

Regional Supervisor's Report 2013
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2013

The year started out with the Annual Meeting in Colorado. As a region we had a very low attendance at the meeting which I believe was related to the cost of travel to Colorado during peak ski season but I would love to see a greater attendance in the coming year in Portland and hopefully 2015 will be closer to New England. As a region we had approximately 211 members this year as compared to 240 members last year, which indicates a 12% decrease over last year. We need to take a look at the decline in membership and try to determine if there is anything that the region can do to better support the clubs and centers and ensure that this trend does not continue. We also should look at additional ways to get the word out about Pony Club although this might be most successful at the club level. We have 60% of our members in clubs and 40% in centers as compared to 66% and 34% respectively last year. I would expect the relative percentage in centers to grow in the future. Approximately 67% of our members are D's or unrated and 33% are C-1 and above.

Rallies

We started the year out with Quiz Rally which proceeded smoothly thanks to Amanda Ellis and a host of regional volunteers, some of whom religiously return every year and don't even have children in pony club any longer. We are very thankful to them and if you see them at next years quiz rally please go out of your way to thank them. We did not hold a games rally but it was certainly missed in the region and we are planning on holding one in 2014. Dressage rally proceeded smoothly ably run by Stephanie and her crew at Squamscott. Then, of course, on a very rainy day we had show jumping rally hosted by Karen Marcotte and her crew at Rockingham. And last but not least we had D rally run by Laura Menard and their crew at Groton Pony Club to finish up the season and give the D's a chance to show us their stuff, which they did. Many of the first timers learned lots about HM and time management but I saw lots of happy faces. Overall we had good learning experiences for all the kids and we were well assisted by a our wonderful HMO Andrea Nelson

We did not hold a standards and rating clinic this last year as planned but hopefully we will get one planned for this next year possibly in conjunction with camp. I do believe they are an invaluable experience for both the members and their parents.

Upper Level Ratings

We ran an HB test (which Wendy will talk about), a C-3 test both dressage and trad. and an A test. From our region we had one C-3 dressage candidate pass her rating Caroline Kielar and one C-3 trad. pass her rating outside of the region, Carolyn Drover. Congratulations to both!! We also had one additional C-3 Traditional who has just one additional section to pass. There were lots of bugs in the testing process this year to be worked out by the national office mostly communication

issues and I believe there will be lots of discussion on this matter at the national office. We continue to be the source and bear the cost for the UL testings in New England and we plan on having conversations at both the regional and national level in regards to that issue. We will continue to encourage the kids going for upper level ratings to prep at the summer regional camp! I had been organizing the upper level ratings for the last couple of years and Amanda Ellis has now taken that duty on and the ratings were well organized and the food fabulous!

Camp

We ran second year of the camp this year which is open to all levels in addition to horsemasters and non-pony clubbers. It was a great program with lots of both mounted and that all so important unmounted work and an amazing schedule organized by Karen Marcotte. This year we also ran a HM Track, which did not have huge participation so we will be looking to members to tell us what they would like for that track for next year. We had about 25 kids per day and have room for more next year. We are definitely planning on running it next year and would like to include a standards and ratings clinic as well. If there are other things you would like to include please contact Karen or myself. We will also look into possibly finding housing for the kids that might be interested in staying and have talked initially about getting rooms at the Holiday Inn in Durham to share.

A couple of thoughts for next year, we need as a region to focus on providing the activities most useful to our population so would like as much feedback from the clubs and centers as to what that looks like. As Rally attendance has declined we are looking at possibly combining the dressage and show jumping rallies to get as much benefit as possible for the overhead costs we incur for each rally. I am looking forward to another great year with CNER. Hope to see as many of you as possible at the Annual Meeting in Portland.

Beth Platt, RS

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION 2013 H-B PROGRAM

This year Central New England Region offered a formal HB Prep program again. There were eleven candidates prepping for the rating this year, eight from Central New England Region. As in the past, we began prepping early in the year. HB candidates were encouraged to attend the Regional Education lectures which covered topics appearing on the HB standard, and we offered several unmounted lectures, and a one day mock rating prep camp.

In May, we held the one day prep camp at UNH with National Examiners Karen Marcotte, and Ann Claflin. We ran it as a mock rating. Every HB candidate planning to test from CNE and our neighboring regions was able to attend and get an idea of what their first national rating would entail.

The HB certification was held at UNH over a two day period in mid July this year. The test was held during the CNE Regional Camp and we were able to take advantage of the D campers for our unmounted teaching portion of the test. Our examiners were Leanne Barnett and Maureen Pach. CNE had eight candidates at the test, and we are happy to announce that all eight attained their certification on their first attempt! Congratulations to Samantha Carr (Rockingham), Anne Dietterich, Kylie Harrigan, and Robyn Stix (Hybrid Riding Center), Nicole Kula and Jillian Nelson (Nashoba Valley), Hannah LoChiatti (Old North Bridge), and Melissa Menard (Groton).

