300.00	\$ 93.33	\$ 393.33	Based on 3/room*2 nights
Regional Education Chair	\$ 300.00	\$ 93.33	\$ 393.33	
National Examiner	\$ 300.00	\$ 93.33	\$ 393.33	
National Director		\$ 93.33	\$ 93.33	Airfare covered by National
Regional Tetrathlon Chair	\$ 300.00	\$ 93.33	\$ 393.33	Based on 3/room*2 nights
Regional Rally Chair	\$ 300.00	\$ 93.33	\$ 393.33	
Regional Quiz Chair	\$ 300.00	\$ 93.33	\$ 393.33	
Regional Show Jumping Chair	\$ 300.00	\$ 93.33	\$ 393.33	
Regional Dressage Chair	\$ 300.00	\$ 93.33	\$ 393.33	
Regional Youth Rep - West	\$ 300.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 405.00	Based on 4/room*3 nights
Regional Youth Rep - East	\$ 300.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 405.00	
Youth Travel fund			\$1,000.00	May be added to Youth Rep room to fill 4/room.

Total funds Required.	\$ 5,050.00
Less Funds set aside in 2008 Budget	-\$ 2,000.00
Less 2009 Calendar Funds	-\$ 880.00
Required from 2009 Budget	\$ 2,170.00

Dressage report Jan 2009

Helene Savard

On going instruction:

Private Dressage lessons continue to be successful at camp. With all the week-ends being pretty much booked, it would be nice to piggy back on another event such as the jumping series.

Again, not too much of a worry, dressage is alive and well in many Eastman clubs. In the west, I received only one request and think that using the jumping series to provide dressage for those clubs may be a viable option.

Nationals:

I have 5 applicants so far:

Starter: Mackenzie Wishart (2008)
Pre-training: Nicole Brown (2008)
Training: Shannon MacLean (2008)
1st level: Stéphanie Sawatzky (2007)
Affiliate: Megan Mclean (2008)

The competition will be held in Truro, Nova Scotia on Aug 28-30th.

Benefit Show:

An issue has arisen with CPC requesting that all dressage shows be discovery and that we use Cadora tests. After lengthy discussions, I chose to ignore this request in 2008 as judges had been booked. I feel our judge pool is very limited in Manitoba. Our show being discovery mean that I could not use EC judges. I feel that being a Bronze show worked well last year (WT kids were Discovery) and would like to continue this way.

Education Report
MPC Regional Committee Meeting

January 11, 2009

2009 Evaluation Clinic

At November's Regional meeting, a motion was made, and carried, to include the Evaluation Clinic with Camp. The purpose of this joint venture was to best utilize our resources, thus reducing the financial cost to the Region. Jacky Cooper from Victoria, B.C. has been confirmed as one of the Camp instructors (at the Camp rate of \$900/week). Jacky will also complete the Evaluation portion on Thursday/Friday, for an additional \$400.

Tentative plans include having the flat and stadium evaluations on Thursday, then Friday morning the candidates would travel to Birds Hill Park for the cross country phase, have lunch and receive their formal evaluation. Jacky would then leave for the airport and the candidates would head for home, or return to Portage if necessary.

A budget request for \$300.00 has been submitted to Leslie Wishart, which is substantially less than if the clinic took place by itself. Candidates registering for Camp will be charged an additional \$20.00 for the Evaluation portion. Candidates unable to register for Camp but attend Thurs/Fri Evaluation, will be charged \$100.00.

Education Clinics

November 21st saw pony clubbr's attend the evening at Greenhawk for a discussion of bits, some "nice"... some "ugly". A variety of English, western and driving bits were discussed allowing the members to expand their identification skills.

I have organized three other education clinics. To clarify...session with Marg Teske/Jan Stephens is March 14 (not February) and the Tack I.D. at Westgates is March 15 (not February). Sorry for the confusion my email caused.

