

Minutes of the First Youth Rep Meeting
May 16th, 2004 12-1pm Windsor, NS

Present:

Kate Mattocks (Regional YR)
Lindsey MacGillivray (Fairwind)
Merilee Yuill (Opportunity)
Emma Eisses (also from Opportunity)
Nicole MacHattie (West Valley)
Kaitlyn Kennedy (Friendly Breezes)
Erica Johnson (Colchester)
Erin Sloan (Tantramar)
Jessica Gerrits (Annapolis)

Kate called the meeting to order, and everyone introduced themselves before we started.

The first item on the agenda was a reminder about NSPC's summer schedule, which can be found in the latest edition of the newsletter.

Next, we talked about the badges. Most clubs said that the badges were more popular with the younger members, with the exception of Opportunity who said they had lots of older members interested. Opportunity hosted the badge weekend in March and everyone agreed that it was a great idea. We would like to thank Opportunity for all their hard work that went into putting that together.

Next we talked about how to display the badges. Erin brought "badge banners" that Gay Hansen had made, and they were widely liked! Other ways that were suggested were saddle pads, and the club jackets (either on the back or sleeves).

The next item on the agenda was the NS Regional website and whether a youth page could be incorporated into it. We discussed the website a bit, and agreed that it could use some sprucing up by adding a youth page. This youth page could include surveys, contact information for each club, updates, and agendas for the meeting. Nicole suggested that it would save a lot of e-mailing if things went up on the website for people to check.

Merilee suggested that old tests be available online to members who want to use them to study for written tests.

Members also expressed improving the club websites as they are fairly bland.

We then discussed an idea that was brought to the youth reps' attention by Judy Allen. This idea was to collect unusual artifacts, take pictures of them, and come up with a collection of pictures of artifacts that could be used to study for quiz. We all thought this was a great idea. A digital camera or scanner would be necessary though. Nicole mentioned that Apple Saddlery has a really good online catalog that could possibly be used.

The last item that came up was C Rally. A few members expressed concern that we are losing the real “rally feel” by incorporating it with the CNHP Horse Trials this year. Everyone felt that Stable Management was an integral part of rally, and that it is much harder to incorporate the SM with an event.

Everyone felt that 3-day rallies were the best, but we know that they are not always feasible every year due to costs, organization work, and availability of locations.

We ended the meeting; many members moved over to the O’Brien meeting to join the Regional Executive meeting that was going on at the same time. During this meeting, a motion was made on behalf of the youth reps to move that Gay’s badge banners be accepted as a way of displaying the badges. There was also much discussion about the retroactive badges.