

**Regional Annual General Meeting  
November 6, 2010  
Herman Prior Center  
Portage la Prairie, MB 3:00 pm**

1. Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by Helene Savard at 3:30 pm. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes for 3 October 2010:

Moved by Marilyn Funk, seconded by Maria Berry that the minutes of the 3 October 2010 meeting be adopted as circulated. Val Crowe indicated two corrections were needed. Item 5.2 Camp – Val clarified that it is recommended that the Evaluation Camp be held 8 weeks prior to National Examination. Item 5.3 – the deadline for paying for A testing is 2 March 2011. Carried with amendments.

3. Financial Report:

Moved by Val Crowe, seconded by Tammy Johnston that the Financial Report be adopted as presented. Carried.

- 3.1 Updated financial report – Leslie Wishart requested that all budgets for 2011 be ready for discussion at the January 2011 meeting. Each discipline can request a print out of expenditures for 2010. There are several outstanding accounts receivable. The DC of the Branches concerned have been notified. It is up to the Branch to collect the outstanding amounts. Time limits for payment should be set, after that period, those involved are no longer members in good standing. Chairs need to give the Treasurer a list of participants with money owed or paid for each event.

4. Elections:

- 4.1 Regional Chair (one year to finish term) – Maria Berry by acclamation. Term ends in 2011.
- 4.2 Secretary – Heather Hein by acclamation
- 4.3 Treasurer – Leslie Wishart by acclamation
- 4.4 Dept Director – Karen MacLean
- 4.5 Rally Chair (one year to finish term) – Val Crowe by acclamation. Term ends in 2011.
- 4.6 Senior Testing Chair (one year to finish term) – not required as Diana Fraser withdrew her resignation and is continuing on as Chair.
- 4.7 Dressage – Cheryl Hemming by acclamation
- 4.8 Quiz – Bev Moore by acclamation
- 4.9 Membership – Barb Bradley by acclamation
- 4.10 Visiting Commissioners – Marilyn Funk, Val Crowe, Dianna Fraser
- 4.11 Equipment – Moved to an appointed Chair position
- 4.12 Youth Rep West – Abby Tye by acclamation
- 4.13 Youth Rep East – Taylor Hein by acclamation

Appointments:

- 4.14 Camp Chair – Cheryl Wishart
- 4.15 Benefit Show Chair – Wanda Hicks is considering this appointment
- 4.16 Banquet Chair – Rhonda Hannah
- 4.17 Regional Equipment Chair – Cheryl Wishart will approach Tim Klassen for this position.

5. Dates and Plans for Next Year:

5.1 Dressage – as distributed

Amendment: 5.6.1 National Dressage Finals – The 2 regional representatives who went to Dressage Finals had a series of lessons from Elaine Banfield.

5.2 Education – as distributed – The biggest expense for the Evaluation Clinic is bringing in a national level clinician. Possible local clinicians were noted. Preference for 2011 is a stand alone clinic. Karen will organize stable management sessions with Green Hawk preferably before Christmas and will contact the new owners of Westgates as well.

5.3 PPG – no report

5.4 Quiz – as distributed.

5.4.1 Westman Quiz – Baldur

5.4.2 Eastman Quiz – Red River

5.4.3 National Quiz – Calgary on 7 to 9 October 2011

5.4.4 Regional Quiz – 20 March 2011 at the Herman Prior Center, Portage la Prairie

5.5 Rally – as distributed – Val Crowe will run a Rally Clinic in May 2011. First Willville Event is June 4 and 5, 2011.

5.5.1 Regional Rally – Must be held in conjunction with a MHT Event, preferably the July 2 and 3, 2011 event.

5.6 Show Jumping – as distributed – please send Cheryl Wishart ideas for clinicians for 2011.

5.6.1 National Medals Finals

5.7 Testing – as distributed – Discussed possibility of getting credit for Equestrian for high school physical education program.

5.7.1 Examiner's Clinic – Testing procedures have changed, so re-education is needed.

5.8 Tetrathlon – as distributed

5.9 Membership – as distributed – Branch Reports and Charter Renewals for 2011 as well as a Financial Statement up to 31 December 2010 are needed from each Branch at the January meeting. Test results must be sent to the Membership Secretary in order to update website – email listing of results is not sufficient.

