

**CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2002
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The CNE Regional Council met on November 16, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. immediately following a full day at the multi-region Leadership Seminar held at the Sheraton Tara in Nashua NH. Attending the Council meeting were Wendy Johnson, Steve Realmuto, Iris Realmuto, Jackie Jacobs, Audrey Zwicker, Sue Ferry, Louise Hara, Betsey Reeves, Curtis Renner, Cynthia Lohnes, Leonora Giguere, Lindsey Greene, Belinda Barbas, Lara Hubner, Karen Marcotte, Ingrid Low, Karen Liuzzo, Betty Staten, Ted/Pete Barnard, Tammy Erickson, Kate Day, Deb Maietta, Esther Short and Louisa McKown.

Louisa called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. The first order of business was to review the Financial Statement since Stuart was not able to attend the meeting. This is an "interim" report since the fiscal year does not end until Dec. 31. The bottom line is that we are "in good shape" financially. We will receive the financial report for 2002 and work on a proposed operating budget at our February DC's meeting. Organizers were reminded to please turn in all checks from clinics or rallies in a timely way. Sometimes checks are not mailed in until well after the rally, and this is not acceptable.

Insurance: Organizers of rallies or clinics are asked please not to buy optional medical insurance for any pony club rally or function to cover pony club members or volunteers as they are already covered. DCs are also asked please to insure each facility at which they hold mounted or unmounted meetings that involve riding or unmounted work around horses. A check for the amount of the insurance should be sent to the National Office. Once a club has insured a facility, it is placed on a List of Insured and it may be used by the Region as well as all clubs in the Region. Please also let Wendy Johnson know what facilities you use, and she will keep a list and post it on the CNER website so that you will know which facilities are already insured and you won't have to insure a facility more than once

Louisa reminded DCs that as per a vote at last year's annual meeting, Regional dues are increased this year to \$10 per member. DCs are asked to send Stuart a check for your members, otherwise he will bill. Clinic fees will remain at \$20 per clinic, which include the Horse Management, Standards, and Instructors' Clinics.

COORDINATORS' YEAR END REPORTS: Louisa commented that the coordinators had written reports that were in each DC's meeting packet. She then called on the Coordinators and asked for any additional oral comments they might want to add to their written reports:

RIC REPORT- Louise Hara asked that DCs call her with information on clinics or other functions or inter-club information they might be have that would be of interest to other pony club members so she can share with other clubs. She has also put together a resource list which was handed out to attendees. If anyone has additional names or changes in address they should call Louise so she can update the list.

HMO REPORT- Karen Marcotte spoke about last year's HM Clinic sponsored by Nashoba Valley. This year the HM Clinic will be sponsored by Pentucket and held at Carol Greata's farm. Please email Karen with suggestions for this year's clinic. Karen felt the judges worked out well this year although there was confusion with the HM assistants at the Show Jumping rally. Our Region did a great job in Horse Management at Nationals this year. CNE held a clinic at Betty Staten's prior to Nationals and HM went really well for our teams. For this year, information for each rally will be copied to Louisa and the rally organizers. Karen will send a list of chiefs and HM judges and will accept feedback from rally organizers before she lines up the judges. Perfect Tack and Turnout certificates will be included with the ribbons for each rally and will be given to the organizer for the chief to sign. It was suggested that we give an award for perfect scores on the written test-possibly a book awarded by the Jr. Board. Also discussed was having a raffle for those competitors who qualify with perfect tack and turnout. Finally a separate seminar for judges and lower level examiners was recommended.

CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT- Deb Maietta discussed the tremendous effort all the kids put out and the excellent volunteer help offered by the parents organizing clinics and preps, trailering and helping with accommodations.

UPPER LEVEL PROGRAM REPORT- It was announced the Judy Pelis has resigned as upper level coordinator but she will continue to help behind the scenes. Deb Maietta will take over as upper level coordinator and is working to contact all the eligible kids for a meeting on November 30th.

JUNIOR BOARD REPORT- The Jr. Board reported that they held two fundraisers for their organization, a food booth at Quiz Rally and a raffle and food booth at the HM Clinic. They raised approximately \$2,047.46. They also held a thank you dinner for the DCs, provided fence judges at D Rally and helped at the fund raiser for the Sue McMahon Scholarship Fund. They will have another DC Thank You Dinner at Tammy Erickson's house on January 12th at 4:00.

