



AGENDA
Manitoba Pony Club
Regional Meeting
January 29, 2011
Fair Board Office, Portage la Prairie
10:00 AM
Pot Luck Lunch



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from November 6th, 2010
4. National Director's Report – Maria Berry
5. Guest Speaker: Past Regional and National Chair – John Moehring
Topic: Respect in Sport for Coaches and Activity Leaders
6. Financial Report – Lesley Wishart
7. Membership – Barb Bradley
8. Discipline Reports
 - 8.1 Dressage – Cheryl Heming
 - 8.2 Education – Karen McLean
 - 8.3 Rally – Val Crowe
 - 8.4 Quiz – Bev Moore
 - 8.4.1 Westman Quiz
 - 8.4.2 Eastman Quiz
 - 8.4.3 Regional Quiz
 - 8.4.4 National Quiz
 - 8.5 Show Jumping – Cheryl Wishart
 - 8.6 Testing – Dianna Fraser/Karen McLean
 - 8.7 Tetrathlon – Sarah Reid
9. Other Reports
 - 9.1 Communications/Web Site – Maria Setterbom
 - 9.2 Youth – Abby Tye/Taylor Hein
 - 9.3 Horse Council – Marilyn Funk
 - 9.4 Camp – Cheryl Wishart
 - 9.5 Benefit Show – Wanda Hicks
 - 9.6 Banquet – Rhonda Hannah
 - 9.7 Equipment Manager - update
10. Other Business
11. Next Meeting
12. Adjournment



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National Director's Report
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National Director's Report

January 29, 2011

The Semi Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Pony Club was held in Toronto from Nov. 12th to 14th, 2010. Following are the highlights from that meeting.

The budget for the CPC website and website development has been increased to \$5000 for the 2010 budget year. It was felt that those most likely to be interested in becoming pony club members are getting the majority of their information from the Internet and the pony club website needs some work to attract potential new members. CPC is also looking for a new webmaster as Crawford Dales has retired after many years of service and if anyone in Manitoba is interested please let your interest be known to the National Director. CPC recognized the years of valuable contributions by Crawford Dales by donating \$500 to Petrolia Food Bank in his name. There was also a presentation of 25 year Volunteer pins to Bob and Liz Inglis.

DC Pins – as new ones need to be ordered, one will be designed similar to the 10 year member pins.

The Board requests that all Regions who sent participants to the 2010 Dressage Championships contribute \$50 per person sent to BCIN, to assist with their financial deficit due to the unwieldy format of these championships.

CPC will look into developing a marketing plan to do advertising in appropriate media to target our interest group.

ReelPony – This was presented to membership across the country between the annual meeting and the SAM and it appears that the Youth liked it, especially those without regular Stable Management lessons. Youth suggested that the calendar profits be used to support the ReelPony. \$16.50 per person per year. Ongoing with new videos every year. National Directors are to take back the information to their Region for further input.

The Finance Committee also recommended that the Program Grants not be reinstated as they are not serving their purpose. The Finance Committee further recommended that the discipline committees be tasked to develop a program that builds and improves their participation, along with a proposed budget, for consideration by the Board. Committees are to consider sources of revenue from within their existing budgets.

Before selection of International Teams, a financial plan for covering the coach and chaperone fees must be submitted to the Board. Otherwise, International Travel will not be approved. The individual team member application form must reflect the possibility that there may be extra fees added to their land fees to cover the cost of the coach and chaperone.

Elections took place and the following are the new or existing National Officers:

National Chair - Cathy Miller

National Vice Chair - Margie Johnson

Finance Chair - Marcia Cooper

Secretary - Maria Berry

Active Member East - Kyra Holmes

Active Member West - Shelby Bochon-Duffy

National Committees:

Chair for Disciplines - Jane Goodlife

Dressage - Sherry Jackson



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Treasurer's Report

January 29, 2011

The treasurer must send regrets for not being able to attend the upcoming meeting. I would like to remind all committee heads that your budgets should have been sent to me by January 1. I would like to have them all handed in at the meeting to Barb. I will then prepare the financial report with last year's actual figures and your proposed budget & this will be circulated by email after the meeting for everyone's review. I would remind everyone that there is not bags of money sitting in the accounts so your activities should be as close to break even as possible. We can always refund monies to our members - it is very difficult to dig oneself out of a deficit should one be created.