- 5.10 Communication – as presented.
- 5.11 Youth Meeting – deleted
- 5.12 Camp – Chair Cheryl Wishart. Committee: Karen MacLean, Barb Bradley, Kit Anderson, Karen Iverson and Leslie Wishart
- 5.13 Benefit Show – Chair required. Wanda Hichs is considering this position. Cheryl Hemming will check into sharing facilities with Dressage Winnipeg for this event.
- 5.14 Banquet – Preferred date is 19 Nov 2011 at Herman Prior Center, Portage la Prairie.
6. Other Business: Anyone with CDs for 2010 calendars need to hand them to Helene Savard.
7. Next Meeting – Saturday 29 January 2011 at 10 am to approximately 3 pm. Pot Luck lunch. Barb Bradley to book Portage Fairboard Office.
8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Barb Bradley  
A/MPC Secretary  
5 December 2010

NOTE: **ALL CHAIRS** – PLEASE FORWARD CONTACT INFORMATION TO HEATHER HEIN FOR A MPC REGIONAL COMMITTEE CONTACT LIST to be produced. Heather's email address is [hhein@sunrisesd.ca](mailto:hhein@sunrisesd.ca)

MANITOBA PONY CLUB  
COMMENTS  
OCTOBER 31, 2010

Accounts Payable:

Quiz & Rally Airfare	6,286.14	
Calendars	<u>1,248.00</u>	
		<u>7,534.14</u>
Cash in Bank	5,102.64	
Cash on hand	810.00	
	180.00	
	<u>225.00</u>	<u>1,215.00</u>
		<u>6,317.64</u>
Deficit	1,216.50	

This means we are short about 1,200 to pay bills

As membership funds come in, we will be able to pay this shortfall. However, it is important to realize that in the upcoming year, the club will have to ensure all activities are on a more breakeven basis.

I apologize to all for the patchwork financial report. The accounting program I use crashed on my computer, and it cannot be reinstalled until the national IT service does so (firm computer security issues). As I did not want to reenter 10 months worth of records unless it proves to be absolutely necessary, I patched this. The next report should be nice & shiny. Though not necessarily better news in a financial sense..

MANITOBA PONY CLUB  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
OCTOBER 31, 2010

ASSETS

PCU - Chequing	5,102.64	
PCU - Plan 24	0.00	
Share in Credit Union	52.68	
Cash on hand	387.50	
Accounts receivable	<u>2,388.96</u>	
		<u>7,931.78</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		50.00
Deferred Revenue - Travel Grant		650.00
Set Asides:		
Youth Account	1,299.08	
Quiz Account	<u>(91.63)</u>	<u>1,207.45</u>
Total Liabilities		1,907.45

EQUITY

Current Earnings	2,128.06	
Opening Retained Earnings	<u>3,896.27</u>	<u>6,024.33</u>
		<u>7,931.78</u>

MANITOBA PONY CLUB  
**Income And Expense Statement**

January 1, 2010 - ~~OCTOBER~~ 31, 2010

Accounting Method: Cash

Description	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>	
REVENUE	
Memberships	10,560.00
Fund Raising <i>Calendars 1300<sup>00</sup> Fee 1925<sup>00</sup></i>	3,225 <sup>00</sup>
Interest Income	0.55
Miscellaneous	1,389.90
GENERAL REVENUE	15,175.45
SPECIAL EVENTS	
<i>Quiz Airfare</i>	4,887 <sup>83</sup>
TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS	4,887.83
COMMITTEES	
<i>Championships</i>	2,285.00
Show Jumping	3,920.10
Regional Quiz	605.00
<i>Regional Rally</i>	100.00
<i>Camp</i>	10,078.50
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	16,988.60
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	37,051.88
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
ADMINISTRATION	
Bank Charges	105.64
Postage, Stationary	40.31
Memberships	7,560.00
Jump Trailer	(16.00)
Meeting Costs	523.28
Miscellaneous	413.91
Travel Grants	150.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS	8,777.14
COMMITTEES	
Evaluation Clinic	325.00
<i>Championships</i>	2,270.51
Senior Clinic	540.00
Show Jumping	4,691.41
Regional Quiz	692.28
National Quiz	4,217.46
National Rally	350.00
Regional Testing	1,950.10
Junior Camp	1,196.04
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	27,003.70
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	27,003.70

## **Education Report - MPC AGM November 6, 2010**

Evaluation Clinic - as discussed at the September Regional Meeting, further discussion with regards to how, where and when, the Evaluation Clinic takes place, and how the cost is covered, is needed. As much as I feel it is beneficial for candidates to participate in the combo Camp/Evaluation format, I don't feel the candidates are getting the quality stable management teaching that is essential to succeed.

