

CNER ANNUAL REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2004

Minutes of Annual Business Meeting

The CNER annual regional council meeting was held at the Nashoba Valley Tube Park in Littleton MA on Saturday November 20 2004. The meeting began at 10:00 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.

Introductions were made and Betsey opened the meeting by reading the new USPC Pledge which was just officially adopted by the Governors Board two weeks ago. She explained that the Council Meeting would be divided into two portions-the official business meeting which covers required topics that must be voted on according to the USPC Bylaws, and the regular meeting which would cover our regional topics of discussion.

The first order of business was the RS Report on the Region. Her report is attached to these minutes. Betsey reported that the Region is strong, with wonderful, talented kids and terrific, supportive people. She credited the new informal focus group discussions held over the year as providing insightful ideas and improved communication within the region. The Region decided to pay for all the Championship qualifiers' entry fees this year and then hold a fundraiser to pay back the expenditure. The auction which was held this month was a huge success and more than replenished the amount we spent leaving a good start to the next championship fund. Betsey touched on all the rallies and functions we held, complimented the number of championship qualifiers and how well they performed, congratulated the C3 and UL program organizers and all the members who participated in the ratings this year and thanked everyone for their help in making the region a success.

Next, Curtis Renner submitted the Actual 2004 Budget and the Proposed 2005 Budget. Louise Hara proposed a discussion of funding the UL clinics more consistently and it was agreed a discussion would continue in the second half of the meeting. Curtis recommended discussing the practice of refunding excess rally profits or diverting them to other areas. Deb Maietta asked for a discussion of increasing the budget for UL. Lisa Brem submitted an updated report on the outcome of the auction fundraiser. Subject to additional contributions and final numbers, the net return should be at least \$14,534 and we had originally spent approximately \$8000 for the entry fees for Championships. It was agreed we will not need to do another big fundraiser until after the next Festival. There were no changes to the proposed expenses at this time. Liz Cole suggested that Curtis remind the club Treasurers to send new membership fees and updates to him. At this time DCs are on their honor to report new members. Judy Pelis moved to accept the actual budget as submitted, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Next, the proposed 2005 budget was discussed and it was proposed that the two non qualifying rallies be given a separate line from the qualifying Dressage and Eventing Rallies and that the UL program budget be increased to a higher amount to be determined later in the meeting. Ted Barnard moved to accept the proposed budget with the above changes and the motion was approved unanimously.

After the officer's reports were given, the regional advisors submitted their reports for approval. All reports are attached to the Minutes

Lara Hubner was next, reporting as the HMO. She asked DCs to continue to stay positive when speaking with the children regarding horse management and to keep focused on why we care about horse management, remembering that we are here for the kids. There will be a new rule book in 2005 so DCs should be aware. Ted moved to accept her report, Louise Hara seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

Next, Louise Hara reported as the RIC. She passed around a list of Resources and asked DCs to update the list so she can type it up and share the updated version with the Region. She plans to contact recent graduates to keep them in the loop as a resource for HM, ratings and teaching. She also asked DCs to send her an updated member list with new C1s particularly so she can keep track of them. A list was passed around so DCs could check current list but she will need to have them add to the list. Ideally the list should include email and cell phone numbers if possible. Steve Realmuto moved to accept the report, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Continuing with the Advisor's reports, Tammy Erickson announced that Jamie Ferry would be working with her on the C3 program. This year CNE will hold the rating in our region rather than out of region as we did last year. There were 5 candidates and all 5 passed. Ted moved to accept the report as submitted, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Deb Maietta was next with the UL report. This year she will continue to welcome older lower level kids to the knowledge clinics although in most cases they will not be able to go to the hands on clinics due to limitations in space. Catherine Williams, Nici Hornblower, Jill Mudge and Karen Liuzzo have offered to help with special interest clinics for the program. She would like to try to co-ordinate the calendar so it does not conflict with other regional calendars if possible. She would also like to add a policy change that neither parents or trainers may act in their official roles if they have a child/student in a testing. She would like to see this put into place asap for the National tests, and she believes it should be in place for the regional (C3) test. Liz moved to accept her report and it was approved unanimously.

The Championship report was divided between Iris Realmuto and Jackie Jacobs. There was a request to discuss allowing kids to pick between disciplines if they qualify for more than one for championships. It was agreed we would discuss later in the meeting. Everyone agreed the horse transporter was excellent and that in the future we will not use the US Postal service for mailing entries. Other suggestions were listed on the report. The report was unanimously approved.

