

**CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION
MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
November 17, 2007**

Immediately following the Central New England Regional Council Annual Business Meeting, the Council met for the regular quarterly meeting. Betsey announced that the two Nominees for National Youth Congress will be Leigh Davis as the primary delegate and Claire Williams as the second delegate. The other two nominees, Kate Erickson and Devon Kay, were also very worthy candidates and Betsey hopes they will apply again next year. **A motion was made to send USPC the \$100 fee for each girl and to give \$50 to each for spending money, thus keeping in line with the \$150 we usually allocate to the Nominees. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Next on the Agenda was an update by the Annual Meeting Committee. Karen Marcotte reported that we are on track according to the National Office. She thanked the committee chairs for meeting with Wayne from the National Office the previous weekend. She will be sending out an email with specific volunteer jobs and time slots as soon as each Chair knows what they will need for help. We may need some help on Monday, Martin Luther King Day if kids have the day off and want to stuff tote bags in Boston. More details to follow. We are looking for people to lend lap tops for the workshops. If anyone has access to a spare laptop they should contact Karen as soon as possible. Lisa Brem reminded folks to send her their donor forms right away, even if they don't have possession of the actual items. She needs the donor forms in order to post a list of items on the website and in the Procedures Book. Wendy asked that DCs distribute the advertising request letter to members and ask them to send their advertising to her as soon as possible so it can appear in the Procedures Book. The Pony Paddock, Teen Lounge, Trade Show, Research Fair, Anatomy Room and Workshop Chairs are all moving right along.

The National Office has announced that we will be having another Leadership Camp for the Region in 2008. The date will be November 7-9 and hopefully we will be able to hold it in Nashua again. One representative from each club is required to attend. The cost of the workshop is covered for that person.

Betsey announced that the Region is still missing a CNE banner from the 2006 Championships. She asked that all DCs mention this to their club members to see if someone might have an idea of where the banner is hiding. The banner can be returned to her-no questions asked!

The 2008 Calendar was tackled next. Here's what we have so far:

Eventing Qualifier- King Oak, May 10-11(not confirmed) Nashoba Valley will host

D Rally- Oct 5, Groton Fairgrounds, Groton PC will host

Mini Show Jumping Rally- Western MA location, hosted by Swift River, lower level only

Games- either May 24-25 or May 31-June 1 in Topsfield, D1/D2s to compete on Sat and Qualifier on Sunday, Merrimack River to host

Quiz- early April, Jordan Stable to host, looking for help from another club

Eventing NQ, fall, hosted by Wentworth

Show Jumping Qualifier- Brookvale Farm in Fremont NH in June? Hosted by Rockingham

Dressage Rally Qualifier, June 28-30 at UNH hosted by Squamscott

Tetrathlon- Carlisle area in September, hosted by ONB

Chris Keim has offered to help coordinate an HB or HA testing at UNH if we'd like to offer one. Betsey did a quick informal tally of potential candidates. There appear to be a number of potential C3/HB and B candidates. Chris Daly suggested we work on a public speaking clinic to help the kids who are rating.

The group mentioned they would like to have a focus group on specialty ratings, possibly the first weekend in December.

A new CNER Activity Checklist has been compiled to help organizers with the essential requirements for all rallies clinics or events. Please print a copy from the website for reference.

The next Council Meeting will be held on February 9th at 10:00 at the Fist Parish Church in Groton MA (not confirmed yet).

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Johnson