

CNER ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2001

Minutes of Meeting

The CNER annual meeting was held at the First Parish Church in Groton MA on Saturday October 27, 2001. The meeting commenced with the following members in attendance:

Audrey Zwicker, Wendy Reed Johnson, Steve Realmuto, Iris Realmuto, Louise Hara, Susan Ferry, Betsey Reeves, Deb Maietta, Patricia Murphy, Carolyn Bentley, Judith Pelis, Esther Short, Monique Waldron, Jennifer Middaugh, Stuart Shotwell, Belinda Barbas, Ingrid Low, David Merrill, Curtis Renner, Leonora Giguere, Chris Benware, Karen Marcotte, Betty Staten, Mike Sullivan, JoAnne Masar, Carole Greata, Ted Barnard, and Louisa McKown.

Introductions were made and Louisa opened the meeting with the RS's report on Regional activities. DC's were reminded to send a copy of their new List of Officers to Louisa. She will be sending this year's club evaluations to each DC. DCs were reminded to pass on their DC GUIDE to the new DC if they are stepping down and all DCs should have a copy of the Annual Directory.

This year the CNER newsletter will be emailed and regular mailed with the hope that in the future we can just send it electronically, which will allow DCs to email relevant information directly to their members. Therefore it is critical that everyone notify the Region with their email address. Also, the Region now has a new website at www.CNER-USPC.org.

Upper Level Programs and Testing Reports

According to Judy Pelis, 18 riders started the C3 and up program at the beginning of the year and by the end of the year there were 24 participants. The region offered a series of teaching clinics, an overnight prep at Camp Marshall, and a 3 day clinic for upper level riders at Mt. Holyoke. This year Judy is looking for assistance with early clinics and another site for the Camp Marshall prep. She's planning a November 30th meeting and anyone interested should speak with her. Deb Maietta and Marjorie Merritt have offered to assist. Also, anyone with connections to the Office of Student Leadership at UMass should speak with Judy about possible academic achievement credit for some of our instructions/ratings. As a reward for their hard work and as an acknowledgement of their achievement, the region has invited the upper level riders to attend the Equine Affair in November.

JoAnne Masar reported that 12 riders tested for the C3 at the two regional testings, with 6 passing the rating. Within the next month, packets will be mailed to DC's for this coming year. Input is appreciated. JoAnne will need a list of possible C3 candidates from all DCs. Clinics for cross country, bandaging and lungeing will be offered as well as the overnight prep at a new location, possible Kingsbury Hill. Ratings are planned at Shepley Hill as well as UNH. Kids are encouraged to attend all the clinics, with all C2s allowed to participate even if they don't plan to rate this year. C1's may attend space permitting.

Horse Management Report

Karen Marcotte provided a list of available judges and horse managers for the region as well as a list of the HMO's responsibilities. Last year's horse management clinic was well attended and very successful. An assistant horse management judge's training program is tentatively scheduled for March 16. (It was discovered that that date will conflict with the planned date for Knowdown, so Karen will look into another date). C3's and older who want to judge are encouraged to attend as well as knowledgeable parents and possibly younger suitable pony

clubbers. It was requested that each club send a representative. A suggestion was made that the program be held during the HM Clinic. More details to follow.

RIC's Report

Louise Hara reported that Lelo Reeves will continue to work with the mounted instructional program and she will take on the unmounted instructional coordination and paperwork. They plan to put together a list of special resources and share information on ways clubs can get together to share clinicians, ideas and expenses.

Championship Coordinator's Report

Deb Maietta reviewed our successes at Championships this year and complimented everyone involved in prepping for Championships. Next year there will be a different procedure for horse transportation and more discussion on coordination of accommodations.

Treasurer's Report

Stuart Shotwell's financial report from January through October 2001 was reviewed. The proposed operating budget was submitted and approved pending a revised budget in February. Regional dues were proposed to remain at \$5 for the year 2003 since dues must be set prior to September 1. It was suggested that we vote on the dues in February after we've seen the final financial report.

After much discussion it was voted that each club pay \$20 per clinic, including Horse Management, Standards and Instructors Clinic and that the Region would not charge an additional fee per child for those participating in the 3 instructors clinics.

Nominations for Regional Officers

Nominations for the 2002 regional officers were submitted by Carol Greata as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The following Administrative officers were nominated for approval by the VP-Regional Administration:

RS- Louisa McKown

VRS-Judy Pelis and JoAnne Masar

The following Regional Officers were elected:

Treasurer- Stuart Shotwell

Assistant Treasurer-Audrey Zwicker

Secretary-Wendy Reed Johnson

RIC- Lelo Reeves and Louise Hara

HMO- Karen Marcotte and Lori Chapman Bosco, who will assist with recruiting, nurturing and training new assistants

The following Regional Advisors were appointed by Louisa:

C3 Coordinator- JoAnne Masar

Upper Level Coordinator- Judy Pelis

Championship Coordinator- Deb Maietta

Ribbons Chairman- Ramona Tolles

We would like to enlist someone else to be our HMO "in training". Suggestions to Louisa are welcome!)

National Youth Council

Nominations for National Youth Council were submitted. Amber Anderson was chosen as the first representative and Aimee Colbath was runner up. It is hoped that both girls will be able to attend. A discussion followed regarding the Region's position on contributing to the cost of the trip. It was moved that the Region would fund a portion of the trip. It was also moved that the amount be at the discretion of the RS. Both motions were approved.

Junior Board

Following their morning meeting, the Junior Board members presented an outline of their plans and objectives for the year. They encouraged each club to send a Jr. Board representative. They also discussed their goal of raising \$1500 for scholarships. Fundraisers will include food booths at the clinics and Quiz Rally, and a used tack sale. A poster competition entitled "Most Memorable Moments in Pony Club" will be held again at the Quiz Rally.

A motion was passed to pay for the cost of the room for the Junior Board Annual meeting. Another motion was passed for the Regional Council to adopt the policy of the Junior Board as revised. The Jr. Board will be sending letters to the various clubs and plan to meet again in December.

Members attending this meeting of the Junior Board included Nicole Wahlberg, Becca Cole, Julia Bentley, Stephanie LeCours, Dominique Maietta and Pauline Maietta.

New Business

Deb Maietta led a discussion about regional recognition of graduating pony club members through a life membership. Discussions were held regarding contributing a portion of the membership fee, what level should be acknowledged, alternative recognition and other related options. It was decided to table the discussion until February. In the meantime, a committee was formed to review various alternatives for recognizing aging out members. Jen Middaugh, Audrey Zwicker, Steve Realmuto and Deb Maietta volunteered for the committee.

A final topic of discussion was the ability for upper level riders from different clubs to form a scramble "dream team" at Rallies to continue to promote rally interest in the older kids. It was determined that this is not a problem as long as the DC has final discretion.

Tentative Calendar of Events for 2002

Scheduling for next year's events was discussed. Attached is the tentative calendar of events for 2002. More details at the next council meeting.

The next DC Meeting will be held on February 16, 2002 with details to be announced in the December newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45.