



Manitoba Pony Club

Regional Meeting

April 16, 2011

Fair Board Office, Portage la Prairie

11:00 AM

Bring Your Own Lunch



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National Director's Report
Regional Meeting – April 16th, 2011 – 11:00 a.m.
Portage la Prairie, MB
Submitted by Maria Berry, National Director

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Pony Club was held in Calgary from April 8th to 10th, 2011. Following are the highlights from that meeting.

2010 has been a busy year with some changes taking place. It had been decided to save costs of printing a hard copy of the Annual Report that it would be placed on the website instead and hopefully will be available there for viewing in a couple of weeks.

John Moehring, past National Chair, is the new Webmaster and is revamping the website to make it more user-friendly. The Board is very glad to have John on board in this new capacity and looks forward to working with him. It is important that regions and branches keep their web pages current. If there is no activity shown on a particular page at the branch level then that page will be removed with a reference being on the regional page as to that branch's DC and contact info if current.

Val Crowe is the International Liaison for CPC and has a good relationship with our counterparts in the U.S. and other countries. It is festival this year in Lexington, KY and the Canadians have been invited to send a team. As I write this I don't have any more info but will probably have more to tell you at the meeting.

The feedback from the regions has been very positive on the Testing and Education Roadshow presented by Gwen Barnes and Bev Hewitt. They were in MB on March 13th and we had a good cross-section of people attending. They are finding that this is the case across the country. Bev specifically remembers the Manitoba members as they presented themselves well and exhibited a great deal of enthusiasm.

The pins for Stable Management are not available yet but Val is still working on getting them in the supply store. Gwen is also going to be looking for feedback on testing costs and have something put together on that.

Testing – A testing (RA) is being held in BCLM from Aug. 3rd to 5th and the HA from the 6th to 8th with 12 taking part. Also there is an RA, HA and HB tests being held in Manitoba on August 12th to 14th. In 2011 we have 19 testing for their A or part of their A in Canada. Interesting to note that Great Britain, who has over 32,000 members compared to our approximately 2300 members, has only a slightly larger contingent in the 20's doing the same.

Those regions that are hosting National Events will see their hosting grants doubled in 2012 from \$1,000 to \$2,000 with Quiz who is at \$1700 getting \$3400. Also the regions will be receiving cheques in the amount of \$200 to buy their own CPC banners (that is the cost for them) as now if they want to use them the cost to ship them one way is \$50. It saves shipping costs and everyone will have their own to use. As an added point of interest – holding a Disciplines conference costs \$75,000 between regional and national expenses and having the Testing and Education Roadshow go out this year, has a budget of \$25,000 which is only a 1/3 of what it would cost to put on a full-fledged conference.

Education Chair Bev Hewitt advised that she is busy gathering lesson plans and will have them posted on the new website (hoping for Sept. 1 start date). Study guides are being completely revamped and will be user-friendlier for all levels of learners. She is also busy developing an instructor's guide to

teach the study guides. This will all be turned into software that everybody can utilize on their own computers. She hopes to put it on the website and have an e-learning site. Lesson plans will be removed from the Education Handbook. Bev is also looking at a new/additional reading list and is being mindful of costs as it could become onerous for some members.

In her discipline chair's report Jane Goodlife spoke about the refund policy being developed. The discipline chairs all felt that it was something that the national board had to develop and implement. So Jane will be taking care of this issue. There have been some issues with conduct at some national events and a Code of Conduct/Ethics info will be included in competitors' packages. There was some discussion regarding the Walk/Trot Division at National Dressage Competitions and the board in general felt that it was something that should not be included at this level of competition. There was also a discussion regarding the inclusion of Stable Management at the National Dressage and Show Jumping competitions as is in Rally. This should be implemented at the regional levels as there is the possibility of it becoming a part of national competitions.

Sue Eagleson, the National Tetrathlon Chair has resigned. Tetrathlon in North America in general is in a down-swing. The focus should be on regional building and maybe national and forego international competitions until they have enough qualified competitors to go. There will be a search for a new Tet Chair at the National level.

In keeping with trying to save money at the national level there was discussion regarding the Disciplines conference and its viability for cost ratio. There was discussion that perhaps the national discipline chairs could have a pre-season and post-season teleconference meeting or Skype meeting with their regional counterparts. This would save quite a bit of money.

It was decided that Reel Pony is not the direction that CPC will engage in at this time. Some regions gave their support, while others did not.

