

# Central New England Region

## Minutes

### September 27, 2003

The Central New England Regional Council meeting was held on September 27, 2003 at 10:00 at the Groton Library in Groton MA. Attending the meeting were Wendy Johnson, Iris Realmuto, Steve Realmuto, Ted Barnard, Tammy Erickson, Karen Liuzzo, Belinda Barbas, Esther Short, Deb Maietta, Janet Coe, Curtis Renner, Connie Brown, Betty Staten, Susan Ferry, Louise Hara, Carol Greata and Louisa McKown.

After Louisa made the introductions, she reviewed the Agenda noting that we will wait to discuss policy revisions at the November meeting. DCs are urged to submit their nominations for National Youth Congress by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Iris will list the qualifications on the website. The Annual Council Meeting will be on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Reading Municipal Light Company in Reading MA. Directions will be posted on the website and listed in the next Scoop. Louisa also recommended that each club appoint a club HM representative. The HM representative could be one of the kids if appropriate. The representative should be capable of working with the instructors, coordinate rally preps and educational programs. DCs should be prepared to give Louisa the name of the representative at the November meeting. Finally, Louisa discussed the fact that Championships have been moved up and we will need to plan carefully to allow scheduling for qualifiers this year. USPC Jubilee will be in Philadelphia in January and everyone is urged to attend.

Next, Curtis Renner submitted the Treasurer's Report. Curtis is not overly worried about the small bills but would like Rally organizers to provide him with the "bottom line" for his reports. Iris will have expense reimbursement forms on the website. Rally organizers still need to submit a budget to Louisa prior to the rally and to put their expense breakdowns on a budget form. The Regional Budget was submitted for review but a few categories will need to be adjusted as additional income is reported. Losses under the C3 program were discussed. Losses were due to smaller participation at the first camp than originally anticipated. Should we have just one camp? Should we ask for larger non-refundable deposits up front? Should we open to the UL riders? Deb Maietta asked that the Region reimburse the UL participants \$150 if they attended 2 clinics or \$75 for one clinic. This is based on the fact that the UL program ended up making a profit. Also half the cost will be refunded to the out-of-area rider who was not able to participate. Deb also gave kudos to UMASS and Mt. Holyoke for their wonderful facilities and cooperation.

Steve Realmuto spoke on behalf of the Nominating Committee. An email will go out requesting the names of nominees for the four officers positions that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in November. Please offer names and suggestions to the members of the Nominating Committee.

Next on the Agenda was a discussion of the tentative schedule for 2004. The following are some of the potential dates and club organizers:

**Games-** Pentucket/Rockingham June 5-6 at Topsfield MA

**Quiz-**Nashoba/Jericho Forest-can be anytime in the spring, hoping to make the rally a little different this year

**Show Jumping-**ONB-Tammy will check out Appleknoll

**D Rally-**Groton, Groton Fairgrounds, in fall

**Dressage-**Squamscott, UNH after NEDA show-possibly Dressage and Eventing Qualifier together

**One day Dressage Rally-**perhaps Worcestershire will organize a one day rally?

**Eventing-**several options to explore, Louisa will call King Oak, Ted will call UNH. Perhaps have the qualifier during USEA sanctioned event. Still need qualifying affidavit from an approved sanctioned event. Will continue discussion in November

**HM Clinic-**Pentucket

**Quiz Preps-**Nashoba

The Junior Board announced that they will hold a DC Appreciation dinner at Tammy Erickson's on January 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 til 8:00 pm. Invitations will be sent to each club and to aging out members. Also if there are any members interested in joining the Junior Board, they or their DCs should email Alison Blood at [ablood318@hotmail.com](mailto:ablood318@hotmail.com) so they can be included in the Jr. Board communications.

Next, Betty Staten asked the Region if we would be willing to contribute to the Games team's trip to the Prince Phillip Cup. The Games team will be going to Kentucky in April and the entry fee is \$100 per rider. The Region agreed to cover the cost of the entry for each member. Suggestions for fund raising included a cocktail party, canning, clinics or a show.

Iris Realmuto questioned some of the required Rally forms. It was agreed that a separate Code of Conduct form is no longer required. Also, photocopies of Chaperone's signed form would be acceptable but original signatures would still be required for horse owner's release and medical release.

Louise Hara asked that each DC send her a list of C2s as soon as they rate up.

Finally, for our Annual Council Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, Louisa is asking that each club contribute to the lunch. A sign up sheet was passed around and many of the clubs committed (See below). Other clubs are asked to let Louisa know what they want to bring before the next meeting. We will definitely need more sandwiches.

Sandwiches- ONB, Squamscott, Pentucket

Salads-Groton, Jeriocho Forest, Overlook, Rockingham

Desserts/Fruit- Wentworth, Nashoba, Worcestershire

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Note: The location of the November Annual Meeting has been changed to the Reading Library, which has room for the Junior Board to meet as well. Directions will be posted shortly.