

Director of Western Coaching Report, November 2009

Good day everyone. I have only been in this position for 6 months so can only give a biannual report as to the activities that I have been involved in. There was a Lindsay Grice clinic held this spring at Equine Excellence. I did attend the seminar the first evening that was geared toward coaches. Lindsay is an excellent public speaker and trainer who has traveled extensively, most notably with the Can Am equine extravaganza that was in Windsor in May. I then rode my horse in one of her classes the following day. There was a good turnout and everyone felt that they benefited from the knowledge she had to pass on. I also took part in the General performance judging clinic held in N.B. over the Halloween weekend. Gary Yaghdjian was the clinician. He owns a hunter/jumper barn in Ajax, Ontario but his passion is reining. He is an EC western and English coach as well as a judge. It was educational as well as interesting. Once again, there was an excellent turnout and we all left feeling that it had been a worthwhile endeavor. Now to the business side of the committee. We have had two conference calls. One on September 8th which involved Norma Graham, myself and Lisa. During this meeting Lisa proposed to make up a questionnaire which would be emailed to all the N.S. coaches, requesting their input on the program [what would create greater involvement and continuity of the program]. Then another conference call on November 12th with all the committee members participating with the exception of Norma Graham. At this time Adrienne Smith made a motion that we charge a \$25.00 fee for auditors attending Rider 4 tests. This was seconded by Sherry Clark. Lisa's questionnaire has been emailed out to the coaches. We do not as yet have the results of the survey but may at the time of this meeting. It was also suggested that we have a clinic in early June 2010 with Vern Sapergia. Sherry Clark was going to look into that. I may have more info to offer at the board meeting but that sums it up for now!

Respectfully submitted,

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