

**CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION
MINUTES OF THE FALL COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 2016**

The Central New England Regional Council held the Fall Council Meeting at the home of Andrea Nelson in Westford MA on Saturday November 19, 2016, immediately following the Annual Regional Council Business Meeting. There were 20 members in attendance. They included the following: Amandá Ellis, Stephanie Infante, Karen Marcotte, Stephanie Patrick-Chalfant, Laura Smith, Heather Dostal, Sandy Niles, Kristie Gill, Wendy Johnson, Vicky Rule, Andrea Nelson, Betsey Reeves, Emilee Sattler, Karen Herrick, Linda Vollinger, Lelo Reeves-Curtis, Maudie Braswell, Rachel Drew, Antonia Buneas, and Ashley Glynn.

Betsey Reeves shared that she attended Equine Affaire and manned the Pony Club booth. Attendance was low but she reminded DCs that if anyone contacts them regarding joining Pony Club, please be sure to respond promptly. We must continue to spread the word about Pony Club.

Next, Stephanie Patrick-Chalfant proposed some minor amendments to the Regional Policy. She addressed removing specific dollar amount references, updated wording, and rally requirements for Champs. She will revise the relevant sections and present the amended Regional Policy for approval at the next meeting. The policy committee includes Amanda Ellis, Liz Hoyt, Karen Marcotte, Stephanie Patrick-Chalfant, and Heather Dostal.

Heather Dostal has been appointed the new club DC and Riding Center CA Advisor.

Heather mentioned that RER Ponies Riding Center would like to host Dressage Rally in the future. She has looked into some venues that sound promising. More details to be discussed in the future.

Having discussed much of our agenda at the earlier Business Meeting, the rest of our time was spent discussing the proposed calendar for next year.

Kickoff for UL certifications will be held at Andrea Nelson's house in Westford MA on January 6 from 6:30 - 8:30. Anyone interested in prepping or certifying in 2017 should plan to attend. Parents are welcome as well. If you can't make it but are interested in prepping, contact Sandy Niles.

HB Preps:

February 3 - same time and location as kickoff - diseases and parasites

March 3 - same as above - nutrition and poisonous plants

April 7 - same as above - shoeing, farrier tools, leg and foot anatomy and unsoundness

HB prep camp at UNH -trying for May 28 or 29th

Regional Educational Clinics- planned for January, February and March, topics and dates TBA

Quiz Rally- March 26th at Haverhill High School

HMO Clinic- April 8th and **Certification and Standards Clinic** April 9th at Lelo Reeves-Curtis's facility in Marlborough MA

Eventing Rally- May 21st at Course Brook Farm Sherborn MA

Show Jumping Rally- May 27th in Fremont NH

Dressage Rally- June 10th and 11th with move in Friday night at UNH

Games Rally- June 25th Green Acres Madbury NH

Regional Camp- June 29-30, July 1-2 at UNH - Championship qualifiers mandatory prep

HB Certification- June 28-30 at UNH, pending approval

USPC Championships/Festival - July 17-24 Lexington KY

D Rally- October 1st at Groton Fairgrounds, Groton MA

Next, Lelo Reeves-Curtis presented a proposal to host the Show Jumping Rally at Apple Knoll. Discussion ensued but Rockingham Pony Club had already firmed up the location and dates for 2017. Discuss about different clubs hosting future rallies to be continued at a later date.

There was positive feedback regarding the monthly regional conference calls. Participants agreed it was helpful for improving communications in the region. Every club is urged to have a representative attend the call- first Tuesday of every month at 8:00.

At 2:00 p.m., with no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed Johnson
Regional Secretary