

Summer DC Meeting

The summer DC's meeting was held on Saturday June 30th during the Dressage Rally. The following people were in attendance: Sue Ferry, Louise Hara, Monique Waldron, Steve Realmuto, Iris Realmuto, Tammy Erickson, Judi O'Neil, Audrey Zwicker, Karen Liuzzo, Wendy Johnson, Ted Barnard and Louisa McKown.

One topic of discussion was the National Youth Congress. DCs were reminded that the deadline for completing paperwork is the end of October. Candidates should be 18 years old, rated C3 or above, have demonstrated leadership and volunteering, both in pony club and the community. We discussed meeting the candidates personally.

Scoring problems at rallies was discussed. One suggestion was to post scores for a longer time period.

Next, a discussion about various ways the Region could honor Sue McMahon was held. Purchasing a brick at the USPC headquarters in Lexington KY in Sue's name was one of the most popular suggestions. Leslie Bensinger, the RS from White Mt. Region was interested in joining us in some way. Other ideas for fundraisers for Sue's family included a dinner or pace event. Judi and Audrey will look into options and let us know.

Regional pinneys were the next topic of discussion. Everyone agreed that the region needs to own a full set of pinneys. Judi O'Neil will look into the cost and options and report back.

It is time to nominate officers for next year's board. DCs were asked to think of people in their own clubs who might make good additions to the regional board. Please give Audrey, Chair of the Nominating Committee, the names of any possible candidates. It was suggested was to include a brief description of each position in the next newsletter.

Ted Barnard and Steve Realmuto were asked to work together to review the various options available to the region with regards to owning or renting a PA system, radios and other electronic equipment for rallies and other regional functions. They will summarize their findings and recommendations at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone went back into the heat of the rally!

The Region has decided to sponsor a two phase schooling show to raise money for an educational fund set up for the children of Sue McMahon, who tragically lost her life after being kicked by a horse recently. The show will be held on October 20th at T.H.E. FARM in Tewksbury MA. Volunteers are donating their time and equipment to help make the show a success. We hope that each club will

communicate with their members so we have a good turnout for such a worthy cause. Please pass the word along among your other horsey friends, too. The entry form should be on the regional website shortly. Please contact Audrey Zwicker if you have any questions or would like to help.