

**CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION
MINUTES OF THE FALL COUNCIL MEETING
November 8, 2014**

The Central New England Regional Council held the Fall Council Meeting at the home of Beth Platt in Carlisle MA on Saturday November 8, 2014, immediately following the Annual Regional Council Business Meeting. There were 16 members in attendance. They included the following: Amanda Ellis, Stephanie Infante, Karen Marcotte, Stephanie Patrick-Chalfant, Laura Smith, Heather Dostal, Beth Platt, Wendy Johnson, Lelo Reeves Curtis, Andrea Nelson, Susan Beliveau, Julie Koss-Stephany, Betsey Reeves, Laura Menard, Liz Hoyt, and Vicky LoChiatto. There were 7 clubs and 2 riding centers represented.

Having discussed much of our business at the earlier business meeting, Beth started the new meeting by discussing the preliminary budget as presented by Laura Smith. **A motion was made to accept the preliminary budget for 2015.** It passed unanimously.

Again, Beth urged DCs to promote the USPC Annual Meeting in January and hoped all would attend. We can plan to have our Council Meeting in VA. Also the deadline for National Youth Council nominations has passed but if anyone has a candidate that wants to attend, we can still try to send them as a representative. Speak with Beth immediately if interested.

Betsey reminded the Council that Equine Affaire is November 15th weekend and we will have a table there. If prospective members contact DCs they need to be sure to respond.

Next, we discussed possible fundraising and membership drive opportunities. We need to get our name out. We might sponsor a prize at events such as a CNE saddle pad to youngest pony clubber, etc. We can also have a table with flyers and handouts at various equine events throughout the year, including the big fall fairs. For fundraising we can sell items like measuring sticks if a club wants to take on a project. We are going to raise the rally fee by \$25 and then discount if paper work is received prior to the closing date. It will be important to make the closing date very clear. We will also continue to charge the Championship fee.

The rest of our meeting was spent discussing the proposed calendar for next year.

Kickoff for UL certifications will be held at Wendy Johnson's house in Nashua on Sunday December 28 at 10:00. Anyone interested in prepping or certifying in 2015 should plan to attend. Parents welcome as well.

USPC Annual Meeting- January 21-25 Arlington VA

Regional Educational Clinics- this winter are being planned for January through March.
Tentative dates would be 1/12, 2/14 and 3/14.

Quiz Rally- March 28th at Haverhill High School

Standards Clinic- April 11

Dressage Rally- possibly 6/25-28 at Silver Oaks in Hampton if we have a Mega Rally or 6/13-14 at UNH

Show Jumping Rally- waiting on Mega Rally date

Tetrathlon Rally- held in early June in White Mtn. Region

HB Camp – possibly May 30th

Championships- July 22-26

CNE Camp- July 10-11 C2 regional test on July 12

HB Certification- July 8-10

HA Certification -August 7-8

C3 Certification – week of August 10-11?

The next Council meeting will tentatively be held at the Annual Meeting in VA if attendance allows.

At 1:30 p.m., with no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed Johnson
Regional Secretary