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# **MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES**



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January 4, 2000

Senator John Nutting  
Representative Wendy Pieh  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Forestry & Conservation  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

## **Re: Pull Events Commission - Report to Legislature**

Dear Senator Nutting, Representative Pieh and Members,

By all accounts, the 1999 pull events season will be recorded as the season of positive change. Pull participants and regulatory staff worked with a renewed cooperative spirit to effectuate changes which benefited the animals and pull events in general.

Specifically, 86 pull superintendents and assistant superintendents received on-site training. The training included a review of the animal welfare and pull events laws and rules, as well as instruction from the State Veterinarian, and veteran pull superintendents. The Pull Events Commission met three times to design and implement the training, and review the laws and rules. While no formal regulatory changes have been proposed, the Commission is considering regulatory reform and modest statutory revisions for consideration by the 120th Legislature.

The following report illustrates the impacts of the improved communication between the Department, Commission and pull participants. While vast improvements were realized this season, there remain opportunities for continued successes. Jeanene Wilson, District Humane Agent, with the Animal Welfare Program, spent her entire summer monitoring pull events. She is credited with educating event superintendents and participants on the animal welfare laws. Without her oversight, many of the improvements would not have been realized. The Department is concerned about continuing the funding for this monitoring. It is hoped that future efforts could be supported with alternative resources.

There were 33 licensed pulls, with 163 individual events. Out of these, 12 participants were disqualified for thin animals; 2 for poor language. In addition, 26 participants were issued a "warning" for thin animals, but allowed to pull with the understanding that to be eligible for future pulls, the weight of the animal would need to increase.

**Pull Events Commission Report**

The Commission is proposing to establish a two-year certification program for pull superintendents and assistant superintendents. Currently, there are 106 permitted pull superintendents and assistant superintendents. Eighty-six of those attended one of the three regional trainings held by the Commission and Department staff. It is the Commission's goal to train, certify and permit interested individuals to run all Maine pull events. In order to accomplish this, a training course will be developed prior to the 2000 season. It is the Commission's intention to establish the program in rule, and then hold a series of trainings beginning in the early Spring.

In addition to this summary, the following documents are attached:

1. List of Pull Events Commission members
2. Pull event disqualification reports
3. Minutes from commission meetings

The Commission looks forward to another good season with continued cooperation from the Department. We encourage you to attend a pull event during the 2000 season.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Spear  
Commissioner

cc: Members, Pull Events Commission

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## **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Pull Events Commission**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §98, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

**1. Membership.** The Pull Events Commission consists of 910 members:

A. Two members appointed by a statewide association representing owners of draft horses and oxen who participate in pulling events;

B. One member appointed by ~~ana~~ statewide association representing owners of oxen who participate in pulling events;

C. One member appointed by ~~ana~~ statewide farmers association representing owners of ~~ponies~~draft horses who participate in pulling events;

C-1. One member appointed by a statewide farmers association representing owners of draft oxen who participate in pulling events;

D. One fair superintendent appointed by ~~a state association of agricultural fairs~~ the commissioner;

D-1. One member appointed by a state association of agricultural fairs;

E. One representative appointed by state humane organizations;

F. One member, appointed by the commissioner, representing the general public; and

~~G. One member, appointed by the commissioner, representing the animal pulling industry; and~~

H. One member appointed by the Animal Welfare Advisory Council.

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §98, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 73, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Chair; meetings; secretary; quorum.** The Pull Events Commission shall elect one of its members as chair. The chair serves a 2-year term and may not serve as chair for consecutive terms. The commission shall meet a minimum of twice annually. The commissioner shall designate a person to serve as secretary to the Pull Events Commission. A quorum of the commission for the transaction of business is 6 members. An action may not be taken by the commission without approval of a majority of the members present.

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §98, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

**3. Terms; vacancies.** Appointments to the Pull Events Commission must be for terms of 23 years. The appointing authority fills a vacancy for a full ~~2-year~~3-year term. The appointing authority may remove a commission member for cause, which includes poor attendance. The chair shall make recommendations to the appointing authority concerning a removal.