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Membership Secretary Report

Five Branches have members totally 66 members as 5 January 2011.

What I have so far and what I **need**:

Baldur PC: 13 members. Annual Branch Report & Charter Renewal and Financial Statement for 2010 received. **Associate members needed.**

Brandon PC: 6 members. Annual Branch Report & Charter Renewal and Financial Statement for 2010 received. **Associate members needed.**

Mars Hill PC: **no registered members for 2011.** Annual Branch Report & Charter Renewal and Financial Statement for 2010 received. 4 Associate members registered.

North Hill PC: 11 members plus 1 outstanding. **Reports and associate members needed.**

Portage PC: **no registered members for 2011. Reports and associate members needed.**

Prairie Valley PC: **no registered members for 2011.** Annual Branch Report & Charter Renewal and Financial Statement received for 2011. **Associate members needed.**

Quarry Ridge PC: 23 members plus 1 outstanding. **Reports and associate members needed.**

Red River PC: 13 members. **Reports and associate members needed.**

PLEASE FORWARD memberships and reports to: MPC MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Barb Bradley PO Box 103 Portage la Prairie, MB R1N 3B2 or hand to me at the next MPC Regional Meeting on Saturday 29 January 2011 ONLY.

Membership applications must be completely filled out and verified with DC signature. DC's must send completed membership applications to me no later than 1 week after signing and dating. I have received membership applications, this week that were dated in early November. DO NOT HOLD ONTO YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS. SEND THEM AS YOU SIGN THEM. If you don't have all the information or payments, then don't sign and date the application. Signing an application for a new member and holding onto it does not make this child a member and you are only putting yourself and MPC in jeopardy.

Thank you.

Barb Bradley
MPC Membership Sec.
5 January 2011

1. **Dressage Nationals** will be held August 12-14 at the Ancaster Fairgrounds outside of Hamilton in Western Ontario. Accommodation will be at the Redeemer College in Ancaster. The new Equine Canada tests which only have 3 tests per level will be used (available on EC website).

I have circulated our results from Regional Dressage Championships and will attach the detail in the email with this report. According to my read on Helene's results the following 4 people qualified last July:

Jill DeKoenig- qualified for Pre-training

Jess Good – qualified for Training

Shannon MacLean – qualified for First Level

Kerry Moore – qualified for First Level

I have received information that Shannon MacLean has an interest in attending so far.

2. **Dressage Regionals** – At the last MPC meeting, I asked approval to discuss the concept of having PC Dressage Championships concurrently with the proposed Dressage Winnipeg show in August of this year. I have followed up on this item with both the DW executive, Wanda Hicks and others.

Dressage Winnipeg has agreed to change their proposed August show date to August 19, 20 and operate a bronze dressage show in partnership with the dressage regionals at the Red River EX. Format would be similar to the Spring Pony Club benefit Show. Additional detailed information on this show beyond dressage is available through Wanda Hicks who is leading on negotiations with hunter/jumper. New EC recorded judge Liane Parker has booked to judge the dressage for regionals as well as the balance of the dressage show.

3. **Qualifier for Dressage Regional Championships**

Regional qualifiers have been recommended by the PC National Committee. Prior to 2011, local Brandon dressage shows were not available for several years to operate as a qualifier in the western part of the province.

Proposed for 2011 is the use of regional qualifiers for members applying for Regional PC Dressage Championships. Anyone applying to Man Pony Club Dressage Championships will need to have competed in one Dressage Show prior to regionals. Information would merely have to be added to the show entries that they attended a qualifier.

