

2009 Jan Reports to Regional Board

National Director's Report to the Region January 18, 2009

John Moehring, National Chair, after on-going discussions with EC encouraged the Board to continue with the development of CPC recognized Officials. Even though the EC exemption is back for 2009 for the use of EC officials (with the possible exemption of Dressage-a new group at Dressage Canada). If non PC members competing, then it is an 'open' show and must be EC sanctioned. Now only require one license per show and that would be the license for the highest level showing, so now multi-level shows with one license; Discipline Chairs to bring Rules up to EC standards.

National believe we need to continue to be prepared with creation of own officials. He further encouraged the Board to consider the development of CPC recognized Instructors. National Education Committee is forming a sub-committee to investigate the development of a program for instructor identification; identify who we are using for coaches/instructors now and identify EC coaches and other certified people. This is not to certify instructors just to list.

Equine Canada are looking into cost of insurance policy for members.... Don't need PSO membership to get a Sport License, but need the PSO membership for the insurance.

Regional Concerns - Calendars- some resistance to selling; general apathy, difficulty getting people to take jobs and fulfill their commitments. SM Streaming well received; suggested Apple Saddlery switch from hats to something else, perhaps stable rubbers; Youth Reps have started a facebook page-nothing to stop others from doing so and some regions have started one also; some are discreetly monitored by DC's or Reg. Chairs; National will put a disclaimer on the website that www.canadianponyclub.org is the only official CPC website. Declining membership is a concern - an exit survey will be developed to determine why our members are leaving. Discussion on methods to keep and increase membership.

- Will look at changes to Testing, increase and improve Education, give kids opportunities they can't get anywhere else
- Stable Management Stream is working to increase membership.
- Positive image of PC, good people promoting the organization.
- Good promotion locally (schools/newspaper articles, Red Letter Days -Radio), good newsletters, good communication
- More advertising, PSO's, get our program into the schools.
- Contest for Region/Branch with most growth in 2009, possibly a flight or clinic fees, Membership Committee to look into this and bring to the Management Committee.
- Name the foal contest; Design a CPC Ad Competition, Posters, annual banquets,
- Parent meetings with Stable Management lessons, educate the parents

SLOV is piloting a Judging Conformation package and once happy with it will share with other regions.

Insurance question re PC members riding horses owned by others - if a PC event, it is not mandatory that the owners be NSEF (PSO) members but highly recommended; if an open show, then yes, owners are required to have NSEF membership.

A Concern was brought forward via the Youth Reps over the image of the name Canadian Pony Club creates. Discussion on the name was tabled until the AGM. It was noted the US Pony Club now just use USPC and perhaps we should lean towards CPC... A lot about about branding/creating an image.

All application forms for National Competitions should be on the web, including location, dates etc, at least 6 months prior to the event.

Discipline Reports

Consider adding Affiliates to Dressage and Show Jumping Championships. Show Jumping wants to change minimum age from 14 years to 12 years old. SJ committee to finalize a proposal to submit to the Management Committee through the National Chair for Disciplines.

The Board reaffirmed all International applications must come to the National Office first, then be sent to the selection committee. National Chair for Disciplines to ensure PPG is aware of this.

The National Tetrathlon Committee are going to review and update the National Rule Book to comply with current safety standards agreed to by this Board and EC and to make sure that they are authorized to use the Shooting, Running and Swimming Rules of any outside bodies that they have referenced.

All Disciplines - all Regional Rules must be in compliance with safety standards.

Centres

Pro's	Con's
Might raise membership numbers.	Negative effect on Branches
	Do they pay Regional Fees?
More kids without horses have a chance to be part of PC.	Might lose Branches that become Centres.
	Who pays cost of inspections?
Better liaison between barns and Branches	Lose members to Centres
	Effect on Regions – losing volunteer resources – parents may feel that Centres are good because they don't have to volunteer or fund raise.
Regions can personalize the program –	Working together – check with Mike re

what will work in each Region.	insurance for Centres working with Branches.
	Might need an additional Regional fee to cover participation.
	Two tier fee structure for Regional events, wouldn't want to support center members to Nationals.
	Branches may resent the centres
	Difficulty in monitoring the centres
	Not providing volunteers.
	Safety – who is policing that they are following our safety rules.