**Sec. 4. Staggered terms.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 98, subsections 1 and 3, the terms of members appointed to the Pull Events Commission in 2012 are as follows:

1. The term of one member appointed under Title 7, section 98, subsection 1, paragraph A is one year and the term of the other member is 3 years;

2. The term of the members appointed under Title 7, section 98, subsection 1, paragraphs B, D, E and F is 2 years;

3. The term of the members appointed under Title 7, section 98, subsection 1, paragraphs C and H is one year; and

4. The term of the members appointed under Title 7, section 98, subsection 1, paragraphs C-1 and D-1 is 3 years.

Effective 90 days following adjournment of the 125th Legislature, Second Regular Session, unless otherwise indicated.

Pull Commission Members

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT DATE</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
Aniel, Monique Maine Friends of Animals 196 US Route 1 Falmouth, ME 04105	June 30, 1999	June 30, 2001
Baker, Greg - (Animal Pulling Industry) Route 2 Box 48 Gardiner, ME	June 30, 1999	June 30, 2001
Calden, W.Orman - (Pine Tree Steer RFD 2 Box 6115 & Ox Association) Jay, ME 04239	June 30, 1999	June 30, 2001
Eldridge, Raymond - (Capitol Draft RR 2 Box 380 Pony Association) Stetson, ME 04488 Telephone: (207)296-2538	June 30, 1999	June 30, 2001
Hall, C. Richard (ME Fair Assoc.) P O Box 101 East Dixfield, ME 04227 Telephone: (207)645-4976	June 30, 1999	June 30, 2001
Lunt, Fred (Fair Coordinator) ME Dept. of Agriculture Market & Production 28 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0029 Telephone: (207) 287-7634	June 30, 1999	June 30, 2001
Mosher, Herbert - (Maine Draft Horse RR 5 2274 & Ox Association) Farmington, ME 04938	June 30, 1999	June 30, 2001
Pulis, Lynn (Maine Animal Coalition) 444 West Street Gardiner, ME 04345	June 30, 1999	June 30, 2001

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT DATE</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
Ridky, Chip(State Vet) ME Dept. of Agriculture Div of Animal Health & Industry 28 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0028 Telephone: (207)287-3701	June 30, 1999	June 30, 2001
Underhill, Everett - (Maine Draft Horse Box 115 & Ox Association) Stetson, ME 04488	June 30, 1999	June 30, 2001
Woods, David(General Public) P O Box 148 Industry Clinton, ME 04927	June 30, 1999	June 30, 2001



MINUTES PULLING COMMISSION  
APRIL 1, 1999, DEERING BUILDING  
ROOM 336 , 1:00PM

PRESENT: Everett Underhill, Orman Calden, Richard Hall, Herbert Mosher, Sr.,  
Wayne Currier, Raymond Eldridge, C.W. Ridky, DVM, Fred Lunt

Quests: Mrs. Eldridge, Catie Damren, Robert Spear, Commissioner  
Jeanene Wilson

Meeting was called to order at 1:15PM by Chip Ridky. First order of business was to elect a Chairman. Fred Lunt was elected Chairman.

Discussion was held on the present duties of this committee, and what the new committee would be doing once the bill LD 863 was enacted.

Plans were made for training of the licensed pulling superintendents. It was agreed that the first session should be held during the Pine Tree Steer & Oxen Assoc. scheduled pull at Cumberland Fairground on June 5 & 6, 1999. The second session, will be held during the Maine Draft Horse and Oxen pull scheduled at Topsham Fairground. The date and time of that pull to be announced later.

The following member will be involved in the training: Chip Ridky will present rules governing animal welfare, and rules governing administration of certain substances to animals. Richard Hall, will discuss rules governing pull events. Herbert Mosher, Sr. and Buddies Mosher, will discuss use of reins and goad stick. Jeanene Wilson, Ray Eldridge, Everett Underhill, Orman Calden, will discuss animal appearance during weigh in and during the pull event.

The committee will be at the pull event during the weigh in, and then the actual session will start later. There will be both classroom discussion as well as actual viewing of the pulling event.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM, with the understanding that notices would be sent to the committee member once dates and time were confirmed.



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GOVERNOR

Robert W. Spear  
COMMISSIONER

July 6, 1999

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING, JUNE 30, 1999

PRESENT: Herbert Mosher, Everett Underhill, David Woods, C. Richard Hall, Monique Aniel, MD, Gregory Baker, Raymond Eldridge, Chip Ridky, DVM, Linn Pulis, W. Orman Calden, Fred Lunt.  
Guests: Jeanene Wilson, Judy Eldridge

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM in Room 336 of Deering Building by acting Chairman Fred Lunt. The sign in sheet was past around, and members introduced themselves, as this was the first meeting of the revitalized Commission. Each member was provided with a copy of Pull Events Laws, as revised in LD 863, and a listing of all members of this Commission.

