

PRC History From Old Newsletters/Minutes

1995

- President: Chuck Doman, VP: Ben Dotson, Secretary: Yvonne Shoemaker, others – Gary Howell, Tammy Engles, Mike Evans, Laura Shurtz, Larry Lohnes, Doug Williamson
- Considered Horse Pull Contest proposed by Gene Carroll
- Looked into insurance for food preparation and concession stand
- Chicken Supper held in March \$4.50 a person
- T-Shirt orders
- Mike Evans donated and installed cupboards for kitchen
- 10 Shows held on Sundays – considering some Friday night shows
- Neal Shelabarger suggested a team penning exhibition class at one of the shows
- Looked into a bigger sign and additional driveway
- Decided to send newsletter monthly
- Dorothy Doman in ill health and passed away– made the new flag hanging in the clubhouse – one of the “original” members – new flag was one of the last things she was able to do before she got too ill. Should be a plaque next to it in her name??
- Purchased tables for clubhouse
- Decided to do annual fall banquet with election of officers each year

1996

- President: Chuck Doman, VP: Al Lohnes; Secretary: Pat Doman, Treasurer: Missy Lee; Others: Polly Hagey, Gary Howell, Ron Williams, Mike Evans, John Lee, Doug Williamson
- Booth space available to sponsors for \$20
- Looked into porta-potties and putting an outside door in the building for the bathrooms
- Added clarity to board of director positions in by-laws
- Notified that PRC had a safe deposit box at Herget, but noone knew what was in it
- Legal troubles with Mr. Schubert regarding the shared driveway
- Meetings held on the 3rd Monday of the month
- Show committee – 8 fun shows, 2 ISSHA shows, 2 Jackpot Shows and 5 team sorting shows
- 12/21/96 – Building Explosion and Fire in clubhouse.

1997

- President: Dave Rettke, VP: Kitty Koetter, Secretary: Yvonne Shoemaker, Treasurer: Missy Lee, Board: Tammy Harston, Chuck Doman. Lisa Rettke, John Lee, Don Smith, Ron Williamson
- 74 Family Memberships & 43 Single = 120 memberships
- Tues & Sat Shows (3)
- Post Office Box Started

- ROTC & 4-H working on putting up fence and painting
- Pepsi inquired about renting the club grounds for a company picnic
- Working with Mr. Schubert regarding the driveway and trying to propose alternatives. Also issues with people going over the fence and using other bathrooms?
 - Options: Mortgage the club grounds through a bank to finance a new driveway
 - Mortgage the club grounds through a club member
 - Put \$2000 into a trust and buy time to complete the driveway
 - Retain easement rights and tolerate continued harassment from Mr Schubert
 - October – update: Schubert puts \$4000 in a trust for 2.5 years at which time PRC MUST have their own driveway
- Cilco out to put in poles and take care of an electricity issue
- High Point list available
- Commercial fridge purchased
- Constant pleas for more members to attend meetings
- 3 Day show Labor Day weekend
- Riding Clinic in October

1998

- President: John Lee; VP: Jeff Barger; Secretary: Angi Smith, Treasurer: Missy Lee; Board: Tommy Justis, Kitty Koetter, Pat Coulter, Tammy Harston, Chuck Doman, Lisa Barger
- 94 Memberships listed
- Discussed moving shows to Fridays instead of Tues – retained Tuesday
- Discussion on what could be done about poor sportsmanship
- Savings account started to help with driveway fund – provided the request is approved by IDOT
- Sign up sheet for volunteers in the clubhouse
- Chuck Doman's will work arenas for all shows with his equipment
- Continued discussions on Mr Schubert and the driveway
- Cleanup of “junk” in the back of club grounds
- Saddle Raffle - \$250 to purchase the saddle
- Letter drafted to Caterpillar Capital Grant for driveway funds
- Discussion of rewarding volunteers – tabled
- Indoor grill not efficient – looking into outdoor grill
- High Point = Plaque for 1st place, certificates for 2nd and 3rd Rosettes for others
- Award list available
- Voted to have treasurers report at every meeting
- Commercial coffee pot purchased
- Meetings moved to 2nd Monday of the month