- ♣ Why don't we bring barns in as Branches – allow restricted membership?
- ♣ National Office could keep lists of Branches who accept kids without horses, as well as centres who accept members without horses and direct prospective members to the most suitable place.

The Centre issue was not put to a vote but will be looked at more closely using the feedback from Regions to develop it further.

Communication Report – Liz Inglis needs results and pictures of National Championships sent directly to her within a week of the competition. Directors need to get their Communication Chairs to communicate with Liz on a regular basis.

If a flight supported financially by National is to be changed, and there is a cost involved, permission must be received from the National Office prior to making the change.

Due to the expenses involved with the 2009 celebrations, no program grants will be increased for 2009.

In order to maintain level of support as it is now, either membership has to be increased or fees increased. National membership fees will be increased \$5.00 in 2010 and \$5.00 in 2011. An increase in membership could mean these increases would not happen.

It was approved for National to add an additional part time employee, for an average of 40 hours per month, to a max of 480 hours for the year for 2009. Employee to be hired by the National Administrator. Salary to be set between \$9 and \$12 an hour, plus statutory benefits

POSITION:	
National Officers:	

Chair	John Moehring
Vice Chair	Cathy Miller
Finance Chair	Nancy Hibbert
Secretary	Lori Leverington
Active Member East	(Not up for election)
Active Member West	Casey Leroux
National Committees:	
Chair for Disciplines	Cheryl Leask
Dressage	Sherry Jackson
Show Jumping	Diana Locke
PPG	Alison Rainford
Tetrathlon	Sue Eagleson
Rally	Lynn Morris
Quiz	Carol Weiler
Education	Bev Hewitt
Testing	Gwen Barnes
Communications	Liz Inglis
Board Committees:	
Management	John Moehring Nancy Hibbert Lori Leverington Cathy Miller Kasia Miedzinska
Governance	Karol Shipley Phil Crowe Cathy Miller Bob Inglis Virginia Buchanan-Smith
Web Master	Crawford Dales
Web Site Committee	Crawford Dales Bill Murray Bob Inglis Karol Shipley
Risk Management	John Moehring Kasia Miedzinska Karol Shipley Nancy Hibbert
Finance	Nancy Hibbert Phil Crowe John Moehring Marcia Cooper
Equine Canada Rep	Kim Saville
EC Committee	John Moehring Marcia Cooper Kim Saville Susan Harrison Kasia Miedzinska Carina Mill-Forsstrom
Membership & Alumni	Jill Stephenson

	Casey Leroux Laura Jacquard Margie Johnson Judy Allen
Privacy	Val Crowe (CPC Privacy Officer) Governance Committee
Sponsorship	Carina Mill-Forsstrom John Moehring Kasia Miedzinska Kim Saville Lori Leverington
75th Anniversary	Karol Shipley John Moehring Billi Solverson Val Crowe Liz Inglis Casey Leroux Del Zelmer Cheryl Leask Jill Stephenson Jane Goodliffe Kim Saville Laura Jacquard Debi Robertson Carina Mill-Forsstrom
Planning	Management Committee Finance Committee
RAWF Rep	Karol Shipley
Officials	Kasia Miedzinska Cheryl Leask Jill Stephenson Jane Goodliffe Susan Harrison
Stable Management Streaming Project	Gwen Barnes Bev Hewitt
Education/Instructor Committee	Susan Harrison Bev Hewitt

75th Anniversary - A colour newsletter to be sent to all members with a badge and membership card.

Send pins to Wall of Fame people.

The week of July 1st to 8th will be named Canadian Pony Club Week. July 1st celebrations could be used as an opportunity for CPC to be visible. Plan other visible CPC activities; invitations, etc. Working on a CPC Poster that will be distributed electronically.

The Ride for 75 Nationally is going well with over 21,260 kilometers travelled as noted on the website as of Jan. 13, 2009. However, there are no kilometers recorded for Nova Scotia.....Branches are to register with Val Crowe directly (record outside 'ring' riding including clinics, events (doesn't have to be CPC hosted) since April...include Associate and Affiliate members. The website also lists the 10 top branches across the country for kilometers travelled.