There is now an official Pony Club Facebook page. There are 660 members as I write this and Kyra Holmes and Shelby Lynn Bouchon-Duffy are the site's administrators. Please let your members know when they log onto their Facebook page to go onto search and type CPC – Canadian Pony Club and the official Facebook site will pop up. If they are not already on it encourage them to join as there will be a lot of youth-oriented information on there as well as some things to vote on. For example Val is busy trying to organize CPC hats/caps for sale to members across the country. Kyra is going to get some samples and have members vote on which one they would most like to have that will give Val some idea as to what everyone would like her to purchase.

The Semi-annual meeting is being held in Toronto Nov. 9th to 11th, 2011 with the AGM for 2012 being held in Winnipeg from April 13th to 15th.

I am willing to let my name stand for another term as National Director. The position is finished this year as are quite a few of the other chair positions and an election will be held this fall at the regional level.

Maria Berry

Manitoba Pony Club

Membership Secretary Report

April 2011

Current total membership is 97, however, there are 17 members NOT IN GOOD STANDING with no valid MHC membership, and none of these 17 can participate in any MPC activity or event. These members are spread over 6 of our 8 branches.

I would like to strongly recommend that the MPC Regional Quiz be moved from March to later in the year to help alleviate the administrative burden surrounding the MHC membership issue.

Barb Bradley
MPC Membership Sec.

Dressage Chair Report,

April 16/2011

Cheryl Heming

1. 2011 CPC Dressage Nationals, August 13/14 (outside of Hamilton, Ontario)

Three Manitoba PC members qualified last July and advised they wished to attend the nationals in August. There have been multiple discussions about the 2010 championships- evolution and improvements. As a result there have been a few rule changes – the draft booklet has been circulated and I will forward as soon as it is confirmed. Most rules stay the same including the inclusion of Starter level competition. However Equine Canada has upgraded official dressage tests in level 1 through 4th. Normally tests 1 and 2 are the chosen tests in each level except for training which was 3 and 4. It will remain the same for most levels – I am just waiting for confirmation regarding training level tests since there are only 3 tests per level now.

National has also asked that once again that the regional chairs attend the nationals as the chaperones to provide opportunity for organizational support, team building and a core of people trained to deliver these events. I am still working on this at the moment.

2. 2011 Manitoba Pony Club Dressage Championships

As discussed and approved at the November regional pony club meeting, I have pursued a partnership show with Dressage Winnipeg to assist us with this event.

At this point, my recommendation for these championships is to have regional dressage at the partnership show with and hosted by Dressage Winnipeg, August 19-21. Dressage Winnipeg has moved its August show forward to prevent cross over with the National Pony Club Championships above. They are willing to provide a judge, show management, facility and some volunteers. Location of the show is not finalized but two options are being considered, Birds Hill Park and the Red River Ex site both in the Eastman area which should be finalized in a month or so.

Pony Club costs for this show will be minimal or zero. Apple Saddlery has provided the dressage ribbons. Greenhawk is the show sponsor and will be providing awards such as coolers and saddle pads. This combined with the Dressage Winnipeg component will cover off the costs.

As Dressage Chair, I could use a few volunteers to assist with the pony club component.

Lianne Parker is already booked for this show and is happy to be judging pony club again. Insurance issues are covered by DW insurance coverage and MHC individual membership MHC.

The Dressage Winnipeg Show is a bronze rated show, similar to the Spring Pony Club Classic, neither passports nor riding in the DW show are not required by MPC members. In addition to the pony club classes it will also have some non-traditional and fun classes.

However those riding in the regular bronze show can obtain additional benefits.

DW has changed both their awards of excellence program and volunteer requirements to allow for pony club members (and others) to qualify if they collect scores over certain percentages from EC shows as well as DW shows. DW could benefit by acquiring a few extra members, but the Awards change was passed for grassroots development purposes. In addition to the obvious benefit of an award as recognition for hard work and performance, aspiring athletes can use these types of awards to enhance resumes allowing them to apply for other opportunities that I foresee in the future.

3. MHC East West Challenge Show

As a development opportunity for pony club dressage, the DW August show plus the Spring Pony Club Classic and Brandon's bronze shows will provide qualifying scores for the Manitoba Horse Council supported East West Challenge competition at the end of September. In order for club members to qualify they need scores from bronze rated competitions at Levels 1 and 2 (confirmed for 2011).

There are Manitoba Pony Club members who will benefit from a dressage program across the province and I hope that 2011 will see at least one pony club member qualify to be on a team at the East West Challenge.