A discussion of the superintendent training took place, and it was suggested if possible to hold a third session at Piscataquis Valley Fair. Fred Lunt was to make the arrangements for this session.

LD 863 was reviewed, and several suggestions were discussed in connection with Rule Making by this Commission:

1. Limiting the number of hits with the stick in Ox and Steer pulling
2. Clarify the term "friction tape"
3. A better description of the qualifications for a pull superintendent
4. Possibility of using fine money for more testing at pulls

The role of the Commission was also explored during this discussion, and it was suggested that Rule Making would be a time to further outline the duties and responsibilities of this group. A discussion on the selling of a horse that had been tested and found drugged took place. Gregory Baker thought that the rule should be changed, to allow that animal to be sold and used in a pull event. Dr. Ridky said he would fight to keep that law in force. Watering of pull animals was also looked at, and a suggestion was made that the Commission should revisit that subject after the pulling season, to see if the training made any difference in this matter.

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The time table for this group was discussed, and it was agreed to go over areas that might need rules established. This would start after the training session at Piscataquis Valley, if a suitable location could be found to hold the meeting. It was also suggested, that the meetings be recorded.

Election of a Chairman was held. C. Richard Hall, was placed in nomination by Linn Pulis and seconded. There were no further nominations, and Mr. Hall received unanimous vote. It was also voted to have Fred Lunt take notes of the meetings, and continue sending pull information to the industry.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Lunt, Jr.





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GOVERNOR

Robert W. Spear  
COMMISSIONER

December 21, 1999

Subject: Minutes of Commission meeting October 29, 1999, Deering Building, Augusta, Maine @ 1:30 P.M. Room 336

Present: Members--Monique Aniel, MD  
Herbert Mosher, Sr.  
David Woods Sr.  
Everett Underhill  
Chip Ridky DVM

Linn Pulis  
Gregory Baker  
Raymond Eldridge  
C. Richard Hall---Chairman  
Fred Lunt, Jr.

Guests--Jeanene L. Wilson  
Don Hoenig DVM  
Wendell Brann

Judy Eldridge  
Wayne Currier  
Shelley Doak

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Hall. The Minutes of Commission Meeting June 30, 1999, were accepted as printed.

Report of 99 pulling season was given by Jeanene Wilson--she thought that there was improvement this year, but it was not 100%. There were warnings given out, the Superintendents did their jobs, and were there overseeing the pulls. When the Superintendents spoke to a teamster, the teamster corrected the situation. She feels that the program should be carried on for next year (2000). The use of the stick on cattle was better, and when asked to let up the teamster did. The Teamster did a much better job getting the animals to look better.

Fred Lunt reported on the actions taken by the Superintendents: There was a total of 26 warnings given, and 14 were disqualified because of thin animals, bad language, and kicking an animal. The training sessions were also reviewed--there are 106 people with pulling certificates, and 86 of these people have taken the training courses offered during the summer of 99, which were offered in three different locations. In addition, we had 10 people who were not certificate holders take the courses.

We discussed the renewal of pulling certificates, and the fact that in the past the Department automatically sent out renewal letters to present holders of pulling certificates.

The question was asked why sometimes the puller was warned, and other times they were disqualified. Jeanene Wilson went on to explain that if the animals were thin etc., and it appeared to be a danger to the animal, they were not allowed to pull. It was further explained, that the warnings were given to those teamsters who had animals that were on the thin side, but not bad enough to be disqualified. These warning were sent to all the certified Superintendents, so they could be aware of the condition of these animals and take the necessary actions at their pulls.