A number of items will be offered for sale by National - 75th Anniversary pin, carry-all bag, yearbook (need pictures); history book, (few copies of 1st history book for sale from Val Crowe at Nat. Office), horse brass. Plans for the Youth Conference

(November 11 - 15?) are still in the draft stage - hope to have 80 - 100 members, looking at various educational sessions, ie course building, quiz, Guelph trip, Royal Agr. Winter Fair. Staying at the Holiday Inn, Yorkdale - 11 from each Region (6 Discipline Chairs, Test Chair, Education Chair, 1 Examiner, Two youth) plus Nat. Director. If I understood correctly, National will pay for half of each flight; rooms and meals on own or Regional/Branch support). Could send 4 members and region pays one-quarter of each airfare. Hotel rate is \$119 (taxes?) with four to a room. There will be additional scholarships possibly one \$500 scholarship for each Region and one Affiliate for Canada. Scholarships would be handed out at the Banquet.

When ordering ribbons for 2009, a suggestion is to consider using the 75 Anniversary logo for the rosettes.

Crawford would like to see all web pages updated for this 75th Anniversary Year. Send your updates to Pam Hooper.

Test level designations were accepted as printed below, with the Full Test/Stable Management level.

Test Designations	
Full Test	Stable Management/Partial Test
E	
D	DSM
D1	D1SM
D2	D2SM
C	CSM
C1	C1SM
C2	C2SM
B	HB RB
B2	HB2 RB2
A	SA HA RA

Written Designations
E/D1SM
D2/CSM
C2/HB
B/HB2

The following policy was set for Eligibility Criteria for National/International Competitions/Exchanges:

(Eligibility criteria to be included as competency guidelines for National Championships and International Exchanges within discipline rules.)

Preamble:

We want our riders to be safe.

We want our riders to capably represent their branch, region, and the Canadian Pony Club.

Requirements for each level of competition

- Membership – Active or Affiliate members, participating and in good standing
- Age – as of January 1st as per discipline rules.
- Rating as per discipline rules as of application closing date.
- Qualifying period prior to closing date of entries as per discipline rules.
- Number and nature of qualifying event(s)/activities.
- Verification of results of qualifying activities.
- Minimum performance standard.
- Any required documentation – as per international requirements or host.
- Affidavit from DC, Coach plus one other (coach, official) attesting to:
 - Maturity
 - Coachability
 - Ability and experience at the level on non-owned horse
 - Documentation of Medical fitness, if applicable, from a medical practitioner

Each National Committee shall set up their application in compliance with this policy. Rule Books must be updated to reflect the policy changes and must be submitted to the Chair of Disciplines by March 1, 2009, notwithstanding the earlier motion re Tetrathlon.

AGM 2009 - Winnipeg - Hilton Suites Winnipeg Airport, April 3-5, 2009

SAM 2009 - Toronto – Holiday Inn Toronto Yorkdale, Nov. 11-15, 2009

75Th Anniversary Celebrations - Toronto, November 11 - 15, 2009

National Competitions (to the best of my knowledge):

Dressage - Nova Scotia hosting.
SJ - Manitoba
PPG - National Masters - COR
Quiz - BC Lower Mainland

Margie Johnson

Education Report

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I will have more information at the regional meeting on the 18th.

I have check with Alex for the Regional Show Jumping Event and the date/s that have been agreed upon are Saturday July 25 and Sunday July 26 if needed. Alex is also will to have a training camp on Friday July 24th for those wanting to attend.

Thanks

Roxanne

Evangeline Pony Club Branch Report

Evangeline is well underway with stable management lessons. The members meet every Monday night from 6-8. So far they have covered such topics as: Stable and Pasture, Grooming, Colors, Markings, Breeds and Clipping. Our club had a Tetrathalon Clinic in

November for all members. We had the privilege of having PC Alumni, Rachel Bettingfield, who instructed our members on the running aspect of this event. A special thanks to the New Minas Gun Club for allowing us to use their facility. The swimming portion was completed at the Waterville Pool. A great time was had by all and we appreciated our ADC for her tremendous efforts on our behalf. We also had a Sarsfield Pie fundraiser which will allow our club to participate in field trips and purchase team saddle pads. We had a skating and pizza Christmas Party at the Windamere Hall. Members enjoyed skating, food and making horse crafts. We were on break for two weeks and we are now planning our New Year agenda. In March we will be hosting a Regional E/D Quiz in Kingston.