Cheryl Heming

MPC Dressage Chair



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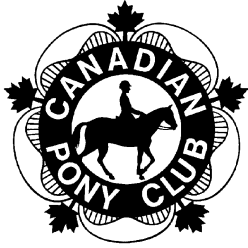
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Education Report April 15, 2011

- 1. Mini-Ed Clinics: Feb 11 – MPC Evening at Greenhawk, March 11 – MPC Evening at Westgates (cut short due to blizzard, will reschedule in the fall), Ed clinics held at Stoneridge Stables with Teri Gundmundson: March 5, 19 & April 9 (at QRF) covered clipping & braiding, first aid, longeing. March 12 covered conformation with Ingrid Pflug (kids had lots of fun at that one!). Greenhawk evening was well attended at Westgates (no blizzard). Clinics with Teri averaged 10 members. Will be repeating the longeing clinic again for regional test candidates and another open session in the fall. Although “10” might sound like a poor turnout, it actually is a nice number to work with, the members attending to benefited from lots of one-on-one instruction from Teri.**
- 2. MHC Snowbound Session May 1 at Sport Manitoba, 145 Pacific Avenue, Winnipeg**
Topics: Marketing and Promoting Yourself & Your Club, Bits & Biting, Corks and Corking, Boots, and the Assumptions of Protection. \$21, registration deadline is April 25th – see MHC website for forms/info
- 3. MPC Testing & Education Workshop - March 13th. This was well attended, informative and our members impressed our national chairs. Bev Hewitt, National Ed. Chair, told us the study guides are being completely revised/updated and will be easy to use for all levels of learners. An instructor’s guide will also be developed to help those delivering the study guides to the kids.**
- 4. Preparing for CPC written tests. I emailed “practice” written tests, all levels, to DC’s and encouraged clubs to organize “pre-tests” to help members be successful on the written test.**
- 5. Grant applications: will be applying to both CPC and MHC once again for assistance to help offset the cost of the Evaluation & Test Prep. Clinic.**
- 6. Evaluation & Test Prep. Clinic – July 13-16, Carroll, MB -I will be unable to attend the clinic due to personal reasons.**



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Manitoba Pony Club Rally Report

April 16, 2011

So far, I have been working on both Regional Rally and National Rally. I have received permission and support from MHT and Willville HT to combine a Rally clinic with each of their spring clinic/derbies. This is an excellent way to get our kids some clinic time and course practice without costing too much.

Regional Rally will be held on July 1-3 in Birds Hill Park. As July 1 is a holiday, I am hoping that everyone will arrive by noon, giving the teams plenty of time to set up before stable management begins. I will be providing a supper for all the teams, officials and volunteers, so parents, make sure you volunteer for something. Each team will be receiving a \$75 tack stall free of charge, thanks to the generosity of the MHC. Tack stalls must be left spotless.

In order to get the eventing season started, there will be two clinics and derbies offered. One will be at Birds Hill Park, May 14/15, giving everyone a chance to ride the course before Rally and one at Willville, June 3-5, to give you a chance to brush up your skills and practice the course for Dianna's event in the fall.

Rally will be run much the same as last year. Teams will be mixed as to Pony Club levels and HT Divisions. Teams will consist of 3 riders, 1 Captain, 1 Groom and 1 Assistant Groom. The assistant groom will be a new, younger or less experienced PC member. This will be a learning activity for them. Captains and Grooms will be judged at their current SM level. Riders will need their Bronze Sport Licence from EC in order to compete.

If a Branch has kids interested in attending National Rally in Ottawa, August 14 – 20, have them fill out the application form and send it to me ASAP.

Regional Rally info and forms will be out next week.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Crowe, Rally Chair

Regional Quiz Report – March 2011

Regional quiz was held at the Herman Prior Centre in Portage La Prairie on March 20, 2011. We had 48 members participate which was down quite a bit from 2010. The tests seemed to be quite a challenge for the members. The stations seemed to be well received with a variety of ID stations and active or game stations. I would like to thank Bev, Dianna and Karen M for helping supply the stations and Val & Phil for all their work in scoring and teams. I would also like to thank all the parents who helped man the stations, brought food and helped to make it a fun day for all.

Our Teams that are going to Nationals in Calgary are: Sara Berry & Kerry Moore and the C team is Emma Dealey, Abby Tye, Ariel Orchard and Christina Paramor. Congratulations to all of you and a job well done. Bev Moore will be going as our Quiz Chair and hopefully bring back lots of idea's for next years quiz. We will also be requiring another adult chaperone to go with the girls.