Financially, we collected \$2175 in fees for the camp and test. Our combined expenses for preps, clinicians and food came to \$1434.37. UNH has been very generous to us and has not charged for the use of the classroom and barn for either our preps or the testings so far, which is why we have been able to keep our cost fairly low. Also, parents and candidates have provided much of the food at both the camp and the testing, which has helped in lowering costs and also my work load. Thanks to all who helped.

*Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Johnson
H-B Coordinator*

Regional Education Program 2013 Year End Report



We began our 2012/2013 regional education program in December with a Conformation Clinic with Laurie Chapman Bosco at UNH. There were 21 attendees from six clubs or centers. Thanks to Stephanie Infante, Aly Werth and Britt Hallet for assisting Laurie in the hands on section of the clinic. Our second clinic was held at the First Church in Groton in January. The clinician was Allie Hayes and she lectured on hoof and leg anatomy, demonstrating with her amazing freeze dried hoof and limbs collection. Attendance was excellent this year and we were happy to see some Horsemasters in the audience as well.

Overall, 10 clubs or riding centers were able to send at least one member, we averaged 21-37 members per clinic along with a large number of interested parents, and altogether 48 different members attended at least one clinic. Thanks to DCs for promoting the program and parents for taking the time to bring their children and helping with refreshments. The overall cost for clinicians, facilities and food was a little under \$600 this year. We do not charge a fees to attend.

The regional educational program is open to member of all ages and ratings and we try to cover topics that will appear on the standards and enhance the knowledge beyond what is typically covered at club level meetings. Participation is vital to the continued success of the program so we urge DCs to incorporate the clinics as part of their unmounted program and encourage their members to attend the winter series.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Johnson
Regional Education Coordinator

Junior Board 2013 Report

2013 was yet again a tough year for participation from JR board members. We had many great ideas however it was hard to get members together to partake in making it all happen. I am determined to revamp the program for this year to try to do more online chats, as the issues seem to be attendance to our meetings. My goal going forward is to be able to do an online fundraiser as well as a fundraiser that they do together in person. Our goal was to do at least one fundraiser this year and I am sad to report that they just could not make that happen.

We have not had as much interaction on Facebook as the previous year. Many of the members will view the happenings but not participate in the conversations. However the members that do watch the page always participate in the conversations that take place. We hope that going forward into 2014 we can make more happen.

We were proud to use some of the funds we have raised in years past to offer three scholarships. The funds can be awarded to any CNE member that is looking for financial help to attend an educational opportunity. They must submit an essay of 250-500 words to the board for approval and a application. However we only gave out one scholarship as we only had one application for the scholarship funds this year. Each JR board member spends the time to read the scholarships and award the funds to the members that apply. This was a great way for them to use their voice to make a difference in others lives. We hope that in the future the region will take advantage of this opportunity.

We had a JR Board Fundraiser set to take place at CNE Show Jump Rally as a educational Mock Rally. We had planned on using the funds raised to put back into our scholarship fund. Unfortunately it had to be cancelled do to NO entries or inquires. This made the JR board very sad as we were extremely excited about this opportunity for the region's younger ones to learn.

Going forward to 2014 we have many great ideas. Our goals have not changed much from last year. We hope to make at least 4 of the goals on our list a reality!

- ❖ Hold a mock Rally for lower level members to be held at RER Ponies
- ❖ Hold a teach to teach clinic to be held at RER Ponies
- ❖ Hold a dressage clinic inviting non-members as a fundraiser to be held at RER Ponies
- ❖ Offer 2 scholarships
- ❖ Plan, organize and complete 2 fundraisers.
- ❖ Attend each regional meeting in 2013/2014
- ❖ Organize a social outing for the board

We look forward to a great 2014! Respectfully yours, Heather Dostal, JR Board Advisor



*United States Pony Club
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*Webmaster Report
2013*

This is the 12th year that the CNER website has been in operation. The url is <http://cne.ponyclub.org/>.

This past year a Google map was added to help people find the clubs and riding centers in the region.

Here are the statistics of how the website is used.

	Nov 2012-Oct 2013
Number of Visitors:	7,940
Number of Unique Visitors:	3,400
Visitors Coming Directly To Site:	24.79%
Visitors From Other Sites:	24.74%
Visitors From Search Engines:	50.47%
Number of Pages Viewed:	16,743
Number of Unique Pages Viewed:	13,286

Pages Viewed This Past Year:

- Home Page – 49.97%
- Classifieds – 16.31%
- Clinics and Shows – 6.66%
- Clubs – 5.57%

Respectfully submitted,
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