March 14 - 1-3pm - "As Seen through the Hunter/Jumper Judge's Eye"

Location: TBA (possibly Sports Fed. Building, Main St, Wpg)

- an afternoon of conversation with Manitoba judges, Marg Teske and Jan Stephens
- what is considered as "essential", "waste of time"; turn-out, method of riding, tack, etc.
- open discussion/question/answer period will be included

March 15 - 1-3pm - Tack Identification

Location: Westgates

- an afternoon with Teri Gudmunson, improving one's ability to identify a variety of tack
- scheduled a week before Regional Quiz (great way to study for Quiz ID station)
- possibility of discounted shopping (to be confirmed)

Available dates are few and far between at this point. I'm hoping members from the West will drive in March 14, enjoy Marg and Jan, stay overnight, and join us at Westgates on their way home Sunday.

April 25 - "As Seen through the Dressage Judge's Eye, "

Location & Time: TBA

- this session with Manitoba's Elaine Banfield will include:
 -"classroom" discussion (what is considered as "essential", "waste of time" both in dress, turn-out, method of riding, critical movements, etc.)
 -will include a mounted demonstration by Elaine and a variety of riders/levels riding dressage tests while being critiqued verbally by Elaine
 -question/answer period will be included both in-class and arena

-I am hoping to confirm a date at Quarry Ridge Farms so that I have easy access to a pool of riders without having to consider hauling/road conditions.

Karen MacLean
Education Chair

Regional Quiz Report

Submitted by Maria Berry,
Regional Quiz Chair
Regional Meeting of Jan. 11, 2009
Portage Fairgrounds office

It's time to start thinking about Regional Quiz which is taking place on March 22nd at the Herman Pryor Centre in Portage.

The dates for Westman and Eastman Quiz qualifiers have been set with the Westman Quiz being hosted by Baldur in Souris at the Souris Catholic Church and the Eastman Quiz being hosted by Quarry Ridge PC at Stonewall. I am not sure of the location but Karen MacLean will enlighten us as to the location at this meeting.

I would once again like each branch to give me a parent to be on the Regional Quiz Committee. This process goes so much smoother when a team effort is made to guarantee a quality provincial championship each year. I have been very lucky as chair to have had great committee members assist me each year. So you as DC's speak to your club members and have them get in touch with me by email at meb@mts.net or by phone at 743-2002 so I can put them on my committee list. It's amazing how quickly Regional Quiz rolls around.

I have sent letters out for prizes again this year and hopefully I will have just as much luck as I have in the past with donations.

If everyone is happy with the way that lunch has been done the past two years then I will carry on with the potluck format. If anyone has any other suggestions they would like to try, then I'm certainly willing to have a change if that's what everyone wants. Having someone in charge of the food part after it gets there is really a good idea, so if anyone wants to volunteer for that position I'm more than grateful for your help.

Next year's national quiz takes place in BC Lower Mainland in Richmond, BC, part of Vancouver. So tell your members to start studying for quiz.

Hopefully 2009 will see Manitoba having its first ever Affiliate team going to Nationals. That's something that I am looking forward to achieving during my time as Regional Quiz Chair.

Regional Show Jumping Report January 2009

Show Jumping clinics are pending for 2009.

Tentative dates would be:

April 11-12(Easter), April 18-19, April 26 (west).

May 2-3, May 9-10

July 4-5, July 26(east)

Potential to add dressage, and cross country to the July clinics in the east, and dressage to the clinics in the west.

Terry Klassen is unable to commit to an ongoing clinic at this time but would consider a weekend clinic, potential dates June 27-28, July 4-5.

Rebecca Myers has expressed interest in conducting a show jumping clinic at Northfield Farms. Rebecca is the head hunter/jumper coach at Northfield farms. Clinic costs would run approximately \$30 a lesson and would include instruction and use of the Northfield facility.

Waiting on 2 grant responses from Sport Manitoba from the Stonewall and Birds Hill areas. Sport Manitoba in Brandon has refused grant as they have no more money in the horse sport to allocate. They will revisit the application at their year end in March if they have any moneys left in their budget.

National Show Jumping Report January 2009

CPC National Show Jumping finals will be held September 3-5/09 at the equine facility in Birds Hill Park. Horse Council has been contacted and the facility tentatively booked. MHT event follows the Nationals on the Sunday September 6/09.

Judges; MPC will need 2 judges for the finals. We will be asking Marg Teske, and Jan Stephens.

Billeting; families are needed to volunteer to billet the riders and their chaperones.