### **Stable Management delivery within MPC branches**

It has come to my attention that some clubs do not have SM instructors, etc. I will be contacting each DC to inquire as to where I may be of assistance, including offering a complete set of teaching notes for each level, D through to B2.

Promote Badge Program - I would like to create more interest in the badge program, with possibly holding "badge workshops", throughout the year, in particular, the winter months.

Assist Regional Quiz team members going forth to Nationals - organize "study" sessions, provide reference material...with the ultimate goal being sending more competitive members to National competitions like Quiz and Dressage (National Dressage also has a written test component).

Assist Regional Test Candidates in their study preparation leading up to Regional Testing. I found it hard this summer when the normal response to our B2 candidate being unsuccessful in the lungeing/teaching phase was "oh, don't worry, that happens to almost everyone; seems that you have to repeat that phase most often". I think that is unacceptable and I want to work with the candidates, making sure they are fully aware of their testing requirements and help them by organizing study sessions/clinics with qualified individuals (eg. lungeing/teaching, bandaging, first aid, etc.)

### **Mini-Ed Clinics**

I will be organizing another "Evening at Greenhawk" but will be asking DC's to ask their membership if they prefer the evening to take place closer to Christmas, or Spring. I will be contacting Westgates to see if I can organize a saddle fitting session, along with a separate session within the store, closer to Regional Quiz.

### **Work with the National Education Chair**

Bev Hewitt, National Ed Chair, along with Gwen Barnes, National Test Chair, will be visiting the regions (vs having a national T&E Conference) sharing new information and ideas that will help deliver the program to our members.

### **Examiners Clinic**

I will be working with the Test Chair organizing an Examiners Clinic for 2011. Our National T & E Chairs would like to include an examiners clinic in their "road show", so it's good timing.

#### Financial Assistance

Continue to apply for financial grants as they become available. I should be receiving the \$600 MHC grant by November 11th. The National grant is also forthcoming (\$500).

#### Regional Clothing

Samples will be available at the January Regional meeting.

#### Testing - D-C1

I have received testing reports from QRPC (May & Oct), Prairie Valley (July), RRPC (Aug) and Mars Hill (Oct).

Examiners Clinic - see comments above with regards to the clinic

## MPC Regional Championships 2010

The championships were held in Portage-la-Prairie at the end of the Regional camp. Most of the members who attended camp also attended the Championships. As well, a few trailered in just for the event.

We had app. 35 competitors from the E level to the B2 level. Most riders participated in both championships (dressage and jumping) and a few chose to only do one discipline.

There were many positive reasons to hold the championships after camp.

1. Having it at the end of camp meant that the event was accessible to all since Portage is geographically in the center of our region.
2. It was a cost effective way to hold the event.
3. It required less volunteers
4. Riders could concentrate on a few classes instead of the busy week-end of the Benefit show.
5. It wasn't necessary to find another free week-end when most week-ends are booked with other equestrian events.

There were also a few bumps along the way.

1. Not enough time was allotted between the move out of campers and move in of competitors.
2. Older horses were tired or sore.
3. Riders were tired.
4. The dressage ring was not on a totally flat surface.

For 2011, it is recommended that, unless dedicated volunteers are willing to reorganise the Benefit Show, that the MPC regional Championships be held again after the regional camp with the following changes:

1. Find a better location for the dressage ring.
2. Start on the Saturday to give rest to horses and riders.
3. Have a reduced rate for the young members who chose to attend only the WT dressage since they cannot participate in the jumping portion of the Championships.

I wish to thank everyone who made this event a success. Good luck in 2011!