Respectively Submitted
Alissa Cue
D.C

January 2009

West Scotia Pony Club Branch Report

By District Commissioner
Bonnie Pothier

2008/2009 marks the first year that the West Scotia Pony Club has been activated after almost a decade of being dormant. It is with high hopes that this club will provide a much needed boost in both riding and stable management education through Yarmouth County.

Our membership consists of twelve enthusiastic Pony Clubbers ranging in age from eight to seventeen years old. Our Head Coach is Kara Smith, with our Assistant Coach being Mary Pothier.

Meetings have been taking place consistently every two weeks (weather permitting) at Triple M Stables in South Ohio, Yarmouth County. Members have been working on stable management topics during these meetings, including subjects such as bandaging, detailed grooming and tack cleaning, as well as others. Members are already anxiously awaiting the spring riding lessons.

Fundraising efforts have already begun with regular recycling drives, with plans to produce a cookbook in the near future. The Hitching Post Tack Shop of Yarmouth County has offered to donate \$2.00 from each dewormer that they sell to West Scotia to help with our fundraising efforts.

Future plans include a visit from farrier Stephanie Burnie to discuss the topics of hoof care and proper shoeing. Plans for other guest speakers to address the Pony Club are in the works, but have not been confirmed at this point.

The West Scotia Pony Club is off to a slow and steady start for our first year, and it is with high hopes that we will have a spring and summer filled with lots of activities and fun for all our keen members, volunteers and their families.

Branch Report
West Valley
January 2009

This year we have 12 members that range from B to D Levels. Our instructor is Alex Beaton at Killeavy Stables. Stable management lectures have been in progress since mid-November and will commence Jan.19 after a 3 week Christmas break. Stable management lectures are divided into two groups. The higher level being instructed by A. Beaton and the lower levels instructed by B/C members with A. Beaton supervision.

The Club has purchased and will install bleachers at Killeavy Stables this spring. As well a small shed will be constructed from materials donated by M.Bent (A.J Construction) and built to house WVPC jumps/tack. We had a very successful fundraising event (Home and Gift) in December. The funds raised from this event will be directed to cover the costs of the items mentioned above, as well as sponsorship from NS Power. Fundraising events are scheduled for this summer bagging groceries, sign sponsorship and 50/50 ticket sales at the drive in.

We will be offering early bird lessons in April to members and regular lessons will start in May. Our camp is usually the second week in July. Last years camp with splitting the location at Killeavy Stables and Hobby Horse was very successful. This year the club will be hosting clinics and competitions. There will also be some relaxed events to horse around; a social for card making, Mom's & Daughter's day at the stables, Fall trail ride & potluck.

Members and parents of WVPC are involved in organizing the Regional Show Jumping July 25 & 26 at Killeavy Stables and the National Dressage Competition in Nova Scotia.

Below are dates of WVPC Clinics /Shows/Events for 2009.

February 21 Card Making
April 4 Bagging Groceries at the Superstore Kingston
May 23 PPG Clinic for WVPC members and mothers
June 6 Pre –Event Clinic for WVPC members (A. Beaton instructor)
July 5 **Cross Country Clinic (open to all PC)**, A. Beaton, location TBA
July 6 – 10 WVPC Camp (tentative dates)
July 15 **Jumping Clinic (open to all PC)** instructed by A. Beaton or J.Hamilton @ Killeavy Stables
July 24 **Jumping Clinic (open to all PC)** A. Beaton @ Killeavy Stables
August 5 **Susan Fraser Clinic (open to all PC)** @ Killeavy Stables
Sept. 19 Alex Beaton Clinic for WVPC members
Oct.17 WVPC Trail Ride for club members

We wish everyone a successful and fun year.

Hi Carollyn:

You may wish to review and then circulate these two attachments prior to Sunday.

