

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION
MINUTES OF THE FALL COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 2017

The Central New England Regional Council held the Fall Council Meeting at the Nashoba Valley Tubing Park Cafe in Littleton MA on Sunday November 19, 2017, immediately following the Annual Regional Council Business Meeting. There were 28 members in attendance. They included the following: Amanda Ellis, Stephanie Infante, Karen Marcotte, Stephanie Patrick-Chalfant, Kristen Cole, Heather Dostal, Sandy Niles, Stacy Snell, Kelly Radochia, Shelly Patrick, Andrea Nelson, Betsey Reeves, Ben Vaughan, Penny Lowman, Shirley Foster, Amber Anderson, Lelo Reeves-Curtis, Liz Hoyt, Rachel Drew, Antonia Buneas, Lara Sloan, Donna LaPierre, Judi O'Neil, Emma Newman, Jessie Springer Svatek, Sarah Grallert, Susan Hanna and Julie Tollman.

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.

We began with Stephanie Patrick-Chalfant sharing the information she has gathered in her research for **Dressage Rally**. UNH has increased the stall rental fee from \$30 per stall for the event to \$120 which would significantly increase the entry fees for our competitors. One option that Stephanie proposed was changing it from an overnight to a one-day rally so we don't need to rent stalls. She had also looked into alternative venues and reported that Fieldstone, the one we had primarily considered at the last meeting, didn't have availability until 2019 or 20. Apple Knoll as another potential venue was discussed.

The importance of an overnight rally to prep competitors for champs was then talked about by all and we agreed that it does not necessarily have to be at Dressage Rally. We discussed incorporating it into a champs prep. Location and details will have to be worked out but it was agreed upon that this would be a good alternative if indeed Dressage Rally is a 1-day rally this year.

Next, Ben Vaughan requested that the rally organizers in the region send him a brief summary of their rally expenses so he can begin planning for next year. The email to send that to is: bav8cs@virginia.edu.

Betsey then reported that Valinor was open to us hosting our **Eventing Rally** at their sanctioned event June 10th. They offer Intro-Preliminary and stabling is \$40/stall but limited to around 10. Penny also reported that Hitching Post is another possible option for Eventing Rally and their event is held on May 19th. The cost of their stalls are \$65 and they have between 15-20. It was discussed that June timing may work best with our other rallies so Valinor was considered the better option timing wise. Betsey offered to organize the rally and any other individuals or clubs who can lend a hand would be very appreciated.

Everyone discussed that it would be great if we could still organize a mega rally at some point in the near future in effort to consolidate time spent rallying. Ben suggested that anyone who was interested put together a proposal so we could all consider the options together. It was acknowledged that the planning for that may take a year+ so best to start looking into option asap.

Show Jumping Rally was discussed next and Karen said Rockingham is willing to host again at Brookvale Pines and she is flexible with dates so we can work around the other rallies if that was helpful. Date TBD.

Games Rally will be organized by Wentworth again and potentially held at Green Acres as an overnight rally. Date TBD.

Quiz Rally will be organized by Full Circle & Hybrid and will be March 24th at the Haverhill HS.

Kickoff for UL certifications will be held at Andrea Nelson's house in Westford MA on January 5th from 6:30 - 8:30. Anyone interested in prepping or certifying in 2018 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: will be held the first Friday of the month at the Nelson's in Westford. HB camp will most likely be one day during Memorial Day Weekend.

Regional Educational Clinics-

December 3rd TRAILER SAFETY from 11:30-1:00 at the Groton Fairgrounds. Parents and members are all encouraged to attend.

January 20th BANDAGING/POISONOUS PLANTS. Location TBD

February 24th DENTISTRY CLINIC at Dover Saddlery

March Date TBD Confirmation Clinic -

USPC Championships East - July 25-29 Tryon NC

D Rally- September 30th at Groton Fairgrounds, Groton MA

Our next regional meeting will be held February 3rd @ 2:00 pm. Location TBD.

At 5:10 p.m., with no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea L. Nelson
Regional Secretary