

# MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

**September 21, 2014**

On Saturday September 21st, Central New England held the fall Regional Council meeting during D Rally at the Groton Fairgrounds in Groton MA. The following members attended: Stephanie Patrick-Chalfant, Laura Menard, Shelly Patrick, Laura Smith, Beth Platt, Betsey Reeves, Wendy Johnson, Lelo Reeves, Lisa Cook, Louise McKown, Lisa Getter, France Harrison, Nathan Armstrong, Amanda Ellis and Brian McDougall.

Beth began the meeting by making introductions and inviting all interested parents to attend. The Minutes of the prior Council meeting and the treasurer's report were waived. Beth reminded DCs to schedule their club annual meetings as soon as possible, and to be sure to have their nominating committees in place, notices sent to members and sponsors within the 30 day time frame, collect sponsors fees, and adhere to the membership guidelines.

Next she reviewed the success of the regional summer camp. We had fairly low attendance due to a conflict with GMHA camp. Next year we will be sure to schedule accordingly. We discussed the possibility of holding camp at Stoneleigh Burnham or even GMHA and offering overnight housing, some different clinicians and possibly shortening the length to 2-3 days. We will continue to explore our options. Please "like" CNE on facebook and provide feedback regarding camp, activities and instruction.

This summer we hosted the HB certification again and had great success with a 100% passing ratio for those who participated. There were also several Upper Level successes out of area and we will list candidates in the UL annual report. We also talked about possibly holding an HA certification in the region next year.

Next on the agenda was Championships and Festival. We had excellent representation and a number of successes. Lelo organized a fun BBQ and it was a great experience. Next year Champs will be held in Virginia, and Beth suggested we all stay tuned for updates on possible changes.

DCs were reminded to speak to their qualified members regarding National Youth Congress and National Youth Board. Each year we can send a qualified member to the Annual Meeting, this year to be held in Virginia near Washington DC. Anyone with an interested member should check online for an application and contact Beth as soon as possible to meet the deadline. It really is a great learning experience. We would also like to encourage as many members as possible to attend the Annual Meeting since it is closer to us this year. The workshops are very educational and the social aspect is great fun for members as well.

We will discuss the calendar at the regional annual meeting. Be thinking about what your club would like to host and possible dates. Stephanie suggested we look into Silver Oaks as a possible location for a mega rally next year since there is room for Games, Show Jumping and Dressage.

Renewals need to be entered online this year so copies do not need to be sent to Beth. However, checks still need to be sent directly to our Treasurer, Laura Smith.

Finally, check out the national member in good standing policy and the parental code of conduct on the website, and be sure to review these with parents at your club's annual meeting.

The Regional Annual Business Meeting will be held at 10:00 at Beth Platt's house on Saturday November 8th. This is a change from the original meeting date of the 15<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict with Equine Affaire. The regular council meeting will follow immediately. An invitation to the Annual Business Meeting and an agenda will be emailed to DCs shortly.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Johnson  
Regional Secretary