Minutes will be going out to the DCs who are asked to please communicate with their eligible members as the Jr. Board needs as many participants as they can get. Kids can also read about the Jr. Board scholarships, information, minutes of meetings, etc on the CNE website. The Jr. Board has offered to man the food booths at the HM Clinic and Quiz Rally again.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE-Audrey Zwicker presented the slate of officers for the upcoming year. They include:

Louisa McKown-RS

Tammy Erickson and Ted/Pete Barnard as Vice –RS

Curtis Renner –Treasurer, Audrey Zwicker, Assistant Treasurer

Wendy Johnson-Secretary

There were no additional nominations from the floor. Betty Staten moved that we accept the slate of officers as presented. Leonora Giguere seconded the motion and the election was unanimous. The USPC Bylaws do not allow an RS/VRS to also serve as DC/JT-DC without permission of the Regional Council. Steve Realmuto moved that the Region allow Tammy Erickson and Ted/Pete Barnard to serve as DC and Vice RS at the same time. Betty Staten seconded the motion. Betty Staten then moved that we accept Steve and Iris Realmuto and Doug and Lorna Garron as married DC and JT DCs. Ted Barnard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Louisa then appointed Louise Hara and Lisa Brem as RICs and Karen Marcotte and Lara Hubner as Co-HMOs. C3 Coordinator will be Tammy Erickson and Deb Maietta will be Upper Level Coordinator. Lisa Brem and Jackie Jacobs will be Championship Coordinators, Ramona Tolles will continue as Ribbon Coordinator and Ted/Pete Barnard will be Regional/Technical Equipment Coordinator.

PLANNING FOR 2003

C3 COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Tammy Erickson spoke of some of her plans as C3 Coordinator for the coming year. There appear to be approximately 30 eligible C3 candidates for this year. Tammy hopes to contact all DCs and will arrange a meeting for candidates sometime in January. She plans to expand the bandaging and longeing clinics and plans to do two smaller camps at Kingsbury Hill --one the weekend before Memorial Day and the other the weekend after Memorial Day. She would like to make the program available to all C2s as opportunities to prep and enrich what their club programs offer. There will be two ratings -- one in July and one in August. Squamscott will host the August rating at UNH, and Tammy is looking for someone to host the July rating. Tammy wants to work with clubs to help coach kids and provide resources.

UPPER LEVEL PROGRAM COORDINATOR -- Deb Maietta spoke of her plans to coordinate the Upper Level Ratings in 2003. She believes there are 4 possible HA and 3 possible B candidates so we want to try to get testings in the Region or nearby. Some enrichment clinics will be offered; any clubs interested in hosting or having suggestions for clinicians should please contact Deb. She is thinking of Kingsbury Hill for the Memorial Day camp. Mt Holyoke has been booked for mid-July for the UL prep clinic.

CHAMPIONSHIPS PLANNING: Lisa Brem and Jackie Jacobs are working on reserving a block of rooms for championships.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS-This year's National Youth Congress will be in Sacramento, CA. held at the same time as the USPC Annual Meeting and Convention. The Region has voted to send two representatives, Pauline Maietta and Jaime Ferry. The Jr. Board will contribute to their expenses and the Region has authorized Louisa to contribute on their behalf.

OTHER TOPICS-The next Regional Council meeting will be on February 15th. It was decided that meetings at rallies do not work as well. It was generally agreed that a meeting in February and another in September with a possible meeting in May if necessary would work better. The Region will soon have 12 clubs since Pennybrook will be put on Inactive Status, and Golden Hill will be transferring to New York-Upper Connecticut Region.

The Regional Calendar was discussed with definite and tentative dates for various activities announced. There was discussion about whether to have a qualifying eventing rally at a USEA event again, not offer a non-qualifying eventing rally this year, possibly combining with SNER for a show jumping qualifying rally, and a possible regional Tetrathlon rally. These topics to be continued at the February meeting. The last page of the minutes includes a very tentative calendar for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Very Tentative Calendar of Events for 2003

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
January 12 4:00 p.m.	DC Thank You Dinner	Jr. Board	Tammy Erickson's House Carlisle MA
January 19 10:00 a.m.	Regional Instructor's Clinic	CNE	TBA
February 9 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.	Regional Instructor's Clinic	CNE	TBA
February 15 9:30 to 2:30	Regional Board Meeting	Worcestershire	Worcester area
February 15 10:00 to 2:30	Junior Board Meeting	Worcestershire	Worcester area
February 15 2:30 to 4:30	Limb and Hoof Clinic	Worcestershire	Worcester area
March 8 or 22	Quiz Rally	Jericho Forest and Nashoba Valley	Weston Middle School Weston MA
March or April	Standards Clinic	Worcestershire	TBA
April ?	Instructors Clinic		TBA
April ?	Horse Management Clinic	Pentucket	Carol Greata's Farm
May 17,18	C3 Prep Camp	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francestown NH
May 24,25	Upper Level Prep	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francestown NH
May 31, June 1	C3 Prep Camp	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francestown NH
June 1	Games Rally	Rockingham and Overlook	Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
June 22	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	SNER	Apple Knoll Farm Millis MA
June 28,29,30	Dressage Rally	Squamscott	UNH Durham NH
July 15-18	Upper Level Prep	CNE	TBA
October 5	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA

Still to be determined-Upper level testing

Second C3 testing

Show Jumping Rally

Qualifying Eventing Rally

Non qualifying Eventing Rally