We discussed the rule making procedure. The problem of watering the animals was brought back to the table--Monique Aniel MD stated, that she had talked with several people who were upset with the fact that water was not available to animals at the pulls. The Chairman said he though this concern was addressed, and that there was water available. The Chairman raised the issue of a team being warned more than once for the same thing "i.e." thin animal, he thought we ought to have a rule which would set them down for a period, or until the animal's condition was corrected, or be out for 30 days. Shelley Doak, Director of Animal Health & Industry spoke suggesting we list down those items which should be considered for rule making, and then discuss each item one at a time. The rules of this Commission are the responsibility of this Department--the only rule we now have is that of certain substances given animals. It was further discussed, that with more than one warning the animal should be disqualified--the question was raised on whether the trainer or owner should be disqualified as well. It was discussed that sometime a trainer or owner has more than just the animal given the warning therefore, should be able to pull the other animals. We should take care in getting the name of the animal, as well as the owner. It was suggested, that we send a cover letter with the renewal of the pulling certificate telling them about the 99 season, and asking for their impute on changes they think need to be made. The question was raised on who was is going to be able to renew their certificate, and if you took the training you would automatically be able to have your certificate renewed. The law presently states that thin, dehydrated, animals having open sores, or is lame must be disqualified, it does not address warnings. It was generally agreed there should not be any more warning, the animals are either all right on not. Don Hoenig stated there are standards out there for certain body conditions for both dairy and beef cattle. It might be possible to adopt these standards and use them in our training. We spent some time discussing the thin animal problem, and how to judge them. We cannot change any State Statutes until the year 2001. The question was asked of Chip R., if he has any type of chart for appraising an animal. He might have some charts available for beef and dairy animals. He was going to check if there are any charts available that would be of value for pulling animals and get back to this Commission. Chip suggested we check with all breeds, and set standards for each animal to be used as a guide line for each Superintendent to use in judging the animal. It was suggested that we set up a standard deviation in the guide line.

We discussed the certification of a pulling superintendent. This is an area where we as a Commission can set rules. We need to discuss how often one needs training to keep



certification and questions that should be asked at renewal time of the certificate. Shelley Doak asked if there is any opportunity to charge for the certificate. It was discussed the possibility of have an exam for a pulling certificate. Many on the Commission did not agree with a written exam. The Chairman asked Fred L. ChipR. and Shelley, come up with a renewal letter and other suggestions on renewal of pulling certificates.

It was agreed to provide a training session at the annual meeting of the fairs in late January 2000. We should send a notice of this training to the associations, and the twenty people that did not take the training.

There was a lengthy discussion on the issuing of warnings, and the fact that we by statute can't issue a warning. It is hope that the Superintendent will continue to warn a teamster about the condition of the animal. The warnings given to teamster were a recommendations about the condition of the animal, and not anything in writing.


The Chairman mentioned that the smaller cattle should only be allowed to pull in the lighter class one year, and then go to the next class the following year. This could go into our rules.

The question was asked about the temperature at which animals should not pull. Chip will research this and get back to us. It is believed to be 85 degree, and only effects pulling on uncovered tracks.

Linn Poulis brought other issues that should be considered in rule making such as, the type of tape used on the stick, fine money for testing of drugs, and number of hits with stick. Chip explained that animal welfare money comes from dog licensing to pay for drug testing and Jeanene Wilson position, and well as half of Chip's salary. She asked when striking an animal in the face with a stick will be stopped in Maine.

Jeanene brought up the issue of blankets on working horses. At Fryeburg she found some teams with several layers of wool blanket on them. She told the teamster to take blankets off. Chip total them they could continue to use a light blanket on the horses. Jeanene does not believe blankets over harnesses is necessary. She feels a decision needs to be made about the blankets in our rules.

It was decided that members of this committee should bring a list of suggested changes of present pulling to look over, and determine what can be handled under rule making.  
Meet was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,  
Fredereick B. Lunt, Jr. 





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COMMISSIONER

December 21, 1999

## PULL EVENTS COMMISSION MEETING

January 6, 2000, Deering Building, Room 319

- I. Sign In--Opening Remarks By Chairman
- II. Vote of Minutes of Last Meeting (10-29-99)
- III. Continue Rule Making
- IV. Discuss Training Session At MAAF Meeting
- V. Discuss renewal of Pulling Certificates
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Adjourn



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Robert W. Spear  
COMMISSIONER

June 8, 1999

TO: Pulling Superintendents

FROM : Fred Lunt, Jr., Commission Chairman

The Following action was taken by Kilton Lamb, Superintendent of the Pine Tree Steer and Ox Association pull, held at the Cumberland Fair Grounds, on June 5th and 6th, 1999.

1. Two pair of ox owned by Sterling Smith of North Monmouth, Maine, were not allowed to pull because they were to thin.
2. One ox owned by Arnold Chapel, Jr. of Salem Conn., was not allowed to pull because it was to thin.
3. Mr Stanley Brown of Elliot, Maine, was disqualified after he kicked his animal in the side.