Notes:

Dec 31, 2008 GIC balance:	\$20,402.41
Bank balance (net of o/s chqs)	<u>\$ 5,608.79</u>
Total \$\$ Dec 31, 2008	\$26,011.20

My thoughts:

The final 2008 figures will still have a few additions [as revenue / expenses come in early in 2009 that we want to attribute to 2008] but certainly it is an accurate enough base such that 2009 budgeting can be done. Essentially, we will likely come *ahead (*income over expenses) around \$2,000 in 2008, recognizing we had projected a \$9,000 loss of which, \$2,500 was set up as reserve for what we knew would be higher expenses this year for workshops / conferences re: the PC anniversary year events. The fact that there is such a significant variance between actual and budget tells us we still need to fine tune the budgeting process a bit more. A breakdown of income and expenses for each event would help us there.

I have already received a couple budget reports (Tet/Rally and Dressage) so I have tried to capture that in the 2009 budget template. In most cases, the comment is simply made that "events' expenses will be matched by revenues" but there is no projected income or expense detail to put in so, if that does not occur, we can't do any analysis of where things went awry, either on the income or expense side.

I realize that with this being PC's anniversary year and with National Dressage being hosted here, versus National S/J last year, that we will need to change some of the income and expense categories so I will get that input from the group and make the necessary changes.

After the Nov meeting I received some comments as to re-classifying some income and expense items and I have incorporated those changes. (Although there is still some question on one \$300 dressage item but it does not change our bottom line.)

Thanks
Andy

Regional Quiz Report

January 10, 2009

The application for the 2009 National Quiz Qualifier Application has been circulated to all club DC's. Nationals will be held in British Columbia on Thanksgiving weekend. The deadline for applicants is February 25/09.

There are two quizzes planned, the first on February 28 for Novice/D and C levels hosted by Opportunity. On March 28 Colchester is hosting a Novice/D /C quiz from 9-2. Both of these will be qualifiers for the National C team and interested members are encouraged to attend.

Submitted by Susan Foote

Annapolis Pony Club-Branch Report

January 10, 2009

There was no general meeting held since the AGM on October 29/08. The new executive met on November 25/08 to begin preliminary planning for the 2009 season.

It was decided that there would be a general meeting held January 27/09 to introduce the planned stable management and spring lesson program. The stable management program will begin mid February, meeting once a week and continue for 6 weeks. All levels from E to B will be covered. The spring lesson program will begin in early May.

Our membership to date is 24 members for 2009.

Annapolis has secured the Windsor Exhibition Grounds for hosting the Regional PPG on Sunday, June 21 for B, A and Masters level. There is a proposed PPG clinic for June 20 also at Windsor. Regional Dressage will be held in conjunction with National Dressage and Annapolis will be working with the committee as the regional host. D Rally date/location has not been established at this time.

Colchester Pony Club

Branch Report Jan. 2009

We are starting this year with 10 members, 2 of which are new members. Stable Management lectures will be at Knox United Church in Brookfield on Friday evenings Jan.-March. We are meeting to plan this year's events.

We will be hosting an Affiliate A, B, C-Quiz on March 28 at Knox United Church in Brookfield. We are planning on having a cross country clinic at Central Nova on June 14. Our Primary Hunter Fundraiser show will be held on June 20 at Central Nova Horse and Pony in Salmon River, and our camp will take place July 6-10 at Central Nova Horse and Pony in Salmon River.

Submitted by Norm Paupin, DC

NOVA SCOTIA PONY CLUB
DRESSAGE REPORT
JANUARY 18, 2009

Plans are underway for Regional Dressage competitions in 2009. The format will be similar to 2008, hopefully with qualifiers in two areas of the province with the same judge for both shows.

Club DC's have been contacted regarding their interest in hosting qualifiers. The judge will be booked when both dates are confirmed, June 28 has been tentatively booked at CNHP for one qualifier.

The date for the Regional Dressage Championships is scheduled for August 15 at CNHP. Dressage Clinic to be tentatively held on August 16.

National Dressage will be hosted in this Region at end of August. The Dressage subcommittee meets today to continue with planning for this event .

Respectfully submitted
Brenda Swinkels
NSPC Dressage Chair

Hi Carollyn, for NS Education report:

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Carollyn, if you feel it would be a good idea to send the above out before the meeting - given that I am asking for help with Feb 8th and Feb 8th is close around the corner - I'll leave that to your discretion.

