

**CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION
MINUTES OF THE FALL COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 2013**

The Central New England Regional Council held its Fall Council Meeting at the home of Beth Platt in Carlisle MA on Saturday November 2, 2013, immediately following the Annual Regional Council Business Meeting. There were 14 members in attendance. They included the following: Curtis Renner, Karen Marcotte, Laura Smith, Heather Dostal, Beth Platt, Wendy Johnson, Lelo Reeves Curtis, Andrea Nelson, Susan Beliveau, Lynda Angstadt, Betsey Reeves, Christine Benware, Krystine O'Connor, Margaret Potorski. 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 one riding center present.

Having discussed much of our business at the earlier business meeting, Beth started the new meeting by encouraging members to attend the USPC Annual Meeting in Portland OR in January. The National Office is looking for feedback from the clubs, members and parents to determine how to move ahead in the future. There should be some interesting discussions in the RS and DC meetings this year. Flights are fairly reasonable and there is a discount if you register before the 15th.

The majority of our meeting was spent discussing 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 14th from 1-3 at UNH with Laurie Chapman Bosco. All members, parents, and Horse Masters are invited to attend this classroom and hands-on clinic. We are also trying to arrange clinics on January 11 and February 8 in Groton. Hopefully, dates will be firmed up and topics will be 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 early in January 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. Date to be announced soon.

We hope to have an HB/HA one day prep camp at UNH on May 24th and are waiting for confirmation. There will be a regional camp again with UL prep planned for June 29 through July 2. We are requesting an HB testing to be held June 30-July 2. We are going to decide if we will host an Upper Level rating this year once we see how many candidates are interested in rating and speak with the National Office at the Annual Meeting. We are looking for assistance from outside Regions if they send a candidate in the future.

Rallies- At this point, rally dates are tentative pending confirmation. Quiz Rally is trying for April 5th. We would like to hold a Mega Rally for Show Jumping and Dressage on June 7-8th at UNH. We are looking into having Eventing Qualifying rally at Valinor on June 14th this year. Games Rally will most likely be a one day rally at Green Acres with Groton Fairgrounds as a backup, possibly on May 17th. No word on the date for D Rally yet. The regional also needs to hold a Standards and Rating Clinic and we are looking at mid March in Littleton MA with Karen Marcotte.

Champs - This year is Festival and Championships are scheduled from July 14th through the 17th with Festival from the 19th through the 21st. With such an early date, it is very important that we have competitor commitment and paperwork on a timely basis this year. Rallies are very tight and

the communications for Champ qualifiers with Lelo has to improve. Anything DCs can do to facilitate this is going to be appreciated.

Fundraiser - We will need to do some fundraising to help refill our accounts this year. One suggestion was a Derby Cross, possibly at Pipestave. Maybe be a good fall activity. Another suggestion was a scavenger hunt at Great Brook. Betsey volunteered to “help” organize if we are interested. Other thoughts were a poker trail ride or a mounted Easter egg hunt. We just need folks to step up and volunteer. Please let Beth know if you want to run with anything.

The next Council meeting will be held at Beth’s house on February 15th at 10:00 a.m.

At 1:15 p.m., with no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed Johnson
Regional Secretary