There is some concern about being able to confirm whether the members have renewed their MHC memberships at the time of Quiz. With us holding the quiz when we do we do not have to set up tables which takes a lot of man power and more volunteers to get it done. We will have a discussion on this during new business.

Thank you everyone for your help and patience.

Karen Iverson

Regional Quiz Chair

Show Jumping 2011

Cheryl Wishart

Good news always first, MPC Show Jumping has recently received 3 grants of \$300 each from Sport Manitoba from the show jumping clinics held in 2010. Pleased to see that Sport Manitoba supports MPC show jumping. These grant monies from show jumping will be used to support the show jumping initiative at camp/clinics in the coming year.

Currently working on organizing show jumping clinics at Helene Savard's, Quarry Ridge, and Agassiz Farm. Same format as last year with 3 clinics at Catherine's, 3 at Agassiz, and 4-6 at Helene's. This should be finalized and information out in the next week.

Sydney Hewins of Brandon Pony Club will be representing Manitoba Pony Club at the 2011 National Championships. Sydney will be competing at the National Medals Finals to be held at the Maple Ridge Equi-Sport Centre, located in Maple Ridge, British Columbia, August 25th – 28th.

Show Jumping Regional & National Qualifier Championships 2011

MHJA has agreed to host the MPC show jumping championships at their show: Summer in the City August 21-23, 2010, Red River Exhibition Equestrian Site. Andrew Curry is the MHJA contact person for the show, and I am currently working on the wording for the prize book. They need it asap.

What we need to discuss at the meeting is whether we could do the regional championships with the 2 jumping rounds and flat ride (no change) and the national qualifier with the 2 jumping rounds, gymnastic ride and use the traditional group equitation flat ride instead of the ride in the dressage ring.

With the prep clinic before camp, and then camp, the MHJA show offers a viable option for MPC. Because the show jumping championships have so many parts, the riders will be tired, and the MHJA show takes it away from camp. I have received correspondence expressing concerns that there is too much around camp this year. Last year activities were organized differently and this was not a problem, but this year it is.

Testing Report April 16, 2011

Submitted by Dianna Fraser

Well a month has passed since we hosted the Education/Testing Workshop in Portage. I hope everyone went back to their club with some fresh ideas to share with their members. The workshop was attended by 28 pony club supporters. Nine examiners attended, 7 possible new examiners, 5 DC's as well as a few interested parents and members, braved the weather.

I would like to provide an examiners clinic at the D-C level this year but available days are few and far between. We definitely have enough new members interested in becoming examiners. Hopefully we can discuss possible dates at the meeting.

Please note that the regional **written exam for C2-B2 tests will be on May 11th** (24 more study days). Karen McLean will be organizing the exam site in the East and I will be organizing the exam site in the West.

July 13,14,15 are still the dates for the Senior Evaluation Clinic. Clinician has not been confirmed as of yet.

Regional testing will be the week of August 10-14th. Please check the list of candidates and confirm any additions or deletions. I need solid commitments to testing in order to complete the schedule and obtain the appropriate number of examiners.

Testing package and examiners list updated and a copy given to each DC. Please notify me of any changes required.

Enjoy spring and happy riding.

Respectfully,

Dianna Fraser

Test Chair MB

PS: Tani Ewing Eventing clinic. June 3 & 4 (Friday - Saturday) with One Day Horse Trial on Sunday June 5th.

Camp 2011

Cheryl Wishart

Camp 2011 preparations are well under way. This year we have tried to incorporate lots of the old events, with a few new twists for the campers. We are trying to provide the riders with a fun time, good instruction, and new opportunities.

Camp Dates: Move in will be Sunday, 17 July 2011 with move out after lunch on Saturday, 23 July 2011 confirmed.

The camp committee consists of Cheryl Wishart (chair), Barb Bradley, Kit Anderson, Leslie Wishart, and Karen Iverson.

Instructors:

Younger riders: Cindy Klassen and Lorraine Wilson.

Older riders: Terry Klassen.

Terry will also coach the optional gymnastic portion. Offered one evening at an extra charge of \$15.00 per participant.

Andrew Curry is checking availability for a 1 (maybe 2) day clinic for the older riders at camp.

Dressage: Merlin Hunkin. It is preferable to run the dressage lessons during the week Monday to Thursday – 3 days.

