

## WESTERN DIRECTOR'S REPORT

APRIL 15, 2009

Finally!! Spring has arrived in Manitoba – the snow is slowly melting but we are starting to see green (under the water).

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter – getting together with family & friends.

Since the February report, I have been kept busy with the regular duties of my office and I am pleased to report there are no serious problems in the West.

I attended the Spring meeting of the executive board in Syracuse, NY. The meeting had an extra day added, so that we could review all the By Law Changes that have been requested for voting on at the International Convention in August. ( Please note all the by-law changes are on the International Web Site for review by the membership).

We now have a chapter in Fairbanks, Alaska (riding season – approx: 2 weeks ha ha) of course with global warming that's what it looks like for Manitoba , we are in the progress of forming a new chapter in Lethbridge, Saskatchewan. We will be attending the Western Rally in Valley City ND in June and look forward to meeting everyone there and having a great time. Its been a pleasure working with Lance and it sounds like they have a wonderful time lined up for all attending.

I have been spending approximately 8 to 10 hours a week in emails and telephone conversations with members . In closing I have checked my driveway and I think I can attempt to reach the road – so Riding season has arrived!

Ride Safe

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Gil Rekken

Western Director