I'll forward PPG soon.

Heather

Hi Carollyn,

Evangeline is planning on hosting a E/D Quiz March 28th. Could you please include this on the list of events.

Cheers
Alissa

Tetrathlon Budget 2009

National Championship support:
5 entry fees (@\$475.00) = \$2375.00
Airfare for Chaperone = \$1000.00
Total = \$3375.00

Nationals will be in BC Lower Mainland this year. (August 4 - 8)

I will apply for a National development grant in support of Tetrathlon before the April 2009 deadline. Last year this grant was \$200. Clinics and the Regional Championship will be funded by entry fees, existing funds in the tetrathlon account and from the National development grant.

Tetrathlon Report

January, 2009

NSPC now owns a very good (used) FienworkBau air pistol. This will be used at Tetrathlon clinics and competitions and loaned to tetrathletes practicing air pistol. I plan to organize one or two tetrathlon clinics this spring in April or May. I would like to do this in the Valley or in the Truro area (or both). These will be run/shoot/swim clinics (no riding phase). I would appreciate hearing from any branches interested in participating in a clinic so I can decide on the final location(s) and date(s). I have a power point presentation on Tetrathlon. This might be something we

could work into the upcoming Education Day. Lots of photos.

Tetrathlon Camp dates have not been set yet. Billeting will be available for any members wanting to attend.

Unfortunately, because of the changes with EC rules, the Tetrathlon Regional Championship can no longer be run in conjunction with Strathgartney Horse Trials. Instead, I propose to run it in conjunction with Regional Rally. I would like to run a daylong

Regional run/shoot/swim competition in the Wolfville/Kingston area during the week preceding Rally to allow competitors to generate scores for those phases. The riding scores will be taken from individual riding scores at rally the following week. (I hope to be able to make arrangements for any tetrathletes who are not mounted rally team members to ride the cross country and stadium phases, if this need arises) Tetrathlon awards would be presented immediately following Rally awards. I hope that this will encourage more members to participate in both disciplines.

Nationals will be in BC Lower Mainland this year, August 4 to 8.

Respectfully submitted

Gay Hansen

Rally Budget 2009

Regional Rally support (combined D and C) = \$1000.00

Rally Clinic support = \$200.00

Total = \$1200

I will apply for a National development grant in support of Rally before the April 2009 deadline. Last year this grant was \$200.

NSPC Rally Report

January 10, 2009

Education session: I am prepared to organize a Rally education session at our upcoming Education Day, if that is of interest.

Rally Clinic: I would like to organize a Rally Clinic at CNHP, prior to rally in late June or early July. I propose to have members school over the cross country course, receive some instruction on stable management judging, turnout and horse inspections, and possibly some instruction or information on the dressage phase as well.

Regional Rally: I propose to run Rally again at CNHP in Truro. I realize that this is not a convenient spot for all, but this facility is the only one that can provide adequate stabling and riding facilities at the same venue. This year I would like to combine ABC and D Rally.

As in the past, I would like to run Rally after the Central Nova Horse Trials so that our members will have had the opportunity to ride the cross country during the horse trials. We have seen time and again that members who attend horse trials prior to rally have much higher scores than those that do not. The horse trials is valuable training and an excellent way to prepare for Rally. I suggest that we run rally on the T/W/Th following CNHT to give the kids and their mounts all day Monday to rest and regroup after the horse trials.

I propose the following:

- Dates July 21, 22, 23 July (Tues/Wed/Thurs)
- Horses who came in for HT, can be stabled on the grounds on Monday, July 20.
- Lunches and suppers provided on Rally Grounds. Breakfast on your own.

- I will organize a block of rooms at NSAC for any clubs who wish to stay there. Or, clubs can make their own arrangements.
- All branches will make a contribution to running rally, whether they send a team or not.
- Rally will start Tuesday morning and will include the setting up of tack rooms. (no setup allowed prior to the start of rally)
- We would have some group fun activity on Wednesday evening. (ie: swimming, rock climbing, bowling, karaoke, team skits?????? suggestions welcome)
- We could mix the teams so each team had riders that were D's and C's in any combination. This would be somewhat outside of our rally rules, but would work. We can accommodate nine four-horse teams at CNHP. In the past 3 years we have never had more than 9 teams in total between C and D rally.