Helene Savard,

2010 MPC Championship Chair.

## **Dressage Chair Report:**

The past year as dressage chair was a learning year for me. Although involved in dressage in other areas, figuring out dressage for pony club was a different game. With Dressage Winnipeg, I was exploring options about their awards, camp and possibly using pony club members for help at shows. The last item is a potential fund raiser for some interested pony club groups. This may have fruition in 2011.

With the movement of the championships to the end of camp, my job was made easier and I would like to thank Helene for all her help and Cheryl and Val for their positive coaching. Changes in national rules to limit competition to one year each in the lower levels meant that there were two competitors in Level 1, both of whom had very respectable scores. This is also important as level 1 riders can qualify to attend the MHC East West Challenge championship which is a complimentary show for anyone who makes the teams. Liane Parker was the dressage judge and we are supporting her application for recorded judges status so that we will have a local judge available to help out pony club and grassroots dressage events.

We had two members attend the dressage nationals in Kelowna Julie Wilson and Shannon McLean. This was an event that showed how important previous event management experience is in the delivery of an championship of this caliber.

As a separate item - it was nice to see numbers of entries in dressage double from 2008 at the spring pony club show. As well Training Level became the test level with the most entries as opposed to pretraining two years ago.

## **Towards 2011**

I am working with dressage partners to attempt to establish a dressage qualifier in the western part of Manitoba. This would be useful for experience towards both our own dressage championships as well as a qualifier for the Manitoba Horse Council East West challenge event.

Training 3 and 4 will be added to the classes at the spring pony club show since those are required levels at nationals.

Additionally an education session focusing on the written test of the Nationals is under discussion for nationals qualifiers members in the new year.

Cheers

Cheryl

## **Regional Rally Report for November 6, 2010**

Dates have been set with MB Horse Trials and I feel it necessary to work in conjunction with one of these events in order to afford the running of a provincial rally.

Birds Hill: July 2 &3, 2011

Carroll – Willville Sept 17 & 18, 2011

Choosing of the date will have to be done by the new rally rep. I am very willing to work with someone from the east part of the province to see that rally and eventing remains an intricate part of MB Pony Club.

I am in the process of putting together a rally package. It will be nothing official just a compilation of rally information and ideas to help your club prepare and hopefully enjoy rally as a sport.

National rally will be hosted in SLOV (St Lawrence-Ottawa Valley Region). No information is available at this time. Regional rules for attending a National Rally need to be addressed. I would like to propose that we implement a training weekend for any possible National Rally team members. This would provide the candidates with training as well as a screening process to facilitate the sending of a team that is prepared to work together. I feel it would better prepare them for the level of competition they are about to partake in.

Respectfully,

Dianna Fraser

Regional Rally Chair 2010

## **Regional Testing Report for November 6, 2010**

2010 has once again been a busy year for testing in the province. Several clubs have prepared their members for the testing stream of CPC. Provincial pass rate has been in excess of 97%.

At the senior level Katherine Nichols has completed her full B2; Megan McLeod has completed the stable management and the full riding portion of her B2. We also have two full C2s in the province, Emma Dealey and Wayne Hicks. Abby Tye has completed her C2 stable management.

I received correspondence from Gwen Barnes, our National Testing Director that she is in the process of organizing a testing "road show". National is proposing to bring the testing and examiners updates to the provinces instead of all the National examiners meeting as a group every two years in one city. I strongly support this format as it will allow all the junior examiners to attend the seminar and be a part of discussions of how testing is conducted in other regions. There will be more discussion regarding the format of this "road show" at the National meetings coming up. Gwen wanted to know when would be a good time for our region to host and I sent forward that spring would be best for our region (Feb, Mar)

One application has been received for National testing in 2011 – Katherine Nichols has applied for her RA.

I feel there must be more discussion on how to make testing more economical. To make it a break even venture is not feasible but we must look at ways of decreasing the expenses and perhaps raise the testing fee some.

