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PEKIN RIDING CLUB

January/February 2008

NEWSLETTER

The next membership meeting will be March 10 at 7:00pm.

2008 Officer and Board of Directors

Officers

President – Ryan Weiler – 642-7108 or 840-1662 - circlewtraining5@yahoo.com
Vice President – Suzi Roark – 392-2794
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Board of Directors

Leann Durbin	Gale Mott	Brian Parrish	Paula Peterson
Nate Piro	Gerry Schnitker	Carol Smith	Sue Tenczar

Important Dates!

The spring banquet is set for April 12th at the Eagle's Lodge. Cocktails start at 5:30, dinner is at 6:30. There will also be a bake sale is going to follow the auction, so please bring a baked good.

The shot and coggins clinic for this year is April 5th at 9am. Dr. Montfort will be the veterinarian performing the services. Prices will be announced later.

Since no one came forward to be on the show committee, the board of directors is going to be in charge of it this year. The board will be meeting February 25th at 6:30 to discuss the show bill and awards for this year. We will be having a potluck and are inviting all members to join us. We want your input, we want your suggestions, we want YOU!

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Our insurance agent will be at our March meeting to discuss our policy and any questions we might have regarding it. If anyone in our club has any insurance knowledge, please come to this meeting. We need your input!

Check out our new website! www.pekinridingclub.com! We will be having several things added to the site this year. We are looking at putting a used tack section, a forum, a contact list and a copy of our by-laws. Of course our show bill and upcoming events will be on there. Anything else that needs to be in there??

Something I neglected to put in November's newsletter is the new rule regarding membership cards. Members will be required to show their membership cards when entering any 2008 show. Due to insurance requirements, you must be a member in order to compete in any of our fun shows. If you are not a member, you can purchase a temporary membership which allows you to show for that day. Last year, this rule was overlooked and if an accident would have happened, our insurance would not have been valid. Please keep your membership cards with your coggins so you'll know where it is! If you forget your membership card, you will have to purchase a new one at a cost of \$5.00! NO EXCEPTIONS!!

The January meeting was a lot of fun and was very interesting. You'll be noticing a bunch of changes this year and it looks to be a fun filled year. One of changes is the club is purchasing PRC tokens to be given to the show volunteers. These tokens can be turned in at the concession stand or saved up to pay entry fees. It will be our way of thanking all the hard working volunteers that keep this club going! A volunteer list will be located in the concession stand at each show. Please sign up for what you are interested in. No shows will be started until all spots have been filled.

Ryan will be working with Dr. Montfort to organize a teeth floating clinic. We are not sure if this is actually going to be possible, but he is going to try. Keep your fingers crossed!

Suzi Roark is organizing a barrel racing and pole bending competition that will be sanctioned thru the National Barrel Horse Association and the National Pole Bending Association. As soon as more information is available, I'll pass it on to you!

Our spring banquet fairy has been busy at work! It will be held on April 12th at the Eagle's Lodge in Pekin. Cocktails will start at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30. The actual menu is still pending and when more information is available, I'll let you know. I do know that we will be taking auction item donations and nothing will be refused! It doesn't have to be horse related at all! A single cupcake sold one year for a grand total of \$62.00, yes, \$62.00! That is NOT a typo! 1 cupcake, not a dozen! So don't think your donation is too small or silly! If you have a item that needs picked up, please call Ryan or email him to make arrangements.

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T-Shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, hats and tank tops will be available for sale at the spring banquet. All items are pre-paid, but samples will be available so you can see what you are purchasing. More information will be available next month.

The tires on our water hauler need to be replaced. According to Ryan, these are just standard hayrack tires. If anyone has a set they no longer need, we sure could use them to save some money.

Until Next Month,
Sherri Wright
Pekin Riding Club
Secretary

PS. On a personal note: Congratulations Brianna Wiker on making the PCHS Honor Roll!