I would like to see three helpers/team to give more of our younger members a chance to participate as grooms.

I think this will eliminate the stress on team members who in the past, have attended both rallies because of a shortage of qualified members in their Branch. This will encourage members D2 and above, to go to rally and those under D2 to attend D Challenge.

I would appreciate feedback on these ideas. This could be in the minutes or by individual e-mails. All opinions welcome.

Respectfully submitted

Gay Hansen

I can be reached at ghansen@mta.ca or phone (506) 536 2532.

Nova Scotia Pony Club

Testing Report

January 18, 2009

Since our last Regional meeting in November and with the testing committee disbanded after that AGM. The new testing committee for 2009 has started to form and will be made up of the following people:

Johanne Head -testing chair

Valerie McDermott -testing chair

Jackie Allen -examiner

Sara McClellan -examiner

Heather Ongo -education chair

And anyone else on the regional executive who would like to help out it would greatly be appreciated.

Johanne and I will be sending out the dates for application submission for C2 & the B level testing's by the end of January.

Johanne and I will be working very closely together to keep a handle on testings and she will be teaching me the ropes.

We will keep you posted as things develop and tests are ready from National.

I am looking forward to 2009 and learning more about testing at the regional level.

Respectively submitted,

Valerie A. McDermott
Regional C2/B Testing Chair

AVON PONY CLUB

First Quarter

BRANCH REPORT

January 2009

BRANCH: AVON

REGION: NOVA SCOTIA

January brings us back on the 16th to begin our stable management lectures at the West Hants Middle School in Brooklyn. These will run every Friday night from the 16th of January until the end of March.

March 7th will find us moving our four legged friends into the pony club barn to commence our series of mounted lessons.

We have several events planned for the upcoming season March break camp, training shows, and Jen Hamilton clinics to name a few.

Some dates to keep in mind are the following:

March 23-27 APC March break camp

Apr date TBA Jen Hamilton Clinic

Apr 19 APC Trg Show

May 3 Mega Trg Show

May 8-10 Jen Hamilton Mega Clinic

May 14-17 Windsor Spring Show

June 25-28 Windsor Summer Show

July 12- 17 APC Summer Camp

Oct 25 D Challenge

Nov 8 APC Trg Show

At present, we have registered 20 members down from our 26 members last year.

We have 1 B2 level candidate, 2 potential C2 candidates to test this year. We hope to have one testing this summer as a club scheduled dates TBA.

A busy and exciting year planned for Avon.

Respectively submitted,

Valerie A. McDermott
DC, Avon

I am sending my regrets for the Regional Meeting on Jan 18. I have been receiving various requests for calendar updates so please ask everyone to send along any website items.

- I would like to include an article written by one of our members in our next Newsletter. So I would first like to see if this is something the clubs could promote with their members and also see if there are any objections. My thought is that it would engage some younger members and in turn they could earn their publishing badge for the badge program. If I get several entries we would have to decide which to publish. IF everyone is in agreement I would send out a communication with the details and dates.
- Do we want to put another ad in the H&P and do we want to step it up for the Anniversary year. That is take out a larger ad? Or leave it the same?

That's all for now. But any if you have any questions or feedback please send it along :)

Nova Scotia Pony Club
Show Jumping Report – 2009
Jan 15, 2009

As Regional Show Jumping Chair for 2009 I would like to let you know that plans are underway to host all levels of the Regional Show Jumping Event. I have spoken to Alex Beaton who has agreed to host the event at her Stables (Killeavy) in Wilmot, Nova Scotia.

We have set a date of July 24, 2009 for the Training Clinic and July 25 and 26th for the event should we need 2 days. Alex's charge for the use of her facility is \$400.00 per day. I have not spoken to her about the charge per individual for the clinic but will do this the week of January 19th. I have all of the forms together for the National grant that I am applying for, just waiting for signature from our DC, Sheila Bower-Jacquard. I will be passing along my application for the grant to Dianna Locke at our meeting on Jan 18th in Brookfield.

Respectfully Submitted

Roxanne Poole
Regional Show Jumping Chair
Nova Scotia Pony Club