This information is being sent to you by this office, to help keep you informed of problems and situations arising during the pulling events. Please remember, that you must, as a superintendent, send any such information to this office, so we can forward it on the other licensed pulls.

Keep in mind that there is an animal welfare agent assigned to view most pulls, if animals are allowed to pull that are thin, or not healthy, your license as pulling superintendent will be reviewed. In addition. you must report any person in violation of the cruelty-to-animal laws to this office.





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July 1, 1999

TO: Pulling Superintendents

FROM: Fred Lunt, Jr. Fair Coordinator

The following action was taken by Wayne Currier, Superintendent of the Maine Draft Horse and Ox Association pull, on June 18, 19, 20, 1999, held on the Farmington Fair grounds.

1. A pair of steers owned by Sterling Smith, were not allowed to pull because they were to thin.
2. The following warnings were given because thin animals:  
David Gammon  
Marty Farrington  
Alfred Eastman  
Ernie Lane  
Jeff York

This information is being sent to you by this office, to keep you informed of problems and situations arising during pulling events. Keep in mind, that there is an animal welfare agent assigned to view most pulls, if animals are allowed to pull that are thin, or not healthy your license as pulling superintendent will be reviewed.

YOU MUST SEND A REPORT TO THIS OFFICE FOLLOWING YOUR PULL ON THE ANY WARNINGS GIVEN BY YOU, OR ANY TEAMS NOT ALLOWED TO PULL.



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July 13, 1999

TO: Pulling Superintendents

The following actions were taken as the result of scheduled pulls at Ossipee Valley Fair and Capitol Draft Pony Association pull held at the Clinton Lions Fair grounds.

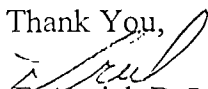
Ossipee Valley Fair--Owen Bell Superintendent --July 8-11, 1999

1. Arnold Chappell, Jr.--disqualified black steer for being too thin.
2. Barry Wheeler--disqualified Holstein ox for being too thin and was warned for striking an animal in the face with the butt end of the stick while pulling.
3. Devon Willete--disqualified Swiss ox for being too thin.
4. Wayne Sampson--disqualified a light chestnut horse for being too thin.

Capitol Draft Pony Association--Gale Carlow, Mark Carlow, Frederick French, Jr  
Superintendents--July 11, 1999 @ Clinton Fair Grounds

1. Wayne French--Thin pony
2. Todd Carlow--Thin Pony

Remember to send a report to this office after your pull.

Thank You,  
  
Frederick B. Lunt, Jr.



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July 22, 1999

TO: Pulling Superintendents

The following action was take by Pulling Superintendent Greg Baker at the pull on June 15, 1999, at Pittston Fair.

1. George Carter, was warned about his pony Willie being thin.

As before, you must report to this office after your pull, so information can be shared by all the Superintendents. You should also be aware, that there has been improvement in animals reported earlier in the year as thin. The Superintendent in charge of the pull is the person was makes the decision who pulls and who doesn't, based on the State Rules and Laws. State Humane Agent Jeanene Wilson, has been at most all the pulls this year and has been a great help to the Superintendents.

Thank You,

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Frederick B. Lunt, Jr.



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August 12, 1999

To : All Pulling Superintendents

This is a listing of the action taken at the latest pulls.

Bangor: Charles Blanchard III--was told to leave the ground by Don Dorr because of bad language. Was told not to ever return to Bangor to Pull.

French and Sons--lame pony "Jake"

Monmouth: Ponies: George Carter Thin pony "Charlie"---warning  
Bob Carter thin pony "Willie" animal is showing improvement--warning  
Laura Lancaster--Thin pony "midnight" --warning

Cattle: Allen Stevens--Thin cattle--warning  
Alfred Eastman--Thin Red and White Cattle & Sam and Pete-Warning  
Carl Aldridge-- Warned about excessive use of stick

Topsham: Cattle: Alan Floershinger--not allowed to pull animals to thin  
Alfred Eastman --warned thin animals

Presque Isle: Allison Fullerton--Stanley N.B. Canada--Horse "Bud" not allowed to pull because of open sores

This is meant to be a warning on past pulls, & to give you a heads up. Some of these animals are showing improvement. PLEASE SEND ME A REPORT AFTER YOUR PULL, SO I CAN SEND THE INFORMATION TO THE NEXT EVENT. THIS SYSTEM SEEMS TO BE WORKING BECAUSE OF YOUR HARD WORK, AND THAT OF JEANENE WILSON---STATE HUMANE AGENT. KEEP IT UP!!!!!!!!!!!!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Fred Lunt, Jr.', written in dark ink.

