

**CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2003
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The CNE Regional Council convened on November 15, 2003 at 9:45 a.m. at the Reading Public Library in Reading MA. Attending the Council meeting were Wendy Johnson, Steve Realmuto, Iris Realmuto, Jackie Jacobs, Sue Ferry, Louise Hara, Betsey Reeves, Curtis Renner, Leonora Giguere, Belinda Barbas, Lara Hubner, Karen Marcotte, Karen Liuzzo, Betty Staten, Ted/Pete Barnard, Tammy Erickson, Deb Maietta, Connie Brown, Janet Coe, Linda Kaplan, Judith Pelis, Lauren Chenelle, Lisa Brem, Karen Agule, Cindy Craft, Lorna Garron, Carol Greata, Kathy Burroughs, Esther Short and Louisa McKown.

Louisa began the meeting by welcoming both current DCs and incoming DCs. Everyone was given a copy of the RS's annual report. Curtis Renner distributed the actual and proposed budget. Deb Maietta asked that the Upper Level A and B programs be listed separately in the budget. Dues will remain at \$10 and there will not be an additional club assessment for clinics. Curtis reminded DCs to remember to send in dues for late entering members. Ted Barnard moved to accept the budget which passed unanimously. He also moved to accept the \$10 dues for 2004 which also passed unanimously.

Regional Coordinators' reports were previously distributed to DCs in order to allow time for everyone to read the reports. Each coordinator was acknowledged during the meeting and entertained questions from the group.

C3 REPORT- Tammy Erickson was not able to attend the beginning of the meeting, however, her detailed report was previously submitted. There was no further discussion initiated at this time.

UL REPORT- Deb Maietta submitted the Upper Level report. There were no additional questions or comments at this time.

RIC REPORT- Louise Hara asked the DCs to call her with information on clinics or other functions or inner club information they have that could be shared with other clubs. She has also a resource list which was handed out to members last year. If anyone has additional clinicians' names they should call Louise so she can update the list. Leonora Giguere spoke with regards to Camp Marshall.. It is in need of rehabilitation. We may be able to help them out and make use of the trails and facility in the future. Anyone interested to check with her for contacts.

HMO REPORT- The written report was quite detailed. Lara Hubner spoke about the problems of staffing rallies and finding chiefs. She would like to bring more of the National Committee changes to the club level and wanted to emphasize teaching horse management within the clubs. She also wants to recruit educate and retain more judges within the region. Lara asked each club to name an HM contact for her to coordinate with. She also passed out a paper regarding HM discussions. It was suggested that she do a short column in the newsletter each quarter to try to cover HM questions that are most confusing to the kids. Finally, if anyone still knows of competitors who did not get perfect tack and turnout certificates at the rally, please let her know and she will get the certificates to the DC.

CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT- The report was submitted by Lisa Brem and Jackie Jacobs and listed the participants attending Nationals. There was no further discussion at this time.

JUNIOR BOARD REPORT- Esther Short submitted the Jr. Board report. The girls were very busy last year. This year they plan to continue fundraising and granting scholarships while becoming more and more independent. They plan to attend the annual meeting in Philadelphia. The girls were taping a video to send to the annual meeting and would join us for lunch later in the meeting.

WEBMASTER REPORT- Iris Realmuto discussed the CNE website . She can include spreadsheets for rallies on the site and has a separate area for the Junior Board. She can obtain more space for \$20 and the region agreed it was worth it. There was a lengthy discussion as to whether last names should be included on the website-many people thought it was fine in the rally results area but not under the pictures unless the parent has given permission. It was suggested that DCs go back to their clubs and ask if anyone is opposed to the last name appearing on the Regional website.

REGIONAL EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT- Ted Barnard advised that the region has 10 radios, 4 spares, 3 mikes, 1 headset, a dual cassette tape player and a single CD player. Any club can use this equipment if it is available. If damaged the club would be responsible for paying for it. It was agreed there is a need to establish a fee for non-regional usage of the PA equipment. \$50 was brought up as a reasonable amount. Denise Galejs from Old North Bridge has been asked to coordinate the clothing and she'll need to order more shirts.

After a short break the group reconvened and Louisa mentioned that the new DCs need to find the DC guide which should be passed down from the prior DC. If not they should order a new one since it is very handy.

Next, Louisa announced that the Eventing Rally made a substantial profit and has decided to refund \$15 per rider and \$10 per horse manager to each club that participated. D Rally also made a profit so Louisa will look into the logistics of a refund for that rally as well.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE-Steve Realmuto, on behalf of the Nominating Committee presented the recommended slate of officers for the upcoming year. They include:

Betsey Reeves-RS

Tammy Erickson, Judith Pelis, and Ted/Pete Barnard - Vice –RS

Curtis Renner –Treasurer

Wendy Johnson-Secretary

There were no additional nominations from the floor. Betty Staten moved that we accept the slate of officers as presented. Ted Barnard seconded the motion and the election was unanimous. Then Betsey Reeves moved that the Region allow Judith Pelis and Ted/Pete Barnard to serve as administrative officers serving in more than one position in the Region at the same time. Sue Ferry seconded the motion. Ted then moved that we accept Steve and Iris Realmuto and Doug and Lorna Garron as married DC and Jt DCs. Sue Ferry seconded the motion.

Congratulations were extended to the new board and Louisa was given a round of applause and gifts for the great job she has done.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS-This year's National Youth Congress will be in Philadelphia PA. The Region elected to send two representatives, Allison Blood and Becca Cole. Nicole Wahlberg was also nominated by her club and will hopefully have a chance to go in the future. The Jr. Board will help contribute to their expenses and the Region has authorized Louisa to contribute on their behalf.

OTHER TOPICS-

The calendar was the next topic of discussion. The first event will be the USPC annual meeting on January 15th through the 18th. There appears to be a lot of interest among the region. Wendy Johnson will look into group transportation. Louisa will reserve several tables for the banquet.

Quiz Rally will be on Sunday March 28th, hosted by Jericho Forest /Nashoba Valley.

Games Rally will be on May 22 and 23 hosted by Rockingham/Pentucket.

Show Jumping Rally- ONB is looking at Apple Knoll for June 19th or 20th.

Dressage Rally-Squamscott will host on June 26-28th at UNH

D Rally will be hosted by Groton in Groton on October 3rd

C Qualifying Rally-possibly at Apple Knoll on June 19th or 20th

Tetrathlon-hosted by White Mtn. Region, perhaps we can offer a clinic

Horse Management Clinic- April 10th hosted by Pentucket possibly a mock rally format

Standards and Instructors Clinics to be determined

C3 testings-August 5th and 6th at White Mtn. Region and possibly late August with 2 testings back to back

B testing August 22nd with White Mtn.

Championships and Festival July 20-27th in Lexington, Kentucky

The Junior Board will host a DC Appreciation dinner at Tammy Erickson's house on January 8th

There will be a fundraiser cocktail party for the Games team on Feb 7th at Tammy Erickson's

Finally, the CNER policy revisions were reviewed. The recommended changes to Sections 5.8, 6.3, 9.1,9.2 and 10 (with the exception of Section 10.4.2.2 which needed to have the sentence order switched) were approved. It was agreed that Section 8.1.3 will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.