1999

- No records found

2000

- President: Mike Evans; VP: Anne Schwartz; Secretary: ML Collins, Treasurer: Camille Lohnes; Board: Mary Justus, Tommy Justus, Kitty Koetter, Lyle Secrest, Connie Shelabarger, Joe Vaughn
- Valentines Dinner Fundraiser
- Created 2nd Arena
- Quilt Raffle
- NBHA & ISSHA Shows
- Dues \$5 & \$10
- Hotline Started
- Purchased Huskee Lawnmower (aside... this is the one that has pretty much died)
- Weiner Roast in October
- Begging for more help from volunteers
- Started Individual sign up, not a sign in sheet
- High Point: 11 Adult Trophies, 10 Kid Tropies, 10 Jackets

2001

- President: Tom Justus, VP: Anne Schwarz; Secretary: Linda Vaughn; Treasurer: Cheryl Martin; Board: Maggie Boyer, Mary Justus, Kitty Koetter, Lyle Secrest, Connie Shelabarger, Joe Vaughn
- Proposed announcers stand, storage shed and bleachers
- 25 people was considered a small meeting
- Spring Banquet held at Peoria Sportsman's Club
- PRC T-shirts and Sweatshirts purchased
- 1st and 2nd places only at year end to adults – out to 6th place for kids
- Hunter Hack Class
- PAC Points
- Cincinnati Fire was watering the arena
- Begging for more volunteers – same people all the time
- Tried a volunteer sign in sheet
- Discussed using Stock Horse Rules
- Considered buying a fire truck
- 197 members
- Eric Jones does the PRC Taxes
- 1st 2nd & 3rd place trophies 4th 5th and 6th ribbons, 9 Halters for High Point Awards, 9 Reserve Awards, grooming buckets
- New furnace and AC installed \$3500

2002

- Board/Officers: Connie Shelabarger, ML Collins, Richard Williams, Randy Hoyland, Mike Evans, Cheryl Martin, Debbie Seacrest, James Sullivan
- New lights and poles donated for the pleasure arena
- Reveal 4-n-1 ordered

- Renting space at shows to sponsors
- Electric Eye purchased
- Started new announcers stand
- FFA Showbill found in papers
- Water wagon purchased
- Landscaping flowers planted
- Voted to carry the flag before each show
- Smoking allowed only outside the building
- Proposed idea of HS Rodeo at PRC
- Chairs purchased for clubhouse

2003

- President: Mike Evans, VP: Heather Moreland, Treasurer: Cheryl Martin, Secretary: Tiffany Hoyland, Board: James Sullivan, ML Collins, Missy Ruder, Margie Howell, Stacy Kull, Rich Williams
- Eagles Lodge Fundraiser Dinner – Great prizes for raffle?
- Goat Tying & Scudahoe added
- Created outdoor signs – constructed by Mayberry
- Extended shows into September
- Membership \$15 & \$30
- Discussed need to purchase tractor that could operate reveal
- 4620 purchased \$8400 – Randy Hoyland – note for \$4000
- DJ at banquet
- Pleasure arena announcers stand finished
- 6' mower authorized for \$200
- Plea for volunteers
- Discussed raising dues – tabled
- Discussed not having two family members on the board at the same time
- Discussed liability for alcohol related accidents
- Don & Carol Smith provided “The Pekin Riding Club Story” – anyone have one?
- Awards to all 6 high point winners in each class instead of ribbons – Buckles, Halters, Breast Collars, Brushes & Buckets
- 240 members

2004

- President: Connie Shelabarger, VP: ML Collins, Treasurer: Cheryl Martin, Secretary: Tiffany Hoyland, Board: Eldred Nehmelmman, John Heitzman, Missy Ruder, Margie Howell, Stacey Kull,
- Spring Fling – hog roast – Foreman Center in Manito
- Saddle raffle
- Newsletter Insert discussed to explain where the money goes & plea for help – income not covering expenses

- LP Gas grill purchased for clubhouse
- Sand brought into arena
- St Jude ride at Sand Ridge discussed
- Insurance requires no smoking
- Jackpot shows only approved with enough sponsors
- Discussed increasing dues with refund for volunteers – tabled
- Warm up arena for pleasure suggested
- When there are conflicts between pleasure and speed decision was to accommodate when possible
- Volunteer discussion of mandatory hours, assigned number of hours, pay to be eligible for high point – all tabled
- Double D mowing the grounds
- Discussed frequency and format of newsletter – no decision
- 373 members