Qualifiers would include any one of the following shows:

-Dressage Winnipeg May 7/8 and June 24/25th shows at Birds Hill Judges and prize list will be posted on DW website mid –February,

-Spring Pony Club Benefit Show May 28/29 at Birds Hill, Judge Dr. Brandy Catton

-Westman Dressage Bronze Show, July 15/16 at the Keystone Center, Judge Liane Parker.

4. Manitoba Horse Council East West Challenge – Please note that any pony club member can qualify at Levels 1 or 2 for this free (meals, entry fees and stabling provided) competition now held annually at Birds Hill at the end of September. Competing in any bronze and above EC dressage show (listed above) and submitting an entry by the end of August to MHC. MHC hopes to have this event hosted alternately in the west as well as the east in the future which should increase interest in the event.

5. Dressage Winnipeg News: For the first time this year, DW will recognize two outside EC sanctioned qualifying scores for their bronze, silver and gold Awards of Excellence program. Applicants would require DW membership.

Full details will be available from their 2011 prize list available on the DW website around the second week of February.

Also DW volunteer hour requirements have been reduced to 8 hours for 2011. Multiple dressage scholarships of \$250 still available for those competing in one dressage equitation class and submitting a written essay as per requirements.

Westman Dressage News – WD has a new name and two proposed EC bronze shows for the season, outdoors at the Keystone Centre (July and September). Membership is \$15.



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Education Report

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1. Evaluation Clinic -2010
 - 1.grant money received from MHC (\$600)
 - 2.grant money received from CPC (\$330)

2. Evaluation Clinic - 2011
 - 3.I am working with Diana Fraser/Val Crowe to organize a combined Senior Evaluation Clinic (combination of Evaluation Clinic and the previously held August, Senior Test Prep. Clinic)
 - 4.Proposed date & location: July 13-16, Carroll, MB
 - 5.I realize this takes place directly before our Regional Camp but alternate dates just weren't available.

3. Stable Management delivery with MPC branches
 - 6.I have assisted Portage, North Hill and Red River by supplying complete sets of teaching materials for requested levels. Other clubs in need?
 - Are you able to deliver the levels needed within your club?

4. Assist Regional Quiz and National Dressage members prepare for competition.
 - 7.I have asked our Regional Dressage Chair for input and to assist with helping the members going forth to National Dressage prepare for the written test component.
 - 8.I have asked Maria/Val for previous years Regional Quiz written tests for

A/B and C levels. I will email these out to the DCs and ask that they make them available to their club members. I am hoping this will help more members in their study prep., resulting in higher written scores at Quiz.

5. Mini-Ed Clinics

MPC Evening at Greenhawk

Friday, February 11th

6:30-9:00

-Bits, Cavessons and Martingales - purpose, correct fit, etc.-

In-store sales and specials for this evening

MPC Evening at Westgates

-Friday, March 11th or 18th

DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED & ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

5. Mini-Ed Clinics

Lungeing; Bandaging & First Aid

Clinician – Jaclyn Day

Date & Location – TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

Teri Gudmundson has agreed to do a series of clinics over a few

Saturdays. Topics covered will be

-clipping/trimming/braiding/show prep

-lunging

-conformation & unsoundness

Location – Stoneridge Stables, Oak Bank (Helene Savard)

Dates – Saturdays – specific dates to be announced

Westman Clinics – can I be of any help organizing similar activities for Westman clubs? As Ed. Chair, I feel like I'm leaving Westman kids out...

6. Testing & Education Workshop

March 13th

Portage La Prairie

- see Testing Report for info.

7. 2011 Education Budget

- as of January 26th I haven't prepared an Ed. Budget as I am not totally clear

on the dynamics of the combined Eval./Sr. Test Prep. Clinic.

- I will be working with Diana Fraser on this and will hopefully have one ready for the January Regional meeting.



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Regional Rally Report

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Regional Rally is set for July 1, 2 & 3, 2011 at Birds Hill Park. It will be held in conjunction with a MHT 2 Day Event.. As Friday is a holiday, it is hoped that teams will be able to move in early in the day.

Teams will continue to be mixed levels, as this seems to suit our membership best at this time. We will also continue to allow Branches to send an extra young Assistant Stable Manager/Groom for each team.

