# PEKIN RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER

July 2009

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 1 & 2 Team Penning at PRC

August 7<sup>th</sup> Xtra Fun Show

August 10th Board Meeting

August 28<sup>th</sup> Xtra Jackpot Show

# NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Thank you to everyone who has been lending a hand at our shows so far. Your assistance is very much appreciated and helps our shows run much smoother!

There are always many things going on at PRC, and at the last meeting the board formed some long-term vision committees. There are now three different groups looking at different topics: setting a budget and knowing how much it really takes to run the club, developing a marketing plan to help increase awareness of our club and continue to bring in new people, and developing a long term vision for our grounds. Wouldn't it be nice to have both arenas under roof someday?

If any of you have ideas for things you would like to see please let me know and I will be happy to add your suggestions to the list or your name to the committee. 

You can always email me at the riding club account <a href="mailto:pekinridingclub@yahoo.com">pekinridingclub@yahoo.com</a>, catch me at a show, or you can call my number listed on the back page of this newsletter.

The board is also looking at the possibility of changing the club from a 501(c)4 not for profit organization to a 501(c)3 not for profit organization. The biggest different here is that as a 501(c)3 we could be exempt from property taxes and also with that change every dollar you spend with PRC will be tax-deductible. Plus, as a 501(c)3 PRC would be eligible for grant money to help cover the costs of our improvements. We want to make sure we do this right though and will probably be talking with many of you on some of the smaller details to make sure we don't miss anything. Watch the newsletter for more details or let me know what questions you have. Hopefully I can answer them.

Safe Riding everyone and I hope to see you at the next show.

#### **NEWS & NOTES**

Whoosh! I didn't think we'd ever get going on the shows this year! Because of all the cancelled shows, the board has decided to add two shows to our lineup. Both of these shows will count towards your high point total. The first fun show will be August 7<sup>th</sup> and the second one will be August 28<sup>th</sup>. The show on the 28<sup>th</sup> will be a jackpot show. Our grounds have been rented on the 29<sup>th</sup> for a NBHA show, so you are welcome to sleep over and attend the show the next day.

The fall banquet has been set for September 26<sup>th</sup>. We are doing something different this year. Instead of renting a place, we are going to use our own clubhouse. We will be having a fun, fun show, wiener roast and year end awards. Our last show of the year is set for September 25<sup>th</sup>, so we will have over night camping available and then our fun fun show the next day. More information will be coming later.

Having trouble keeping track of your horse's records? Kathy Wiker found this really great site on line that keeps track of everything for you! It is very easy to use and keeps track of everything from worming, vet services and even farrier visits! Check it out! www.rendaivu.com. It is totally free!

Is anyone interested in riding or walking in the Marigold Festival Parade this year? PRC was asked to participate. We checked with our insurance company and we would need to pay a small fee. If you are interested, we would need to know by the next board meeting, so please see a board member or email the riding club at <a href="mailto:pekinridingclub@yahoo.com">pekinridingclub@yahoo.com</a>

It was decided at the board meeting that we would like to have some more bleachers and some additional funds for the year-end awards. All the proceeds from the 50/50 drawing will be going for these.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking account income – \$3,424.00 Checking account expenses - \$2,366.31 Ending Balance - \$3,826.35 Concession Stand Balance - \$350.00 Savings Balance - \$2,009.03 Total Balance - \$6,335.38

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