2005

- President: Suzi Roark, VP: Carol Smith, Treasurer: Susan Mortimer, Secretary: Craolyn Skaggs, Board: Eldred Nehmelman, Margie Howell, Stacey Kull, John Heitzman, Jesse Henneberg, Josh Lynn
- Banquet held at Foreman center in Manito
- 3 4-H Shows held
- Tailgate swap meet
- 25 attendees at May meeting
- PAC Points
- Glasford Grain donating portion of all sales to PRC
- Sponsors running short
- 2 minute rule between classes
- Need to repair wiring of light fixtures
- Dues \$20 & \$40
- Double D mowing the grounds
- Lost a 4-H show because of mandatory work day
- Discussed paying people to work shows
- Discussed requiring people to work a show to earn high point awards
- Trail Ride discussed
- Tractor has an oil leak
- Discussed only allowing a few people to operate the tractor
- Wiring needs repaired
- Jack Pfantz granted lifetime membership
- 146 members
- Discussion of press coverage
- Discussion of shed for tractors
- Required to pay for high point
- Discussed High School Rodeo
- High Point list available

- Country Pleasure added

2006

- President: Carol Smith, VP: Merit McWhorter, Treasurer: Susan Cherry, Secretary: Lisa Scheiler, Board: Eldred Nehmelman, John Heitzman, Josh Lynn, Lori Windish, Lori Staley-Brian, Keith Mortimer
- Survey for desired awards
- Foreman Center for Banquet
- Arena was becoming bowl shaped – had some work done
- Open Poles & Open Barrels added to showbill
- 1 jackpot show
- Volunteer points proposed
- Hopedale 4th of July Parade
- References to accidents in speed arena?
- Complaints of foul language
- PAC
- T- shirts purchased
- Noted that there was poor meeting attendance all year
- Ann Bohm barrel and pole clinic
- Fun Fun Show held
- Notes commenting on poor member behavior at meetings – personal criticisms with children present
- Confusion in high point awards – Lori W to fix
- Double D mowing the grounds
- 2 Way radios purchased
- Can A Thon in lieu of class fees for Fun Fun Show
- Showbill changed without board approval? No details, just a note
- Oliver tractor still at Jack Pfantz's
- No officers returning
- Low hanging electrical wires noted
- Ginger holds Horse Show Clinic
- Rezoning concerns with Tazewell County
- High Point: Buckles, Halters, Collapsible wheelbarrows, grooming totes, 20 qt bucket, 8 qt bucket
- Discussed not continuing year end awards because of cost
- Septic pumped?
- High point list available

2007

- President: Liz Orton, VP: Jim Cassidy, Secretary: Karen Cassidy, Treasurer: Susan Cherry-Mortimer, Board: Sue Tenczar, Rex Orton, Carol Smith, Josh Lynn, Lori Windish, Keith Mortimer
- Show Committee Miley Davis, Grounds Committee Keith Mortimer
- Eagles Lodge for spring banquet

- Discussed requiring members to work hours for high point
- Scotty working concession stand
- Liz Orton elected Pres – Resigns in Feb
- Ryan Weiler becomes President
- \$10 to compete for high point
- “hanging” wires – Cilco needs called
- High point list available
- Buckles, Halters, Hay Bags, 20 qt bucket, 8 qt bucket, sweat scraper – total cost \$4000.
- No more notes found
- 192 members?

2008

- President: Ryan Weiler, VP: Suzi Roark, Secretary: Sherri Wright, Treasurer: Linda Thoreson, Board: Leann Durbin, Gale Mott, Brian Parrish, Paula Peterson, Nate Piro, Gerry Schnitker, Carol Smith, Sue Tenczar
- Motion to go back to trophies for place 1-3 only
- Tokens ordered to give to volunteers – use for tokens to be decided later
- Spring Banquet at Eagles Lodge
- Disc purchased for tractor at \$800
- Arena rental for 4-H Clubs set at \$350 since they do not show up for the work day that earns them the discount rate
- Schwartz Electric replacing a light pole that broke in a winter storm
- Board vote to drop the board insurance bonding and save \$800
- April – working on show rules, bylaws, sponsorship letters
- NBHA show planned for October
- Lasting Impressions taking photos at PRC on June 24th
- Gerry running concession stand – paid \$100 per show
- Fall Banquet – Eagles Lodge
- Oliver Tractor sold for \$1000
- No show committee – board handled show items
- Survey run at and after awards banquet for ideas in 2009 (results in paperwork)
- High point list available
- 105 Memberships
- Shot & Coggins Clinic – Dr Monfort
- Benefit show hosted for Jake Ruder
- Fun awards given (most flat tires, most graceful dismount, etc)

