

The CNER council meeting was held March 30<sup>th</sup> at Beth Platt's residence located at 75 Peter Hans Road in Carlisle Ma 01741. The following club representatives were present, Lelo Reeves-Curtis, Laura Menard, Lynda Angstadt, Betsey Reeves, Donna Lapierre, Barbara Barton, Lori Decato-Metz, Shirley Juniewicz, Heather Dostal, Andrea Nelson, Judi O'Neil, Muffy Szegvari, Karen Marcotte and Elizabeth Platt. Several members of the junior board were present as well. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as presented. As the treasurer was not present we did not have a treasurer's report. Beth Platt updated everyone on Club Treasurer information from the national meeting; including making sure all Treasurers are on the Treasurer's digest and have been to the treasurer's resource page. We will as a region be conducting peer review audits, Laura Smith has agreed to take this on and we will do approx. 3 clubs per year. We will also be starting to use Paypal on a regional basis.

Activity releases are no longer required except for nonponyclub participants. There will also be a \$100 per year fee due to the national office from each club upon renewal next year.

We talked a lot about completing the training modules for concussion and heat illness. All RSs,DCs,and CAs need to complete the module before the riding season begins. Betsey Reeves also gave us several regional guidelines for safety at rallies and other organized mounted events. We will be posting the guidelines on the regional website.

The region passed a vote to elect the nominating committee comprised of the following members, Karen Marcotte, Judi O'Neil and Heather Dostal.

We went through the calendar for the year and confirmed rally dates as posted on the CNE website, the only potential change being Games rally. Helen Robinson at Overlook was concerned that she only had three teams so far for games rally and was considering canceling the rally. Discussion was held around the idea of not using topsfield fairgrounds and possibly moving it to Groton fairgrounds with a clinic in the morning and a competition in the afternoon. I will talk with Helen regarding this idea. D rally will be held September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We will be running a standards and ratings clinic on June 22<sup>nd</sup> (possibly at Black Brook Farm in Carlisle) and ONB will be running a Derby Cross on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Foss Farm in Carlisle.

There was a discussion around camp which will be held July 9 – 12 with all sorts of options available for members, including a horse management track only. The application will be available on-line soon.

Lelo Reeves-Curtis talked about champs and indicated that the paperwork deadline is 2 weeks after the rally and that the region will pay \$75 toward entry fees.

The junior board presented the idea of having a mock rally at Show Jumping rally which was received with much enthusiasm by the regional council. Karen Marcotte indicated there was plenty of space for them to use and she would work with them. The junior board also indicated that they would like to give out scholarships again and will give them out for camp and rallies in various amounts.

We discussed the upper level rating and how many candidates we may have, the application deadline for the UL rating in August is June 19<sup>th</sup>.