Frederick B. Lunt, Jr.  
Fair Coordinator



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August 30, 1999

To: All Pulling Superintendents

This is a listing of the actions taken at the latest pulls:

Skowhegan Fair--Wayne Currier Superintendent

Ponies:

Craig Lancaster "Midnight" warning thin pony

Bud Carter "Willie" warning thin pony

Tony Smith "Susie" warning thin pony

Cattle:

Alan Stevens warning --thin cattle

Union Fair--Al Robbins Superintendent

Cattle: Foster Merserve--warning thin cattle 1600 class

PLEASE SEND ME A REPORT AFTER YOUR PULL, SO I CAN SEND INFORMATION  
TO THE NEXT EVENT.

THANK YOU,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Lunt".

Frederick B. Lunt, Jr.  
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September 8, 1999

To: All Pulling Superintendents

This is a listing of actions taken at the latest pulls:

Windsor Fair--Nate Pease Superintendent

Ponies: Bud Carter's pony "Willie" was not allowed to pull--to thin

Springfield Fair--Ron Doane Superintendent

Ponies: Bud Carter's pony still thin, but looked better than at Windsor--  
given a warning.

Many of the ponies at this pull were border line thin, and all ponies should  
be looked at closely when weighting in for pull.

PLEASE SEND ME A REPORT AFTER YOUR PULL SO THIS INFORMATION CAN  
BE PASSED ON TO THE NEXT EVENT.

Thank You,

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Frederick B. Lunt, Jr.  
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To: All Pulling Superintendents

This is a listing of actions taken at the latest pulls:

Springfield Fair--Ron Doane, Superintendent  
Ponies  
George Carter--warning thin pony "Willie"

Clinton Fair--David Watson, Superintendent  
Cattle  
Dale Cole--warning thin cattle Brown Swiss

PLEASE SEND ME A REPORT AFTER YOUR PULL, SO I CAN SEND INFORMATION  
TO THE NEXT EVENT.

Thank You,

Frederick B. Lunt, Jr.  
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AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0028

Angus S. King, Jr.  
GOVERNOR

Robert W. Spear  
COMMISSIONER

October 19, 1999

To: All Pulling Superintendents

This is the last listing of action taken during the last pulls.

Farmington Fair--Dick Hall, Superintendent

Cattle

Alan Stevens-Warning thin ox

Pony

Walter Parlin-disqualified pony thin

Fryeburg Fair--Pat Norton-Oxen Superintendent

The following cattle were rejected because of thin and/or dehydrated

Ted Lewis

Jeff York

Karcher McGowan

Russell Hine

William O'Brien

The following was given a warning for this animal

Edward Bertholic, Jr.

This will be the last notice for this year. I want to Thank all you Superintendents, for the effort put forward to keep the pulls going smoothly, and your work in inspecting the entries. I also want to Thank Jeanene Wilson, State Humane Agent, for all her long hours to help this sport.

Frederick B. Lunt, Jr.  
Fair Coordinator



**Pull Event Commission**

**Training Dates**

**June 5, 1999 - Cumberland Fair**

**June 19, 1999 - Farmington Fair\***

**August 28, 1999 - Dover-Foxcroft\***

*\* No minutes were taken.*



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June 7, 1999

RE: Minutes of Pulling Event Training

The training committee consisting of Dick Hall, Jeanene Wilson, W. O. Calden, Herbert Mosher, Buddy Mosher, and Fred Lunt, Jr., met at the Cumberland Fair Grounds at 6:00 AM on June 5, 1999. The committee witnessed the weighing and registration of the Steers and Oxen, that were to pull that day in the 9th annual Pine Tree Steer and Oxen Assoc. pull. There were three teams that were not allowed to pull because of the condition of the animals. The class started at 10:00AM in the grandstand. There were thirty seven (37) people taking the training for credit. The training followed the enclosed agenda. Many questions were asked concerning the new rulings. The class then adjourned to the pulling ring, and at 11:00 AM a demonstration of the use of the goad stick was given. The training concluded at 1:00PM.