2009

- President: Nicole Mauser-Storer, VP: Kathy Wiker, Secretary: Sherri Wright, Treasurer: Linda Thoreson, Board: Mark Merrit, Rachel Merrit, Beth Meyer, Brian Parrish, Suzi Roark, Gerry Schnitker, Dennis Speck
- Clinic planned with Doug Bogart (reining, dressage, horsemanship) and Donna Irvin (Barrels) – rained out

- Queen Contest held – 3 participants – Briana Wiker named Queen
- Spring Banquet – Pekin AMVETS Post 234 DJ & Belly Dancing
- Fun Fun Show proposed for awards night – canceled because of weather
- Greenhaven hosting shot/coggins clinic
- Team Penning hosted with Neal Shelabarger
- Class entry fees increased to \$3 and horse fee eliminated
- Voted to use 4H Rules instead of Stock Horse rules as no copy of stock horse rules could be located
- Liz Guppy running concession stand
- Board members wearing green PRC shirts to be easily identified
- Trail class added to showbill for one show a month
- Member must have competed in 5 shows and to be eligible for HP awards
- Completed set of show rules/house rules
- Changed to single entry form and computer registration
- NBHA show hosted
- Joined Pekin Chamber of Commerce
- High Point list available
- Awards banquet held at PRC
- Buckles, Halter, Hay Bags, PRC buckets, PRC Brushes as awards - \$2000 budget
- Fun awards given (mowing award, sweat award, friendship award, toughest cowgirl, etc)
- 101 Memberships
- Contract with Yvonne Ocrant to develop release/liability forms
- Arena rental fees set to \$125 and \$175 depending on who's insurance was used – renters or PRCs
- Blazing Saddles show held at PRC
- Special meeting held after a member was escorted off the property by the police for physical violence towards another member
- Literature put out at Horse Fair

2010

- President: Nicole Mauser-Storer, VP: Jessica Shelabarger, Secretary: Linda Thoreson, Treasurer: Sarah Lindaman, Board: Kayla Beckman, Liz Guppy, Mark Merritt, Rachel Merritt, Gerry Schnitker, Dennis Speck, Sherri Wright
- Queen Contest held – 1 entry – Sarah Ward crowned Queen
- 108 memberships
- Show dates modified to be every other week instead of every week to maintain sanity of board members and to give participants a break
- Applied for and awarded grant from IL Horsemen's council for \$2000 to replace old lighting poles and install high intensity lights – Speed arena completed in 2010
- Marketing plan created and discussed
- Meetings moved to 1st Monday of the month to get the newsletter out in a more timely fashion with all the updates

- Fundraiser with Papa Murphy's Pizza in Pekin - \$86 dollars raised
- Voted to shut down the clubhouse in the winter in order to save heating costs
- Changed high point award system to a High Point, Top 5, Silver & Bronze categories in order to provide higher quality awards and not give several of the same award to people who place in multiple events – total spend around \$1000
- Awards Jacket, Breast Collar, Gear Bag & Personalized Hoof pick
- Greenhaven doing shot/coggins clinic
- Put out literature at Horse Fair
- Offer membership discount to all “new” members
- Put up new board fence in front of property with plaques to be put on for donors of over \$100
- Spring Banquet AMVETS hall and Kentucky Derby Party
- New fridge donated
- AC fixed by All Type Heating & Cooling – sponsorship in exchange for work
- Jessica Utley is the “official” photographer of PRC
- Featured on WHOI to promote queen contest
- All class results & high point standings featured on the website
- Free popcorn offered to all participants at first show over 225 entries – two shows over 300 entries
- Costume class offered at last October show
- First year of offering October shows
- Significant reduction of costs over last two years (55%) and increase in total show attendees over two years (19%)
- Fall Banquet held at PRC with silent auction
- High point list available

