

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
November 5, 2011

The Central New England Regional Council held its Annual Business Meeting at the home of Beth Platt in Carlisle MA on Saturday November 5, 2011. The Business Meeting began at 10:20 a.m., immediately followed by the fall Regional Council Meeting. There were 18 members in attendance. They included the following: Stephanie Patrick-Chalifant, Heather Concannon, Kim Mello, Donna Lapierre, Helen Robinson, Curtis Renner, Karen Marcotte, Lori Decato Metz, Heather Dostal, Lara Hubner, Beth Platt, Kathleen Marsh, Rita McConnon, Wendy Johnson, Iris Realmuto, Lisa Doyle, Elaine Brazeau, and Denise Atherton.

Beth welcomed the group and began the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. Introductions were made and we definitely had a quorum with 9 clubs and two riding centers present.

Next, Beth delivered the RS report. In 2011 membership appears to be holding its own or increasing slightly in the region, in part due to our Riding Centers. At this date we have approximately 155 club members and 55 center members. A copy of the full RS report is attached. **A motion was made to accept the RS report as read; it passed unanimously**

Next, Curtis presented the Treasurer's Report. He advised that the actual budget does not reflect D Rally receipts so the final numbers will look much better. The championship fees listed may also not be correct. Rally organizers need to specify the amount of money to be allocated towards the championship fund (\$5 per competitor including stable managers), including any late fees. This money will be collected from Champs to Champs. Each year we will approve the amount to be contributed to each Champs qualifier and will address this at the spring Council meeting. D Rally receipts will need to be reduced by \$1000 for the new budget. HB, C3 and UL prep programs will be combined as one item and the HB rating will be a separate item, as will the C3 and or UL rating if we choose to host one. **A motion was made to accept the financial report as presented and passed unanimously.** A copy is attached to these Minutes.

In an effort to save time, all year end reports were summarized by the coordinators and the full reports are included with the Minutes and will be posted on the website. Andrea Nelson will be our new HMO for 2012, and rally organizers are urged to contact her early regarding Chiefs and staffing for this year's rallies. Iris Realmuto advised that once again there have been over 10,000 visitors to the CNE website. She gave an interesting breakdown of the website visitation. Our RIC, Karen Marcotte, reported that the region offered 10 clinics this year for C3 though H/HA candidates. Attendance was low for many of the clinics and we need to improve on participation to make the clinics work. DCs were urged to discuss this with their prospective candidates as well. A list of potential candidates for the HB and up ratings was passed around. There will be a kick off meeting around Thanksgiving and prospective candidates as well as interested members should be urged to attend. Please forward any missing email addresses to Wendy Johnson so they can be added to our email list. Our D3/C1 program will now be referred to as the Regional Educational Program, and there will be a clinic at Tufts in early December hosted by SNER. DCs are urged to share information with their members as it becomes available. Heather Dostal is still working with the Junior Board and is looking for more members from each club. Please refer any interested members to her. The Junior Board plans to offer scholarships and clinics, and will be fundraising during the upcoming year.

Karen Marcotte followed with the Report of the Nominating Committee. She presented the slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee. **A motion was made to accept the slate as presented. There were 14 in favor and 1 opposed so the motion carried and the new slate of officers for 2012 is as follows:**

Beth Platt - Regional Supervisor
Amanda Ellis - Vice Regional Supervisor
Lelo Reeves Curtis -Vice Regional Supervisor
Curtis Renner - Treasurer
Wendy Johnson - Secretary

A decision was made to table the Regional policy amendments and the activities calendar until the regular Council Meeting.

At 12:00 p.m., with no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed Johnson
Regional Secretary