

OUR STORY - Ponoka Ag Society 2021

PAS Vision: **Doing great deeds to inspire, support, and create vitality in our urban & rural community.**

PAS Mission: **Use our resources & collaborate with like-minded groups to gather in meaningful ways.**



1. Goal - to support youth and agriculture.

* A new policy - “Annual 4-H Club Support” geared to providing all **5 Ponoka 4-H Clubs equitable funding** to help support their many activities including Achievement Day.

* **Madisen Asante** is our 2021 Scholarship recipient.

2. Goals - to work with like minded organizations to bring people together in a spirit of fun, learning, and community; to position the Ag Society to access grant dollars to support events, the Society and community.



* PAS continues to co-produce **Black Elk Cutting** with 2 shows in 2021 and establishes an agreement with the **Northern Alberta Reined Cow Horse Club (NARCHC)** whose October show turned out to be the biggest show in Canadian history for Cow Horse!

* PAS hosts District 2 **High School Rodeo**

* Renegade Riders host 29 local riders for a 2-day **Equine Clinic** with an intro to cutting, insights into to buying a good fitting saddle and how to Bomb Proof your horse!



3. Goal - encourage & support agriculture and a healthy life style.



* March & April “**Weekly Open Rides with Obstacles**” partner with Chinook Vaulting Club.

* In August PAS supports the Ponoka Youth Center’s **Ag Camp**



* **Plant a Garden Project** with FCSS

4. Goal - to work with others to support activities that bring the community together. **UFA donates** \$1,500 to Ponoka Ag Society to support programs / activities such as Spring Open Rides, November Equine Clinic, Ag Camp and Garden Project. In September 2021 **PAS** gets behind the Ponoka Stampede Association and **supports the Chuckwagons & Wild West Show**.



5. Goal - strong collaboration with PAECS and the Calnash Ag Events Centre.



Hi Point Youth Saddle Winter Barrel Series to Harleigh Henderson, Alix

Directors ready to serve Lyle's BBQ supper at Black Elk September Cutting.

* PAS purchases a **Herringbone Cattle Handling System** for arena.

6. Goal – be responsive to needs in the community – **2021 Donations** to the FCSS Cancer Fund, Santa's Anonymous, the Ponoka Community Christmas Supper and veggies from the Garden Project to the Food Bank.



Your Board of Directors: Kyla Bezjack, Miles Crandall, Tammy Henkelman (P), Willie Klimec, Dale Olsen (VP), Jolynn Pugh, Carissa Raugust, Lyle Reid, Daren Schwieger, Tina Stewart, Joanne Volk (T), & Lauraine Weir (S) met 12 times to organize and collaborate with PAECS, Black Elk Cutting, Northern Alberta Reined Cow Horse Club, Ponoka FCSS, Ponoka Stampede, Ponoka Youth Centre, 4-H Clubs, and District 2 High School Rodeo. Hundreds of hours were volunteered by the Board and community members to support a variety of events, improve as a Board, make things happen, and help create a great rural community in which to share, experience, learn, and grow. To come together...for good food, fun times and great smiles! *Our story - 2021.*

