

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

Central New England Region held its fall Council meeting at the Nashoba Valley Tubing Park in Westford MA on Saturday November 20, 2010, immediately following the Annual Business 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 began the meeting by suggesting corrections to the Proposed Budget. \$500 will be added to the UL testing line item and The D Rally income was reduced by \$1000 as a more realistic amount of income. There was a discussion about including a specific amount for scholarships as a line item and everyone agreed to just keep it as an unfunded administrative expense. **A motion was made to pass the amended budget as proposed, which passed unanimously.** We also agreed to keep the regional dues the same \$15 for 2013.

A motion was made to approve the RS recommendation of Karen Marcotte as RIC for 2012. This motion passed unanimously.

Next we discussed amendments to the Regional Policies. Beth went through the bylaws and discussed changes such as inclusion of the riding centers/CAs wherever it was appropriate. We deleted the USPC mission statement as not applicable to the regional bylaws since it is in the National Policies already. We discussed compensation for rally horse management and will delete specific compensation for Chiefs. Instead the compensation will be negotiated by the HMO in conjunction with the rally organizers. Non pony club members acting as AHMJ's will continue to receive \$50. Parents of ralliers or active pony club members will be reimbursed for mileage at \$25. **A motion was made to approve the changes to the regional policies as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.** A copy of the revised policies will be posted on the CNE website.

Next on the agenda was the calendar. Wendy and Karen will be coordinating preps for the HB, C3 and UL programs again and plan to offer clinics and camps during the year. The region would like to hold a Standards Clinic. Stephanie particularly would like to have the clinician address the suitability of mounts at the various ratings. She has offered to coordinate the Standards Clinic along with possible help from Wentworth and the RIC.

Quiz Rally - Amanda Ellis has offered to organize again and is firming up the school and date as soon as possible. Hybrid Farm Riding Center has agreed to assist.

Qualifying Eventing Rally - ONB and Nashoba Valley will host. Beth is looking into the possibility of holding the rally at GMHA and will speak with them as soon as possible. The other alternative is to not hold a qualifying rally but instead require the competitors to attend another rally for horse management as well as two sanctioned USEA events, to meet the qualifying criteria.

Non-qualifying Eventing Rally - Wentworth and Pentucket may be interested in hosting and possibly holding the event at Pipestave to coincide with one of their schooling shows. They will speak with the management and advise.

Dressage Rally - Squamscott will look into dates and plans to run the rally on Saturday and Sunday with move in on Friday night again. They will look into possible dates in June.

Show Jumping Rally - Rockingham will host at Brookfield Farm again and will check on available dates.

Games Rally - Overlook will host at Topsfield. They will advise regarding possible dates as soon as possible.

D Rally - Groton PC will host on October 21 although several clubs have asked for an earlier date if possible. They will check into this and advise.

Testings - The HB testing is being requested for July 13-15th subject to approval by the National Office. Wendy will contact UNH. The UL camp may be possible for that weekend as well.

Regional Educational program - We would like to schedule a Conformation Clinic with Laurie Chapman Bosco at UNH and will firm up a time shortly. There will also be a couple of clinics planned for January and February with details to be announced shortly.

The Annual Meeting will be held in New Orleans this year. Beth suggested that each club try to send a representative since the meetings are fun as well as educational. Hopefully we will have a larger CNE representation this year. Tickets are fairly reasonable if purchased early.

The decision was tough regarding the NYC delegate from CNE this year. Voting was extremely close so Beth sent in the application for Elizabeth LoChiatto as delegate and Catherine LoChiatto and Katie Platt as alternates and we will wait to see if they are both accepted. All three were great representatives for the region.

The next Council meeting will be held at Beth Platt's house at 10:00 am on February 4, 2012.

At 1:30 p.m., with no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed Johnson
Regional Secretary