2011

- President: Nicole Mauser-Storer, VP: Ginger Knowles, Secretary: Sherri Wright, Treasurer: Jodi Summer, Board: Kayla Beckman, Michelle Biedenharn, Liz Guppy, Mark Merritt, Laurie Miller, Merit McWhorter, Linda Thoreson
- Queen Contest attempted, no entries
- 111 memberships
- Installed high intensity lights in pleasure arena to match speed arena
- Marketing plan created and discussed
- Fundraiser with Papa Murphy's Pizza in Pekin, Culvers and Applebees
- Shut down the clubhouse in the winter in order to save heating costs
- Changed high point award system to a High Point, Top 5, Top 10 & Bronze – total spend around \$2000 and several prizes donated
- Awards: High point buckle, rolling bale bag, cooler, bridle bag
- Tried calendar contest and cookbook fundraisers
- Sold “permanent” numbers for pleasure arena participants
- Put out literature at Horse Fair and advertised in main program
- Hosted Blazing Saddles 4-H Show

- Sent letter to all barns and stables offering a class discount for anyone coming on certain days
- Stained board fence in front of property and deck by announcer stand
- Spring Banquet Fuzzy Pony Show
- Painted Dreams Photography is the “official” photographer of PRC
- White board fence along the road all freshly painted
- Red shed repainted
- All class results & high point standings featured on the website
- Free icees offered to all participants at first show over 350 entries – show in July almost hit 400 entries – show average attendance was 303
- Costume class offered at last October show
- Continued donations allowed spend to remain low
- Official budget created and tracked during the year. Only tracks PRC spend at this point not donations
- Purchased 10’ pull behind mower for the tractor
- Had riding mower donated to replace mower that had reached the end of its useful life
- \$2800 of sponsor money raised
- Fall Banquet held at PRC with silent auction – over 100 attendees and strong need to move to new location for 2012
- Fall Banquet featured Hog Roast by Ben Moritz. \$7 Adults/ \$5 Kids for tickets at the door \$5 adults / \$3 kids for advance tickets
- High point list available
- Volunteer awards given (donated) as well as small awards for all youth members (donated) who did not qualify for a high point prize
- Liz Guppy continues to run concession stand and it made a respectable profit – enough that Liz will be purchasing some additional needed equipment for 2012

2012

- President: Nicole Mauser-Storer, VP: Ginger Knowles, Secretary: Merit McWhorter, Treasurer: Jodi Summer, Board: Kayla Beckman, Michelle Biedenharn, Michele Mangus, Susan Meeker, Mark Merritt, Laurie Miller, Lori Windish
- 203 memberships, 395 individuals listed
- Installed 5 last high intensity lights (donated)
- Put 12 new tables in clubhouse (donated)
- Marketing plan created and discussed
- Shut down the clubhouse in the winter in order to save heating costs
- Award System = High Point, Top 5, Top 10 & Bronze – total spend around \$4000
- Awards: High point stirrups, jacket, director chair, 22qt flat backed bucket with PRC logo
- Sold “permanent” numbers for pleasure arena participants
- Put out literature at Horse Fair
- Painted warm-up arena fence
- Spring Banquet Fuzzy Pony Show

- AA Photography is the “official” photographer of PRC
- All class results & high point standings featured on the website
- Average show entries was 369 with Memorial Day weekend show reaching 509
- Hosted Member appreciation show with goodie bags. PRC purchased bags and ceramic travel mugs, sponsors also donated with Smart Pak offering 5 \$25 gift cards that were given to random participants
- Costume class offered at last October show
- Continued donations allowed spend to remain low
- Official budget created and tracked during the year. Only tracks PRC spend at this point not donations
- \$1775 of sponsor money raised
- Fall Banquet held at Five Points in Washington. No charge to PRC for the rooms thanks to Marilyn Grieves- with silent auction bringing in just over \$2000
- High point list available
- Volunteer awards given (donated) as well as small awards for all youth members who did not qualify for a high point prize
- Liz Guppy announces last year of concessions. Club needs to look for a new person
- Provided lifetime memberships to Irby Parker, Don Smith and Jack Pfantz
- Hosted Dressage Schooling Show with Lorna Donahue as judge. Heat and low entries allowed the show to be held at Lorna’s barn and not at PRC
- Became a member of IL Horsemens Council
- Tried to hire contractor to slope arenas and help drainage– unsuccessful in working the timing and arenas did not get sloped
- Added two signs to replace old signs “No horses past this point” and “Horses and Trailers ----→” on the fence by the driveway
- PRC has scholarship fund available by private donor. No recipients in the first year
- PRC shows are PAC and OPAC approved
- President paid for one class per person at the first show IF the person was a member before May 1 – attempt to help promote early registrations and avoid show rush
- T-shirts available by order only via Camilles in Canton