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VII. Adjourn to Pulling Ring for Demo

VIII. Adjourn Training

SIGN-IN SHEET  
 PULLING EVENTS TRAINING  
 JUNE 5, 1999, CUMBERLAND FAIRGROUNDS

NAME	ADDRESS
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Anders Robinson	P.O. Box 711 Parsonsfield Maine 04047
Brett S. McConkey	P.O. Box 711 Parsonsfield ME. 04047
David R. Stratton	RR1 Box 3918 Clinton Me 04027
Gardner J Norton	RR2101 Sweden Rd Bridgton Me 04009
Glenn E. Price	R#2 Box 3660 Canaan Me. 04924
Bruce Bryant	P.O. Box 125 Newfield Me 04056
Owen Ball	376 Fort Hill Rd Lasham Me
Leadb. Hillstead	RFD 7 Box 456 Limerick ME.
Harold Mundy	P.O. Box 148 No. Berwick, Me. 03906
Wayne Seeman	360 Hockanock Rd Woolwich Me. 04579
Gregory J Baker	RT 2 Box 418 Beech Hill Rd Pittsfe. 04345
Harold McManus	4 Meadow Cr. Rd. Topsham Me
Frank W Shaw	No Fryeburg Maine 04086
Donald Ridley	R#2 Box 3796 Litchfield Maine 04350
Clayton Lavelle	RR #1660 Thorncliffe Maine 04986

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NAME	ADDRESS
Gregory Larnabe	R#2 Box 3772 Littlefield me.
Herbert Mosher	51 RR 5 Box 2274 Farmington Me.
Rodney D. Orla	67 Orla Rd Jefferson, ME 04349
Timothy F. Cote	P.O. Box 44 Minot, ME. 04258
Harry Hutchinson	307 357 West Paris 04289
RODNEY HALL	Box 72 E. Dixfield, ME 04227
Lawrence C. Murch	<sup>North West Coastal Maine Fair 207 875 9863</sup> 460 Webbs Mills Rd. Raymond, ME <sup>04071</sup>
Randy Hall	P.O. Box 42 East Dixfield, Me. 04227
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HILTON LAMB	275 VARNY Mill RD 04262
Arvid H. Roberts	Box 2970 Route 11 Springvale me 04083
Ronald C. Wilson Sr.	74 Martin Stream RD Norridgewock
Wendell M. Brown	189 Cape Cod Hill New Sharon, Me 04955
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Julia L. Hiles	PO Box 43 Lemington, ME 04049
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May 11, 1999

To: Member of the Training Committee for Pulling events

From: Fred Lunt--Chairman

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'FL' or similar initials, written over a horizontal line.

Enclosed is the agenda for the scheduled training sessions. It was agreed at our last meeting that all member would meet at 6:00 AM, at the scales in Cumberland to view the weighing in, and would be present when Jeanene Wilson show how to check an animal for dehydration. We should be present on June 5th at 6:00AM in Cumberland and 7:00AM at Farmington.

During the Cumberland session, we will use the ring at about noon, to demo the correct use of the stick. In Farmington, at about the same time of day, there will be a demo for the correct use of reins on horses. We will also have a team of ponies present for a demo. During the class time, I still want the correct use of the stick and reins presented at both locations on the cattle, horses and ponies.

Any questions please call me at 287-7634.

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MAINE DRAFT HORSE AND OX ASSOCIATION

# CHAMPIONSHIP PULL

AT FARMINGTON FAIRGROUNDS ON

## JUNE 18, 19, 20, 1999

Friday, June 18, Kids Class, 1 P.M. Pull  
STEERS, 1200 LBS. & UNDER, YOUNGSTERS. 16 & UNDER, SPECIAL PURSE.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, WEIGH-IN, 7AM & ON, PULL 5P.M.

3400 HORSE CLASS, DISTANCE

3200 OXEN CLASS, DISTANCE

3200 HORSES, QUALIFYING PULL

3600, 20 ft. ELIMINATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 10A.M PULL

WEIGH-IN 7 A.M.