Meals; Suggestion for a meet and greet potluck with MPC supplying the meat to barbeque. Looking for a family willing to host the meet and greet in the Birds Hill area.

Award banquet at the conclusion of the event with award presentations, caterer needed.

Lunch, snacks, and water needed to be provided for the days of competitor.

Extra activities could include a tour of lower Fort Garry, shopping at the Forks and a paddlewheel dinner cruise.

Horses are still needed so please remember if you have offered a horse, and keep an eye open for any other 3 foot jumpers. A few of the MHT people have offered their horses.

Ribbons/rosettes will be needed for all competitors. Greenhawk, Westgate, Sue Braun and Bridles n Bits tack shops need to be contacts to see if they would donate or a discount on prizes ie. Saddle pads.

Fund raising; Show jumping would like to conduct some fund raising in the spring to contribute towards the various clinics and National show jumping events.

Tetrathlon report jan' 2009

Sarah Read

Planned clinics/tet playdays:

Westman May 9 & 10 exact venue to be decided Minnedosa, Brandon, Carrol etc Correct criteria available for those wishing to compete under rules, can do some or all of the event. I can supply ponies

Planned Eastman tet July 4 & 5 as west man in set up

National tet Langly BC August 4-8 Callum hoping to qualify

Invite to each club to host a tet day, e-letters sent out plus one to Val as admin.
Any Questions arising?

Caroline off to Toronto to represent Manitoba in junior air pistol national championships in Feb----wish her good luck from all of us

There has been some interest from new younger boys in MBPC. Can the moms please contact me so we can see what you might like me to set up, perhaps we can meet up for swims and/or runs a few times at a central location, no skills at all necessary, we all start somewhere. Callum would love to teach too, he has his life saving now and will have assistant water safety instructor in Spring break. Mums can jog behind!!! [And swim slower....!] I now have a mini XC track so we can intro and school in the open here?

Further to the last meeting and xc concerns due in part to fear of the unknown I would like to offer xc lessons on my ponies at my farm this year as an introduction to cross country (therefore tet) . \$20 hour Cornelia was my tester last year and can comment on the logs and location. I welcome Val or John etc to visit and approve?

Westman Youth Rep. Report

Caroline Sims

So far I've asked the clubs in Westman to give me the name and contact information for a representative of their Pony club. Its hard for me to organize any events for the Westman area if I don't have a contact to get any information on what everyone wants planned. I have not received any input from any clubs through Facebook or my email except for Praire Valley. From the lack of interest I am getting the impression that the other clubs have no complaints with anything that happens in Pony Club, but I know for a fact that they have complained about things in the past. So I would like to hear from them please.

In December I tried to organize a Westman meeting, but due to bad weather it was unfortunately cancelled. I have been in contact with Stephaine many times in brain storming on different ideas we've had, as well as ideas coming from Praire Valley.

Some ideas that my self and Praire Valley have come up with are:

- Having clinics that are available to all ages of Pony clubbers and that are lots of fun
- Praire Valley is going to be holding a PPG clinic, and a mini Tet. open to any Pony Clubbers interested in coming out to try the activities
- Another Idea is for an upcoming Pony club banquet would be to hold a dance after the dinner and hold the meeting while the kids had some fun, a lot like the banquets that National Tetrathlon hold at the end of the competition
- Other than Pony club camp and banquet we don't get together often, so it would be nice to have a round robin of clinics with in house clinicians like Kathrine - Show Jumping; Diana - Cross-Country; Sarah - Tetrathlon; Bev - PPG; and Cindy - Dressage are just a few. With groups of 10 riders, having one or two sessions in the morning then breaking for lunch and then continuing with the rest in the afternoon.
- Eastman and Westman exchange clinics, with 3 or 4 clinicians from each region swapping for a day.

Some fundraising ideas that Prairie Valley and my self came up with are:

- A sponsored silent
- A sponsored spell
- Pool party/ disco
- Sponsored walk
- Have Callum and my self do the Winnipeg half marathon
- A picnic ride with an escort like Denea or Gerry Sweet

I hope by the next meeting to have planned a little more with the other clubs as well as my own and work with Stephaine to try and set up some of the ideas she has as well as the ones I have recieved, as well as try to organize another Westman meeting before the next regional meeting.