

CNER ANNUAL REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2004

Minutes of Annual Council Meeting

The CNER annual regional council meeting was held at the Nashoba Valley Tube Park in Littleton MA on Saturday November 20 2004. The business portion of the meeting began at 10:00 and adjourned at 2:50 with the following members in attendance:

Audrey Zwicker, Wendy Reed Johnson, Steve Realmuto, Iris Realmuto, Louise Hara, Susan Ferry, Betsey Reeves, Deb Maietta, Kathryn Burroughs, Chris Daly, Judith Pelis, Esther Short, Belinda Barbas, Curtis Renner, Leonora Giguere, Karen Marcotte, Ted Barnard, Tammy Erickson, Elizabeth Cole, Lara Hubner, Janet Coe, Ginny Hahn, Chris Keim, Beth Platt, Lisa Brem, Karen Agule and Jackie Jacobs.

Immediately following the business meeting the annual meeting continued with fundraising as the first topic of discussion. Lisa Brem was recognized for her tireless energy and dedication to the auction fundraiser, earning the gratitude of the entire region. Netting over \$14,000 means that we will not need to have another major fundraiser until after Kentucky in 3 years although we may plan a social get together with a silent or live auction element to continue to add to the fund.

The other fundraiser was the first annual Regional calendar. We have 130 calendars, many were sold at the auction and DCs were urged to take some back to their clubs to sell to members. Additional requests and payment for calendars should be sent to Wendy Johnson. Calendars were priced at \$15 including stickers for important dates. Proceeds will go towards the new D3/C1 program.

The next focus group topic will be club camps-how to organize and what works well. Any clubs that offer a camp are urged to come to the meeting on January 22nd.

Next the new pilot program for the D3/C1 was announced. The kick off meeting will be held at Bantry Bay in Pepperell MA on December 4th from 9:30 to noon. There will be a discussion led by Molly Dolben and a mounted demonstration. Kids are urged to dress warmly and are encouraged to socialize with other kids in the Region! There will be light refreshments served. Wendy Johnson volunteered to be the D3/C1 advisor.

There will be no charge to the kids for the D3/C1 kick off meeting. A discussion regarding allocating monies to the C3 and UL programs as well resulted in Judy Pelis moving to allocate \$500 towards the D3/C1 program and \$600 towards the Regional unmounted portion of the C3 and UL program. Steve Realmuto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Kim Green from Pegasus has been selected to go to the Annual Meeting as our National Youth Congress representative.

It was decided paperwork for rallies would be shelved for the next DC meeting.

Betsey briefly mentioned the Equine Affaire and reiterated the policy of not turning away interested members.

There will be a another Inter-Regional Leadership Camp in 2005, tentatively scheduled for November 19th and 20th.

Further discussion will be required but it looks like the Region might be interested in hosting the USPC Annual Meeting but not until 2008 due to Festival in 2007. It was suggested we have a focus meeting on the subject.

Louise Hara handed out a detailed list and description of sample lesson topics for the D and C level unmounted meetings as a follow up to the focus meeting on unmounted lesson plans last month. If you did not get a handout you should contact Louise Hara.

The Region will need a new equipment coordinator. More discussion next meeting.

Due to the late hour, the remainder of the agenda was held over until the next meeting.

The next DC Meeting will be held on February 5, 2005 with location to be announced in the next newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed Johnson

Regional Secretary