Respectfully,

Dianna Fraser, Senior test rep 2010

## **Show Jumping 2010**

Spring brought Manitoba Pony Club's presence to the 2010 Manitoba Royal Winter Fair in a strong way. There were 5 different pony club's with members competing: Baldur, Brandon, Mars Hill, Quarry Ridge, and Red River, from the pony classes up to the 3.9 jumpers. MPC members participated in the grand entry escorting the dignitaries carriage in while mounted on horseback, and standing on guard. We presented a clinic for the public on saddling hunters and jumpers and the differences between the tack of the the two disciplines. The riding master from Spruce Meadows Albert Kley presented a jumping clinic for 15 of our members.

Right on the heels of the fair the spring/summer jumping clinics began with two locations in the east, and one in the west. The clinicians were Terry and Cindy Klassen, and 40 riders in the east, and 10 in the west participated.

In late summer the 2010 MPC Regional Show Jumping Championships were held in conjunction with the Dressage Championships at the conclusion of MPC camp. The strength of holding the championships at that time was that most clubs had voted that they would attend at that time due to the timing and location. There was 24 rider competing in show jumping, with 9 riders competing at the 3 foot jumping height and above, and therefore registered to compete for the National Show Jumping qualifier. The successful member that will represent Manitoba at the 2011 National Show Jumping Championships is Sydney Hewins from Brandon Pony Club.

I am pleased to see that many of the Manitoba Pony Club members are jumping in the 3-4 foot range, and travelling out of province to compete at nationally recognized competitions.

## **Show Jumping 2011**

Continue with the jumping series in spring 2011. Would like to present the series addressing a variety of topics ie: grid work, combinations, walking the course, Judges?? etc.

Continue to work on bringing an International/National Clinician to Manitoba ie: Beth Underhill, Ian Millar, Gail Greenough, etc

## **Regional Show Jumping Championships 2010**

The 2010 Regional Championships for the pony club levels A/B, C and D had the same format as previous years; jumping rounds and a flat portion/medal round. However, there was a sub division created within the Championships for those members that are wanting to qualify for the National Show Jumping Championships and meet the criteria (age, jumping height 3 feet and above, etc.).

New this year for those trying to qualify for Show Jumping Nationals was a flat equitation test to be ridden in the dressage ring (this is not a dressage test), a gymnastic portion, and the 2 over fences portions. The scoring in the sub division is

cumulative, and will count towards the total score for each rider (25% for each portion, with each portion weighted equally).

The hope for the new format was clearer scoring, and the goal that members are better prepared for a National competition, and thus we are trying to follow the example of not only the National Show Jumping Competitions, but the CET medal. These changes came about from the collection of ideas of the sub-committee that Barb M., Diana F., Sarah R. and I formed this past spring 2010, Val Crowe, and at the National Conference held November 2009.

Next year if the region intends to hold a stand alone regional championship in 2011 I would like to make the following suggestions:

- Longer day on Saturday and shorter on Friday and Sunday.
- Ribbons presented with the classes, except the championship ribbons presented at the award banquet.
- Parents need to know they are expected to help out when needed, without being asked ie: load the trailer, take the course down or up. There is always a schedule, but there is never enough help and many hands lighten the load.
- Holding the championships immediately following camp provided the most members a chance to compete as identified in the e-mails between all the clubs. However, members moving into the championships need to respect that the campers should never be pressured to move out of the stalls. Parents need to remember the code of conduct!
- I would prefer that the Championships should rotate between Brandon and Birds Hill. The grounds at Portage, specifically the footing is poor.
- In 2011 I would like to see a return to the Benefit show / regional championships format instead of the stand alone championship.

Cheryl Wishart

MPC SJC

## **Tetrathlon report for MPC AGM, November 2010**

On behalf of Sarah Read, Regional Tet Chair, I would like to report that 2 members of Prairie Valley branch namely Callum and Ben Read are continuing to work on their tet training and are keeping a log of their training activities.

From time to time we hear that other Pony Clubbers might be interested to try it out so if there are members out there who would like to have a clinic to learn about the swimming, running and air pistol shooting, Sarah would be happy to organize something out in Westman. We have a small practice range for air pistol with two stations and swimming and running are available indoors or out depending on the season, so keep it in mind! We are not going to organize anything until we have some firm expression of interest and a mutually convenient date or dates.

Sarah Read, Regional Tet Chair

Per Elizabeth Sims, D.C. Prairie Valley Branch