Esther Short introduced the Junior Board who presented their plans for the upcoming year. They are looking for more members age 14 and up, ideally C2 but not required. They will do the food booth for Quiz and they may want to do a clinic for dressage or jumping for C's that they will pay for. The Junior Board is having their meeting on the 18th of December. There was discussion of the Annual Thank You dinner at Tammy's for January 8th. Their report was approved unanimously.

The webmaster, Iris Realmuto reported that she will be dating items as she posts them and had good feedback on the directions and classified sections of the website. People should continue to use the distribution lists. Ted moved to accept her report, Louise seconded and the report was approved unanimously.

Finally, the Nominating Committee comprised of Belinda Barbas, Steve Realmuto and Esther Short as Chairman, submitted their proposed slate of officers for 2005. The slate presented included all 2004 officers with the exception of Tammy Erickson. Steve Realmuto excused himself from nominating Betsey due to a conflict of interest. The Nominating Committee explained that they felt the Regional Council did not need to have two Vice Regional Supervisors and that based on feedback from the RS would only nominate one VRS, thereby placing all the Regional Advisors on the same level. Tammy was surprised by the decision and pointed out her dedication to the club, and indicated her willingness to continue in her service to the Region and expressed her disappointment in the lack of prior communication of the committee's final decision. There was a discussion of how the nominating committee works, how they arrive at a slate and the general nominating process. A written election was held and results of the vote for RS were as follows: 12 for, 3 against and 4 abstained. The following officers were elected for the upcoming year:

RS- Betsey Reeves

VRS-Judy Pelis

Treasurer- Curtis Renner

Secretary-Wendy Reed Johnson

Audrey Zwicker will serve as Assistant Treasurer and Lara Hubner and Louise Hara were confirmed as the HMO and RIC respectively.

The next order of business was the regional calendar. Dates and various events were discussed and a copy of the very tentative calendar and the host clubs is attached to the Minutes, subject to change in the future. A motion was made to accept the calendar as tentatively proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional discussion included holding a Tetrathlon Rally. Lisa Brem will look into alternatives, check with White Mt. Region and possibly hold one in our Region in July or try to dovetail with the Show Jumping Rally at Mt. Holyoke.

The business portion of the annual meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed Johnson

Regional Secretary

REGIONAL SUPERVISOR'S REPORT
CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION
NOVEMBER 20,2004

The role of Regional Supervisor was a new one for me, and I really felt like this first year was a year of learning for me. I learned some wonderful things:

- CNER has some terrific, talented, supportive people
- CNER has some very talented young people
- CNER has some great facilities
- CNER is a wonderful region to be Regional Supervisor of

It was a year of learning how the region is run, and how well everyone makes things happen, and I am very impressed with the quality of resources that this region is blessed with.

The year started off with an informal discussion group of DC's getting together with me to meet each other face to face and look at the region. Out of that group came an insightful idea, the Focus Groups. This group has improved the communication within the region, it has created a new pilot program, it has helped people to see the big picture, and the region is stronger because of it.

The DC's met several times at Council meetings to manage the goings on, and do official business. These were very productive meetings, and great things came out of them as well. We funded the entry fees for all our PC members to go to Championships, and decided to have a regional fundraiser to support this endeavor. We discussed many other topics, and again, it is apparent this is a strong region.

CNER had a strong showing at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, where the USPC celebrated its 50th birthday with a huge party complete with cakes. They also recognized many people who had given much time and effort to the USPC by making them legends, and there were no less that 13 Legends from CNE alone; seven of those being National Legends.

Quiz was our first rally, and Jericho forest did an outstanding job, aided by Nashoba Valley, at starting the competitive side off with a bang. There were an incredible number of teams there, and we qualified a large number of members for Championships. Next we had the qualifying Eventing rally held in conjunction with King Oak Event. That seemed to go very well, and we qualified 6 more members. Then we had games rally hosted by Rockingham and Pentucket, and fun and friendly competition were the name of that game. There were pony clubbers from other regions there as well. Still more qualified, a Junior games team. Next came Show Jumping held on a sunny day in Millis, MA. Hosted by Old North Bridge, with another team qualifying. The last qualifying rally CNE held was the overnight Dressage rally hosted by Squamscott at UNH in Durham, there was a new stabling layout, and trailers were used as tack rooms, but CNER members are used to that! And even more members qualified. We sent members to Tetrathalon in NH, and had even one more qualify. So CNER had a total of 39 pony clubbers qualify to go all the way to Lexington, KY. And they went and were an outstanding representation of CNE. Every team that rode placed 8th or above in Horse Management, an unheard of number!! Then there were the non-qualifying rallies; one in dressage, another in Eventing, and the D rally. We are so proud of all our members who attended any of these rallies, wherever the rally was, and whatever the discipline, they all did an outstanding job!

