

Central New England Region

Minutes

February 15, 2003

The first Regional Council meeting of the new year was held on February 15, 2003 at 9:30 at the Giguere's Gymnastic Bldg in Cherry Valley MA. Attending the meeting were Wendy Johnson, Iris Realmuto, Steve Realmuto, Ingrid Wendt Jones, Kathleen Daigle, Ted Barnard, Tammy Erickson, Jackie Jacobs, Betsey Reeves, Lara Hubner, Karen Liuzzo, Belinda Barbas, Esther Short, Lorna Garron, Deb Maietta, Jen Middaugh, Janet Coe, Curtis Renner, Leonora Giguere, Audrey Zwicker and Louisa McKown.

After Louisa made the introductions, Tammy Erickson spoke briefly about the Annual USPC meeting in California. She shared a number of handouts from the Meeting and we were able to review them during the meeting. If anyone is interested in copies of any of the topics they should contact Tammy directly. Also, she hopes more members will attend the meeting in Philadelphia next year since it was such a wonderful experience.

The Minutes of the November CNER Annual Meeting were submitted for approval. Ted moved to accept the Minutes and Deb seconded. The Minutes were accepted unanimously. Louisa reminded all DCs that they need to submit their local club policies to her as soon as possible.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Curtis Renner. It was agreed we would evaluate regional dues in the fall and would try to have another meeting in April or May if possible. The Statement of Receipts and Expenditures was reviewed and the proposed budget was discussed with some revisions suggested. Curtis reminded DCs and rally organizers to be sure to use the sales tax waiver form for all purchases. We will publish a list of retailers with USPC tax free accounts.

Louisa introduced the possibility of charging additional fees for the expanded instructors clinics. The general consensus was to review status at the end of the year for next year and to use the additional regional membership dues charged this year to offset those extra expenses incurred for clinics this year.

The Upper Level Coordinator's Report was submitted by Deb Maietta. She spoke of the large number of pony club leaders in our region right now and suggested we fully utilize them. The first Upper Level meeting was held with Betsey Reeves as clinician. The participants discussed looking towards the future and the meaning of Upper Level in pony club. There will be two main clinics-the prep on Memorial Day weekend and the mock rating in July. The B rating will be held out of Region; we will be hosting the HA rating.

Next Tammy Erickson discussed the C3 Program and reiterated that she'd like each club to sponsor a C3 clinic or prep if possible. There will be two C3 camps at Kingsbury Hill this year as well as two testings. Additional preps are also being planned.

Jackie Jacobs spoke about Championships and advised that a block of rooms have been reserved in Raphine VA at the same hotel as last year.

Lara Hubner handed out a copy of the Horse Management Report and asked each club to sponsor a station at the Horse Management Clinic this year. She handed out a sign up sheet for each club to commit to a horse management topic.

Next came the Rally discussions.

Quiz- D1 and unrated participants are not eligible to qualify for Championships even if they rate up prior to Nationals. During the classroom segment of Quiz the first 4 rounds are allowed 1 rating level higher in questions. The last two rounds are allowed to select questions 2 rating levels above current rating. Louisa will select the harder questions for the B and HA competitors if necessary. Participants are reminded to dress appropriately for all phases of the competition. The Jr. Board will sell pizza and snacks. C1 and up Quiz championships will be held in July out west so someone could conceivably ride at the eastern championships in August as well if they wanted to.

Games- Betty Staten and Rockingham PC has offered to hold a games clinic for all those interested in learning more about Games. The clinic will be held at Monk's Stables in Chester NH at 10:00 a.m. on March 29th. Bring chairs and lunch. More details on the CNE website.

Show Jumping- Tammy has spoken to the Marlborough Equestrian Center about holding the rally there this year. The group discussed having our own qualifying rally there on the 15th or 16th of June. It appeared that most people felt since we had already committed to SNER about competing the following weekend at their rally that we should hold off and try to schedule a show jumping rally in Marlborough in September. More discussion to follow.

C Qualifying Rally- Nothing definite as yet. UNH seemed too early, Kent is the same weekend as the Dressage Rally. Louisa will look into Mystic as a possibility. Apple Knoll is not an option.

Eventing- Wentworth has agreed to organize the Eventing Rally at the Somersworth Equestrian Center possibly on Oct 12th or 19th. More details to follow.

Dressage- Ted says everything is all set with UNH for the overnight Dressage Rally.

A brief potluck lunch was served at 12:30.

After lunch the Junior Board made their presentation and submitted their revised policies regarding membership and voting rights. The policy was approved and accepted by the Regional Council. The girls summarized their plans to help volunteer at various functions during the year including Standards Clinic, HM Clinic and Quiz Rally. They also

announced their officers for the year and will hold new elections in August to coincide with the school year. They will have a poster contest at the Quiz Rally again this year as well as a silent auction. If anyone would like to donate appropriate items they should contact the Jr. Board. (Ashley)

The Standards Clinic will be held on April 5th in Sutton MA. DC's are asked to remind everyone in their club to bring chairs and also to respond to Leonora regarding a headcount from each club for planning purposes. This is also very important for the Jr. Board so they know how much food to provide.

Louisa appointed Steve Realmuto to Chair the Nominating Committee for this year. Other members of the committee include Belinda Barbas, Deb Maietta, Karen Liuzzo, and Esther Short.

Pauline Maietta shared some of Jamie F. and her experiences at the National Youth Congress during the Annual Meeting this past month. Katherine S. attended the Annual Meeting as well and accepted the 25 year plaque for Pegasus Pony Club. Betsey Reeves was honored with the prestigious Founders Award.

We thanked our hosts, the Gigueres and Worcestershire Pony Club for providing the facilities for this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00.