1600 TO 2400 STEERS, PERCENTAGE PULL, IF OVER 12 PAIR, SPLIT CLASS.

3300 HORSE CLASS, DISTANCE, MEMORY NORM DECKER

3000 HORSES CLASS, DISTANCE

2800 OXEN CLASS, DISTANCE

THREE HORSE HITCH, MEMORY RAYMOND MANK

FARMERS DRAFT HORSE CLUB DEMONSTRATION

SCOOTING CONTEST AT 10A.M. HELD AT THE SHOW RING

TWITCHING CONTEST AT 2P.M. AT THE SHOW RING

SATURDAY 7P.M.

3600 OXEN CLASS, DISTANCE

3000 HORSE CLASS, 15 FT. ELIMINATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 20 10 A.M.

WEIGH-IN & A.M.

3200 HORSES, DISTANCE

SWEEPSTAKE OXEN, DISTANCE

SWEEPSTAKE HORSES, DISTANCE

2 LB, ROCK HORSES, MEMORY PAT GOULD.

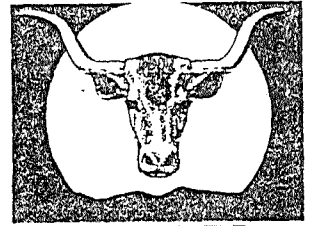
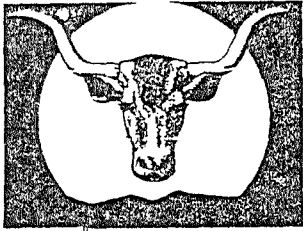
MUST BE A MEMBER TO PULL, DUES \$10.00

RIBBONS TO 6th. PLACE, PURSE & \$80.00, \$70.00, \$60.00, \$45.00, \$30.00. \$10

NO PURSE FOR QUALIFYING PULL

ADMISSION: \$3.00 PER DAY, PER PERSON, EVERYONE PAYS  
HOOK-UPS, TRAILERS, CAMPERS, HORSE TRAILERS WITH HOOK-UPS  
\$7.00 PER DAY, OR \$20.00 FOR THREE DAYS

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9th Annual  
Pine Tree Steer & Ox Association  
Pull & Qualifying Class for Nova Scotia

June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 1999  
Cumberland Fairgrounds, Cumberland Maine

Saturday June 5

6:00 am Weigh in (and at breaks ONLY)  
Good for both days

9:00 am 1000 b/g 12 yrs & under  
1200 b/g 16 yrs & under  
1600, 2000, 2800  
2400 6 ft  
PP (1600 - 2800 one team only)

7:00 pm Qualifying for Nova Scotia combined  
with 3600 distance class  
PP (2801 & Over one team only)  
3200 6 ft

Sunday June 6

7:00 am Weigh in

9:00 am SS, 3200, 2400  
2800 6 ft  
4000 6 ft

10:00 am Farmers Draft Horse Pull (\$200 purse)

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PLEASE NOTE:

- No thin cattle accepted and will be strictly enforced
- Must be member to pull.....Contact the Associations  
Secretary/Treasurer, Marlene Robinson at 207-625-3683.
- \$300,000 Proof of Insurance required for the driver of all teams  
New England Ox Card is valid but must be in drivers name  
Including children and powderpuff teamsters
- Everyone must pay to get through the gate including teamsters. Proceeds go to Assn.  
Purses are contingent on the gate fees and raffle money received. Should we not meet total purse premium, purses will be pro-rated.

PURSES: All Classes: 6 ribbons, 6 monies, 1st Place Trophies

1000 - 1200	\$15,14,13,12,11,10
1600 - 2400	\$50,40,30,20,15,10
All 6 fts	\$50,40,30,20,15,10
2800 - SS	\$60,50,40,25,15,10
PP's	\$55,45,40,30,20,10

ADMISSIONS:

Gate: \$5.00 per day, children under 18 free  
Everyone must pay, including teamsters

Camper/Bus: \$10.00 per night collected by Cumberland Fair Assn

Restaurant: Church Food Booth at end of pulling ring  
Open both days 6:00 am 'til closing (please support them, complete  
Baked bean supper Sat. night - All food is home cooked & delicious!)

RAFFLES ~

Cash raffle, yoke, goadsticks, lots of prizes. The yoke made by Don Quirion is an 8" yoke complete to be raffled Saturday evening ~ another special raffle is a free night at the Marriott by the Maine Mall with complimentary breakfast for 2. Again, we have several super raffle prizes this year, thanks to everyone for helping with this.