

PEKIN RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER

December 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 3rd - 6:00 PM

- Regular Meeting - Avantis in Pekin

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

With all of the show season and the awards banquet wrapped up for the year this gives me a great opportunity to recap some of the things that we accomplished at PRC this year (think of this a mini Christmas letter).

We were able to put up a new fence in front of the property to replace the wire fence. It is much easier to mow around and looks so nice! We obtained a grant from the IL Horsemen's council and put up new high intensity lights in the speed arena and are hoping to get new lights for the pleasure arena in 2011 (hint hint... we will be asking for money). These eliminated all of the shadows in the arena and should help cut electricity costs for next year which is great news! We displayed material at the Horse Fair to bring in new members and even sent out a direct mail piece to bring in new members. Our sponsorships were increased and even included some trades for advertising space in some key publications. We did a small revision in the way our high point awards are delivered with the hopes that we would be able to give bigger awards to more people and hope that you liked the new format. I thought it went pretty well and that was exciting too. I could go on and on, but I am so proud of the club members who helped - we really got a lot done this year!

All of you are welcome to attend the PRC regular meetings if you have input to share. With the clubhouse shut down for the winter we are able to meet at some great local places and save some money on heating costs that the club can use for some improvements next year. We will be meeting on January 3rd at the Avantis in Pekin and hope that you can make it.

We are always looking for ideas from all of you on things we can do to make PRC even better. Are there sponsors you think we should contact? Classes that you think should be offered at our shows? Other things that you think would be good ideas? Please feel free to share those with one of your board members and we will be happy to consider the idea. We already have some great ones on the table for 2011, so keep the ideas coming :-)

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone!

Nicole

NEWS & NOTES

Membership Expiration

Just a reminder that all memberships expire on December 31st, 2010. We will continue to send the newsletter through at least January to make sure everyone receives the new membership forms. Until the new board is in place we can't vote on any potential changes and we will be able to officially do that at our January meeting. Look for membership forms to be included in your January newsletter.

Volunteer Help

Pekin Riding Club is always in need of volunteer help to make sure everything gets done. Do you have an interest in announcing? Mowing? Helping run fundraisers? If you are interested in these things or if you have any other talents you would like to share (I know someone out there would love to sing the Star Spangled Banner before every show....) we would love to have you on the team. Please contact a board member with your ideas and we will get you started - you don't have to be on the board in order to help :-)

OUTSTANDING RESULTS

We have been trying for the last couple of years to cut PRC expenses where possible and make sure that the income PRC generates can cover all of our expenses. At this point we have total expenses that should be around \$13,000 for 2010 with just a couple of bills still outstanding. That is a reduction of over 50% from two years ago and I thought it was pretty impressive.

All of you who elected to receive the newsletter electronically contributed to a reduction of over \$1000 in costs for printing and mailing and every one of you who donated time towards mowing, weed eating, repair work or even paperwork made a big difference. Thank you for helping make PRC even better!

Super big thank you to all of the volunteers and donors who shared their time, talents and finances with us - we are now set to do some bigger things in 2011!

Quote of the month:

"At it's finest horse and rider are joined not by tack but by trust each one is reliant upon the other, each one is the selfless guardian of the other's very well-being." ~Anonymous

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account Balance - \$10,832.18
Concession Stand Balance - \$350
Savings Balance - \$2019.05
Total Balance - \$13,201.23

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR 2010 PRC SPONSORS

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