More details will be available in the first notice, which should be out in a few weeks.

National Rally is slated to run August 15 to 19 and will be held near Ottawa. More details about that will be out shortly.

A Stable Management and riding clinic will be held on May 14, in conjunction with a MHT Clinic. This is open to anyone but is required for members wishing to qualify for National Rally. We will be covering such topics as setting up a tack stall, setting up a feed stall, vet check protocol, turn out, etc. As well, there will be a mounted session with Tecla Dopheide, which will include changing horses, for those trying to qualify for National Rally.

A derby will follow on May 15. These are a great deal of fun and I would encourage everyone to stay for this.

Other eventing activities available to you include:

June 4-5 Clinic and Derby Willville (May include a Rally clinic)

Sept. 3-4 Clinic and Derby Birds Hill

Sept. 17-18 2-Day Horse Trials Willville

I hope to have an application ready for those wishing to be considered for the National Rally team by the Regional Meeting, if possible.



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Regional Testing Report
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Regional Testing Report – January 23, 2011

I am very excited to announce that the National Testing Chair, Gwen Barnes, will be hosting a testing/examiners clinic in Manitoba on March 13th (Sunday). I encourage all senior members (C and above), DC's, club instructors, current examiners and all interested persons to attend this workshop. There is no charge, lunch will be provided and if you are a current examiner or interested in becoming one, attendance at this event will count towards your certification. The National education chair will also be in attendance so this will be a very informative day. Please encourage attendance by printing off the attached registration form, forward it to interested people affiliated with your club and bring to the meeting this Saturday.

Another huge announcement for Manitoba is that we will be hosting an A exam this summer. Joining us will be possibly 5 other candidates from out of province who will be testing their HA. We will be trying to utilize the Senior Examiners coming for the A exam to help test our C2 – B2 candidates. This is going to be a very full test this year so your **senior members that are intending on testing C2-B2 level must fill out their testing application for the upcoming year ASAP.** I would appreciate the applications be brought to the meeting on Saturday if possible. The **deadline will be February 4th, 2011** with the written date being chosen at the meeting this Saturday. Please take the time and touch base with your senior members prior to the meeting (**please pick up the phone if you have to, so you have actually touched base with them!!!**) and have some possible dates, at the Saturday meeting, that may work so we can set the written exam date for this group.

We will have to discuss at the meeting the dates for Senior Evaluation Clinic and Senior Testing dates this summer. I would like to propose at this time: July 13-16th as the Evaluation Clinic and August 10th -14th for the testing dates. As we all know the summer has very few blocks of free time and we all have a personal life as well as a horsey life! I hope these dates can accommodate the majority of candidates.

See you all at the meeting on Saturday. If you have any testing questions or issues that need to be discussed at the meeting please feel free to contact me prior to the meeting at the following numbers:

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Respectfully submitted,

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Youth Chairs

Abby Tye

Taylor Hein



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Western Region Youth Report

I have sent out a bunch of e-mails, and still haven't received many replies yet. The ones who have replied have not provided any ideas, as they are still thinking about what was wrong last year, so I suspect I'll hear more as the year progresses. We have Stable Management this Sunday, so I'll be sure to continue asking around.

Abby

Eastern Region Youth Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Taylor

**Canadian Pony Club and Manitoba Pony Club
Present
A Testing and Education Workshop**

Clinicians: Gwen Barnes, National Testing Chair
Bev Hewitt, National Education Chair

Date: Sunday, March 13

Time: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Fair Board Office, Portage la Prairie

Who: Branch DCs, Test Reps, Education Reps
All Regional Examiners, parents, senior members

This is your opportunity to become familiar with all the changes to the Testing Procedures, to share ideas and ask questions.

Branches are asked to bring an educational tool to share with others.

All examiners will get a clinic credit for attending.

There is no charge for this workshop. Lunch, coffee and snacks will be provided.

Please note this date on your calendar and plan to attend. It is very important that we have a good attendance.