

**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND  
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 12, 2008**

The spring 2008 Regional Council meeting was held at the Nashoba Tubing Park on April 12, 2008 at 10:00. The following members attended: Iris Realmuto, Wendy Johnson, Curtis Renner, Sarah Robinson, Carol Seale, Stephanie Patrick-Chalfant, Peggy Knight, Elizabeth Kohler, Catherine Williams, Tom Tellier, Sara Michas, Tracey Young, and Betsey Reeves.

Betsey opened the meeting by thanking everyone involved with the recent Quiz Rally. Many thanks to Elena Wohl and Jordan Stables, Pegasus, Pentucket, and Hybrid Farm Riding Center. Sara Michas commented on the level of cooperation among the clubs. Elena will not be the organizer next year but Jordan Stables will continue to host with some additional help. Pegasus offered to help with the Mega Room and Pentucket will coordinate the Stations again. We discussed ways to help reduce some of the stress on the younger kids next year. Everyone agreed that the more practices a club held, the more relaxed and better prepared the kids appeared. Betsey urged everyone to read their rulebooks before rallies.

Catherine gave a quick update on the UL program. The UL candidates sold candles and operated the food booth at Quiz, raising approximately \$1500 to help with the cost of their preps. CNE received and sent in 13 applications for the B (2 Dressage) test, 6 for the H / HA and 3 for the A (2 Traditional & 1 Dressage) this year! The B and A tests will be held at UNH in August. There will be two preps, one at Kingsbury Hill in May and one at UNH in July. There is also a mounted prep with Nancy Grout planned in April. There will be opportunities for lower level kids to come and ride with the UL candidates as well as the clinicians. More information will follow.

The HB candidates have met a few times and will have another unmounted meeting the last Sunday in April. The HB and C3 candidates will also be able to attend the UNH prep camp in July as well. Lelo is lining up some one day mounted clinics for the C3s. One is tentatively scheduled for June 8. There will also be a two day refresher at the end of August. The HB test is scheduled for August 16th at UNH and the C3 will be held on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Next, we updated the status of upcoming rallies. The Qualifying Eventing Rally is all set for King Oak in May. There will be four teams on Saturday and two on Sunday with several kids attempting to qualify for Championships. Two teams will be joining us from Western NY Region.

Squamscott PC advised that the Dressage Rally is moving along. Most of the judges have been firmed up. It was suggested that DCs remind their musical ride competitors to be sure to bring a good quality CD to avoid sound problems.

Tetrathlon Rally will either be held on August 23/24 or September 13/14. Tracey will make an announcement shortly. ONB is leaning towards hiring a TD and holding the rally as a qualifier.

D Rally will be organized by Lisa Cook from Groton PC this year, assisted by Iris. The question was asked if D-3s would be allowed at the rally. Iris responded by saying yes although more seasoned D-3 should go to the NQ Eventing Rally since that is a more appropriate venue for them.

The status of the NQ Show Jumping Rally is still in the air since Chris was not able to attend the meeting. Betsey will contact him to see if Swift River still wants to host it. Curtis has a location available and Worcestershire would be willing to host if Swift River is not able to do so. June 7 and 14 looked like possible dates.

Old North Bridge is hosting a Daniel Stewart Clinic on May 17 and Jordan Stables is also hosting one on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Both clinics have room for a few more riders so please contact either club if interested.

Next, Lelo Curtis gave a Championship update. Entries will be submitted online this year. Since it is a paperless entry, competitors will be required to wear medical armbands while competing. Lelo advised that qualifiers have a week to commit to Championships after they qualify. She has heard from most of the Quiz qualifiers already. Twenty eight rooms have been reserved from Monday to Monday at the Hampton Inn for approximately \$100-119 a day. There is a mandatory Championship meeting on July 12th at Nashoba Tubing Park.. The regional shirts will be made of different material this year and possible have the CNE logo on the sleeve. There will also be saddle pads available. Betsey reminded DCs to send in their rating updates asap.

Betsey then read a letter written by the National Youth Congress candidate Leigh Davis. In her letter, Leigh described what the NYC meeting meant to her and how the contacts she made inspired her to continue her goal to become a veterinarian. Betsey will try to get a copy online. It was mentioned that this past year the Region waited too late to start the NYC selection process, so we need to remember to start talking with qualified members in time for the September meeting.

Curtis handed out the most recent budget. The Region has about \$37,000. Curtis predicted the Championship fund will probably be in the hole by the end of the year despite the recent fundraiser. A discussion ensued regarding the HB and C3 programs and whether they should be separate or combined. It was agreed they should be kept together with just one budget and should be referred to as the HB/C3 Prep Program. The combined program should be allocated \$500 in the budget. It was agreed that the Dressage program should be put on hold and no money should be allocated to it this year. There was discussion as to whether the \$500 Dressage budget should be reallocated to the UL program, but it was agreed that in a year where there were a lot of UL candidates, it was not necessary to reallocate funds. If we have a year where there are fewer candidates, we can use the extra assets to help offset the additional expenses. Carol Seale will look

into the Catherine Long fund to see if we can use that money as a one time offset to the four educational programs or if it needs to be dedicated to a specific educational clinic. Peggy will also speak with Louise Hara to see if she has any specifics.

As of this point, the July meeting will just be the mandatory Championship Prep meeting and we will forgo the July Council Meeting unless it appears that we have some pressing business to discuss.

A brief discussion about the Jr. Board followed. There was a comment about rolling the Jr. Board assets over to the UL program, but it was agreed that that money was meant to be used for scholarships and educational clinics and should be kept separate for now. It was suggested that an active adult coordinator and revised Jr. Board would really help rejuvenate the program.

Finally, as RIC, Carol Seale is putting a resource list together and asked if DCs could email her with the names and addresses of clinicians, examiners and instructors that they utilize. Please send your contact info to her as soon as possible so she can expand and share the resource list with us.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Johnson  
Regional Secretary