Caledon Pony Club

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held January 18, 2013

The meeting was held at the home of Ellen Thomson. In attendance were Tracey Robinson, Lexie Kindbom, Dawn Kadish, Kirsten Brunner, Leah McLean, Elizabeth Hearn, Andrea D’Costa, Ellen Thomson, Kerry Prevett, Wendy Hutchins, Sherry Lyons, Diane Staples.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

1. Treasurer’s Report

Tracy Synnott: bank balance is $10,143.71. There was discussion about having a Caledon club jump built, as well as purchase of PPG props, depending on which games are being planned for this year.

1. Membership

Sherry Lyons: copies of the 2013 membership contact list were passed around.

1. Quiz

Andrea D’Costa: the date for Regional Quiz is April 13. Details are expected to be made available this coming Sunday at the Regional meeting in Guelph. It was suggested that all members should attend quiz and call it an education meeting. Seniors could either participate or volunteer.

There was a suggestion that Caledon organize and run the tack sale. Trish may have tack which was donated to the club previously. A day could be set aside to clean the tack, which could be an education session as well as a badge.

A grooming/braiding clinic was requested to be hosted by Kirsten, same as last year.

A bitting clinic was requested also. Elizabeth offered to organize it at Greenhawk or at the Feheleys’.

Andrea agreed to break down the quiz content into sections to have education meetings to match the content for juniors and seniors.

Elizabeth will email all members with the dates.

Kirsten offered to do the Senior education while Elizabeth does the Junior education.

1. Tetrathlon

Ellen: Pentathlon Ontario memberships available $40 which includes many clinics for tet. Jan 13 there is a clinic in Burlington, info provided for those interested.

Training sessions for our club to shoot, run and swim scheduled for Feb 3, 10, March 3, 24, Apr 7.

Additionally, Pent Ont. Usually hosts a clinic on a Sunday in March in Fergus.

Apr.20-21 will be Guelph Mini-Meet and May will likely be a mini-meet hosted by Mount Nemo.

1. Education

Elizabeth offered to start sessions for the Juniors Sat. Jan 26 6-8pm in her home.

1. Volunteering

**Executive Positions for 2013**

DC - Diane Staples

ADC - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer - Tracy Synnott

Secretary - Ellen Thomson & Kelly Counsel

Membership - Sherry Lyons

Testing - Kerry Prevett & Alexandra Kinborn

Education - Elizabeth Hearn

**Committee Positions**

Riding Meetings /Instructors -\_\_Leah McLean\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Quiz - Andrea D’Costa

Tetrathlon - Paul & Ellen Thomson

Le Trec - Dawn Kadish

PPG - Tracy & Macaulay Robinson

Dressage – ~~Leah McLean~~

Show Jumping - Kirsten Bruner

ABC Rally - Diane Staples

D Rally - Kristine Hahn

C Rally - Diane Staples & Emmeline Oostwoud

C Camp - Christine Mandel & Elizabeth Hearn

D Camp - Andrea D’Costa, Andrea Flood & Lexie Kinborn

Education - Kerry Prevett & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Socials - Trish McGeer

Fundraising - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Website - Dawn Kadish~~???~~

Riding Club Liaison - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For the Fundraising position: last year Karen Duval raised a $1200 cheque which needs to be acknowledged. Tracey R suggested a thank you for sponsors with a BBQ or nibblies during a lesson night.

Wendy Hutchins volunteered to be official photographer.

1. Riding Lessons

Diane: suggested instructors: Kim Thompson who volunteered last year and who is excellent teaching the younger kids, Trish Green, Shandiss Wewiora MacDonald, Leohna, Jordan MacDonald, also Karl Slezak, Garry Roque and Alison Banbury were brought forward.

For Seniors, it was suggested that a different programme be adopted, lessons/rides in different places and in different disciplines for example Western games, polo, etc.

It was also suggested that a Pony Club hunt with either Caledon Hunt or Toronto North York Hunt would be fun.

Kirsten suggested that more of an emphasis on dressage for all levels would be a good idea, perhaps scheduled dressage lessons where members study a pattern beforehand, possibly in preparation for an event, and then work on it during the lesson.

Diane suggested that days that the club is not available we book a clinic elsewhere at other venues with other clinicians.

1. Website

Dawn: the Facebook site has many links and information, like one-stop shopping

There was discussion about privacy issues, such as member contacts being made available to the public. Ellen suggested that minutes of meetings should not be made public as it contains information and decision-making which are private to our members.

1. Ideas and Changes for 2013

Parent riding lesson, parent camp (Leah mentioned a place near Stratford), Medieval Times, polo camp, Wounded Warrior competitive trail challenge in Meaford in honour of our troops takes place August 24 on the force base

1. Other

Dufferinapparel.com in Orangeville is a new site and company where Caledon clothing and other items may be ordered individually. Our password is caledon99

Dance tickets: pay Ellen tonight to buy at the Regional meeting Sunday or pay later, it’s $5 more, and the tickets will be waiting for you at the door.

Senior Education: 75% of regional sessions must be attended in order to participate in regional events. Seniors are 13 years and up with a minimum C level.

Deadline to join Caledon Pony Club will be March 1st, same as last year.

February 28 is the deadline to design a Caledon Pony Club jump with the CPC logo, blue and white, professional looking, 12’ long with 4 poles, 4 wing standards and 2 fillers (ie box with flowers, gates). The jump is not to use the Pony head. We need to check with Trish to see if we have permission to use the head as of the 50th Anniversary a couple of years ago.