Riders will have a chance to prepare for the upcoming MPC Championships by riding their tests for dressage and show jumping. This portion of camp is optional.

PPG evening: have approached Kelly Campbell.

Cross country day: Danae Martin. If Danae cannot instruct she has suggested Tekla Dopheide, at Birds Hill.

Barrel Racing & Pole Clinic: Heather Davey

Parelli Clinic: Barb will contact Heather Davey.

IMPORTANT: The sand ring will be used as much as possible. We want the riders and their horses to ride on the best footing available at Portage. Suggestions will be made to the instructors to use all the suitable grass areas available and that portions of the lesson can be outside the designated ring, but only as appropriate for independent riders.

We are hoping that Dianna can lend camp 3 or 4 small cross country jumps. There are natural obstacles available on the grounds – sloping land, trees and a drainage ditch which can all be utilized.

Accommodations: Terry and Cindy Klassen will have their camper at camp for the week. Andrew Currie would drive from home (Treherne). Merline Hunkin will drive from home (Oakville). Lorraine Wilson will be billeted at Barb Bradley's. All will have mileage & camping fees paid to them.

Camp Applications: Camp applications have been sent out to the clubs. Early bird fee (paid prior to 30 April 2011) will be \$165.00. Please be aware of the date deadlines. These dates, and fees, including the late fee will be enforced. We are running a balanced budget with camp, and it is so important we know our numbers.

Facility: Currently we are planning on two barns being used: Light Horse Barn 22 and Heavy Horse Barn 24. Everything else remains the same. Revised rental is \$3500.00 plus GST. Burt Rutbeck will be loaning MPC his waterer for the sand ring.

T Shirts: Colors: Navy Blue, Baby Blue and Black are available. Visors are the same price as the t shirts. Hats are more expensive. Logos cannot be printed on the visors. Names can be stitched on the hats.

Pool Party: Thursday evening is the only available evening for the pool party. \$3.50 per participate should still cover the cost.

Polo Clinic: Kit will contact Birds Hill Polo Club and co-ordinate.

Tack Swap: one evening in the office.

Craft: optional craft with 2 choices: baking horse cookies, or mixing stud muffins.

Awards: awards / ribbons in recognition of activities, attitudes and events, i.e. Most Helpful, Most Congenial, etc. With the campers to nominate people for these awards.

Each club to supply a \$20 silent auction prize and \$50 for prizes and lunches.

Camp Scholarship - What is Pony Club / Camp to you? Camp fee refund.

Eastern Youth Report (Taylor Hein)

I have been considering ideas for the Pony Club Youth that I would like to host. The events I have chosen I will share with you and if am allowed will look into further and do my best to make happen. I would like to have four events that I could host at the end of the year banquet. These would be a scrapbook contest, display contest, picture contest, and a “boot” race. I will attach separate documents explaining these events and how I would be interested in running them (judges, awards, etc). I would also be interested in hosting a BBQ for the Eastern Pony Clubs and have spoken to Abby Tye about collaborating so that she may also have one for the Western Pony Clubs. I would also like to inform you that due to lack of time and schedule I will be unable to host the events at the Pony Club Spring Classic as planned and emailed out.

Scrapbook Contest: For this I would like to see each club bringing out a club scrapbook (optional) and they could send forward it at the banquet. I will have picked judges prior to that evening and most likely ask upon Leaders etc. I would also look into having at least a ribbon to present for 1st through 6th.

Display Contest: Displays are set up every year and I think it is a fun way to show your club off. There would be no theme. People use creativity and originality. Again I would look into having ribbons to present 1st through to 6th.

Picture Contest: I would like to have a picture contest in which there would be categories posted before hand and any member could enter pictures. Prizes/ribbons 1st through 6th.

Boot Race: The boot race I believe would be perfect to end the year and have many of the Youth enjoying the last event. This event consists of having you take your shoes off at one end of the room, go to the other end, turn around while I scramble them about. On the word “go” they turn around run for their shoes, put them on and run back. I already have some ideas on prizes and this would be a sponsored event by certain places. I would also have three categories to make it fair to everyone.

BBQ: I was considering hosting a BBQ for the Eastern pony clubs closer to the summer season. I was thinking of looking into having meat sponsored to the event, and then have something of a pot luck for sides, salads and dessert. I have considered a few locations to host it and would make a decision closer to the date. I think that it would give us all a chance to really get to know each other in a fun way without the competition. It would also be a horse free event, though maybe we could incorporate some sort of “horse” event (example: stick horse race?)