

**CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION
MINUTES OF THE FALL COUNCIL MEETING
November 17, 2012**

The Central New England Regional Council held its Fall Council Meeting at the home of Beth Platt in Carlisle MA on Saturday November 17, 2011, immediately following the Annual Regional Council Business Meeting. There were 16 members in attendance. They included the following: Stephanie Patrick-Chalifant, Curtis Renner, Karen Marcotte, Lori Decato Metz, Heather Dostal, Beth Platt, Wendy Johnson, Lelo Reeves Curtis, Andrea Nelson, Susan Beliveau, Lynda Angstadt, Joan Maida, Meghann Parkinson, Laura Menard, Amanda Ellis and Vicky Lochiatto. Beth welcomed the group and began the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and for their volunteer efforts. Introductions were made and we definitely had a quorum with 9 clubs and two riding centers present.

Having discussed much of our business at the earlier business meeting, Beth started the new meeting by addressing safety procedures at rallies. One of our competitors had a serious fall at the D Rally which prompted a closer look at our safety procedures. We need to be aware of safety protocol at rallies and organizers need to be concerned when hiring EMTs at rallies. Do we hire two EMTs so one can stay on the grounds in the event the other needs to attend an emergency, do we hire an ambulance or just have one on call? Should we use paramedics versus EMTs? Budget is also a concern. Everyone agreed we need to have a safety committee. Betsey will hopefully advise us after she attends the annual meeting in January. We would like to have Betsey head the committee the region. Stephanie Patrick-Chalifant and Amanda Ellis would like to be involved. The bottom line is that we need to establish protocol in the event of an emergency so everyone knows what their responsibilities are at that moment. We expect there will be more guidance from the National Office forthcoming as well. Finally, CNE wishes to thank Betsey Reeves for her heroic actions at D Rally!

Next up was a discussion of the proposed calendar for next year.

Regional educational clinics this winter are being planned for December through February. The first Clinic will be the Conformation Clinic on December 8th from 1-3 at UNH with Laurie Chapman Bosco. All members, parents, and Horsemasters are invited to attend this classroom and hands-on clinic. We are trying to arrange an Allie Hayes leg clinic for January 12 or 19th and a February clinic. Hopefully, dates will be firmed up and announced shortly.

HB and UL Preps- A list was passed around for clubs to indicate the number of UL candidates they expect to have in their clubs next year. If any DC wants to add names or email contacts they can send them to me so I can add them to the contact list. We will have a kick off meeting for HBs and UL interested candidates on 1/5 at 11:00 at my house in Nashua NH. Any interested members are invited to attend and if they can't make the meeting but want to be included in any updates they should contact me directly.

We plan an HB/HA one day prep camp at UNH around Memorial Day, date to be determined. There will be a regional camp again with UL prep planned for July 9-13. We may offer lower level ratings at the camp and we may try to tie in a standards clinic as well. We are requesting an HB testing to be held July 9-11. We are also requesting a UL testing on August 14-15.

Rallies- At this point rally dates are tentative pending confirmation. Quiz Rally is trying for April 6th, Show Jumping possibly May 18th, Games June 1st, and Dressage Rally June 15-16th. We are looking into having Eventing Qualifying rally at GMHA this year. D Rally is considering dates earlier in the fall and non-qualifying Eventing rally dates will depend on the fall calendar. There was discussion about holding that rally in conjunction with another schooling show to help with the amount of labor required. Heather also offered to host a mock rally or non-qualifying dressage rally. More details to be forthcoming.

Regional Summer Camp – We plan to host a summer camp at UNH again this year from July 9-13. We would bring in a variety of excellent clinician just as we did last summer and would offer multiple tracks for each level of interest including an unmounted program ideally suited for Centers. We will look into housing at UNH as well as local options. Preps would be available for all levels and it is hoped that clubs will really encourage participation so we can keep the cost down. Lessons to non-pony club riders will also be available and we would like to see the camp continue to grow in popularity.

At 1:45 p.m., with no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed Johnson
Regional Secretary