

**CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**November 20, 2010**

Central New England Region held its fall Council meeting at the Nashoba Valley Tubing Park in Westford MA on Saturday November 20, 2010, immediately following the Annual Business Meeting. There were 29 members in attendance. They included the following: Betsey Reeves, Lelo Reeves, Joanna Olsen, Stephanie Patrick-Chalifant, Heather Concannon, Kim Mello, Margaret Potorski, Susan Beliveau, Sarah Robinson, Curtis Renner, Shelly Patrick, Karen Marcotte, Lori Decato Metz, Amanda Ellis, Julie Koss-Stephany, Laura Menard, Beth Brown, Krystine O'Connor, Heather Dostal, Lara Hubner, Debbie Power, Beth Platt, Wendy Johnson, Iris Realmuto, Lisa Doyle, Helen Robinson, Elaine Brazeau, Allison Blood, and Vicky Lochiatto.

Betsey thanked everyone for all they do for pony club, acknowledging that there are many options for everyone, and this is a choice that is very much appreciated. She then gave out small gifts as a token of her appreciation. She also thanked Heather and Beth for all their work organizing the Hoe Down tonight. She also reminded everyone to send in their LOO's (list of officers) as soon as possible. Send membership checks to Beth Platt as treasurer for 2010, send club packet info to Betsey. We were advised that Merrimack River PC has merged with Pentucket and Jericho Forest PC has disbanded due to lack of membership. The Region now has 12 clubs and 4 riding centers.

Next, we continued our discussion of fundraising for Championships. Should we use rally fees for the current year or the following year for Championships? **After lengthy discussion, a motion was made to use any monies collected from rally fees from January 1, 2011 to Championships 2011 for the 2011 Championships.** The motion passed unanimously. The amount to offset entry fees will be divided equally among qualifiers, capped at the actual entry fee amount, and announced just before the entries are paid. **A second motion was made to use all monies collected from rally fees after the 2011 Championships, to fund the following year's Championship entry fees, the time period being from Champs to Champs from that point on.** Again the motion passed unanimously. It was also decided that we need to discuss with the National Office, how much say we have in sending competitors and what they need to do for rallying in order to qualify.

Next on the agenda was the calendar. We will not be holding an HM Clinic this year but Rockingham PC will be having a club level horseless rally and they will open it up to other clubs that might be interested. Please contact Karen Marcotte with questions. Other clubs may also want to hold small interclub mock rallies to help their kids prepare for rally season.

Standards Clinic-Wentworth will host a standards clinic at UNH, tentatively in March, with Betsey as clinician.

Quiz- Pentucket will organize and run classrooms and stations. They are hoping to offer a barn section. Pegasus will do Mega Room again. Perhaps Hybrid would like to help?

Qualifying Eventing Rally-ONB will organize again. Held on June 11/12 at Valinor.

Non-qualifying Eventing Rally-Pentucket will look into holding at Pipestave at their fall event. Nashoba Valley will be show secretary.

Dressage Rally-Squamscott will look into Memorial Day weekend May 28-29. Perhaps come in on Saturday morning, do an overnight Saturday night and finish Sunday

Show Jumping-Rockingham will host at Brookfield Farm on June 25 or 26

Games- Overlook will host but may need help. Three tentative date 5/14, 6/4 or 6/11

D Rally- Groton PC will host on October 23

Tetrathlon- White Mtn. Region hosting on June 4-5

Testings- HB is being requested for July 9 at UNH. The UL camp or an H-HA rating is possible for that weekend as well. Allison will check with GMHA to see if rating is being held there.

Other dates- Karen will be offering C3 and H level bandaging and lunging and mounted clinics throughout the winter, every other Saturday starting Jan 8<sup>th</sup> in Danville NH. Attendance optional, local clinicians will come in for each session. Also, there will be an HB/C3 kick off on November 27<sup>th</sup> in Nashua. Additional HB preps will be announced as they are planned.

D3/C1 Clinics- There will be a Conformation Clinic with Laurie Chapman Bosco at UNH on December 11 from 1-3. There will be a clinic at the Groton Church on January 8 from 1-3, tentatively on Nutrition. There will be a clinic in Groton on February 12 from 1-3 with Dr Koss discussing teeth and equine diseases. We are working on a fourth clinic at the Nevins Farm for March and will keep everyone posted.

Shelly Patrick is the new Regional Equipment Coordinator. She needs to get all the banners and other equipment together to inventory. If you have any stuff, please contact her right away. She will organize and provide sign out sheets for future use.

Wendy Johnson will send out a list of Regional Resources for clubs to use when looking for clinicians, instructors, and examiners. Please contact her with additional names and information.

Betsey spoke about Equine Affaire. There was quite a bit of interest and DCs are urged to respond to any calls or inquiries they may get from interested parents.

As of January 1, Riding Centers are now an official part of pony club and will have one vote per center at all Council Meetings.

Heather Dostal updated us on the progress of the Junior Board. She has several interested members and would like to hold a meeting as soon as possible to get started. Plans would be to meet at the Council meetings in the future. DCs should encourage interested members to contact her as soon as possible. Ideally she was hoping for age 14 and up but if a member is mature and interested in joining they should speak with her. We discussed eligibility and the general consensus was to try not to limit anyone with a genuine interest from joining. This means multiple members from any club or center should be allowed to join in. Not all will attend at any one time, etc. She will keep us posted.

Lelo Reeves is Championship coordinator. This year should be a good year for Champs due to Festival. She has booked 20 rooms at La Quinta Hotel in Lexington KY for the Region. If you think you are going to go, book your room from this block as soon as possible. It is better to book early and cancel than to wait and not be able to find a room. This hotel is very close to the Horse

Park and local restaurants. She also will plan transportation and preps early and would like DCs to give her a head count as soon as possible estimating the number of qualifiers they expect this year in each discipline.

Betsey then discussed the importance of giving to USPC and handed out envelopes to the DCs. We are hoping each club will contribute so we have 100% regional participation. DCs are also asked to pass on this request to parents so each club can have 100% participation. She explained it isn't about large donations as much as it is having many contributors giving small amounts to help fund Pony Club.

Finally, Karen Marcotte explained again to DCs the difference between the traditional and classic rating options. If DCs provide both test sheets, the candidate can decide whether to do a classic test or the alternative where horse management is tested first and then mounted rating sections follow. This way someone can achieve their knowledge level even if they don't meet standard for part of the riding. She can discuss further if you want to contact her.

At 1:30 p.m., with no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed Johnson  
Regional Secretary