The upper level program started in November of 2003 with the kickoff meeting to gather any potential members who wanted to rate in 2004. This program run by Deb Maietta is a wonderful program to be involved in whether one is planning to rate or not. Deb has it organized down to the last detail, and we had some outstanding clinicians. CNE hosted both an H-A and an A test in the western part of the region, while the B candidates went either to New York/Upper CT. or north to White Mountain regions. We had seven members from the region actually take tests and we gained 3 new B's, but each person grew throughout the program, and that was a wonderful thing to watch!

Tammy Erickson ably managed the C-3 program, with its own preps, and then more with the upper level. The actual test was held in White Mountain region at the great facility, New Gate Manor, and all five of our C-3 candidates passed! A real tribute to the program.

There were many other clinics and CNER activities dispersed throughout the year. Who can deny that everyone had a blast at the Horse Management Clinic held at Carol Greata's great farm in Ipswich, MA.! The Junior Games team that went all the way to Lexington KY for the Prestigious Prince Phillip Cup Competition was a great ambassador from the region. There were clinics to learn to lunge better, clinics to learn to teach better, bandage better, and the list goes on.

Overall CNER is a very strong region, it has some valuable resources, and it appears to use these well, I am proud to say that I am the Regional Supervisor of such a fine region, and I thank you all for the part that you play in making this be the case.

Central New England Region

C-3 Program

Report to the Region

2004

Program Overview

The C-3 is both a big step and, for many, the natural “last step” in a Pony Club rating progression. This is the first rating taken by candidates outside their home club. It’s the rating level that the USPC hopes and believes every member should be able to achieve.

CNER has had a solid C-3 program for the past several years, characterized by strong instruction in the fundamentals of the standards. Our goals for this program include:

- to offer excellent instruction and assistance to candidates and to their families as they prepared for this rating;
- to communicate effectively with club leaders, enabling them fully to support their candidates;
- to pay particular attention to some of the “soft side” elements of the program – easing the transition away from club and parent-lead preparations to a growing sense of personal ownership and responsibility for the learning process and helping form bonds of friendship and support among the participants; and
- to make the process as joyous and as non-stressful/fearful as possible.

Participants

Fourteen candidates from CNER and surrounding regions attended the Prep Camp at Kingsbury Hill in June. Of those, five CNER candidates and three candidates from other regions went on to participate in the rating held August 6-8 at New Gait Manor in Weare, NH, hosted by White Mountain Region. All the candidates who tested passed the rating, and were complemented by the examiners as being very well prepared.

Those passing the C-3 rating from CNER this year were: Kayla Burroughs, Robin Edwards, Liz Fitzgerald, Michelle Realmuto and Claire Williams.

Program Components

March 6 2:00 to 5:00 pm	Kick-Off Meeting: Standards <i>With Nancy Grout</i>	Bear Spot Farm, Concord, MA
March 14 1:00 to 3:00 pm	Unmounted Teaching: Lesson Plans <i>with Wendy Grant</i>	Black Brook Farm, Carlisle, MA
April 4 1:00 to 3:00 pm	Unmounted Teaching: Critique <i>with Wendy Grant</i>	Black Brook Farm, Carlisle, MA
April 24 9:00 to 3:00 pm	Mounted Prep Clinic <i>with Nancy Grout</i>	New Gate, Weare, NH
April 24	Mounted Teaching <i>with Sarah Contois</i>	Maple Meadow, Pepperell, MA
May 15 10:00 - noon	Bandaging Clinic <i>with Lelo Reeves</i>	Black Brook Farm, Carlisle, MA
May 22	Lunging Clinic <i>with Laurie Chapman-Bosco</i>	Maple Meadow, Pepperell, MA
June 11 – 13	C-3 Prep Camp* <i>with Kristen Fusi-Dzamba and Laurie Chapman Bosco</i>	Kingsbury Hill, Frankestown, NH

July 5-6	C-3 Prep Camp <i>with national clinicians</i>	Mt. Holyoke, S. Hadley, MA
July 13-14	Mock Rating <i>with Nancy Grout</i>	New Gate, Weare, NH
August 2	Pre-Rating Dinner: Mock Orals and Logistical Details <i>with Sarah Contois</i>	Black Brook Farm, Carlisle, MA
August 5 - 6	C-3 Testing	New Gate, Weare, NH

* Attendance at this camp, or development and approval of a comparable prep experience in June, was mandatory.

FEES AND FINANCES

The costs for participating in this year's program totaled \$985 (excluding the cost of some of the unmounted sessions and of personal expenses), as follows:

Kick Off Meeting (including prep notebook)	\$ 20
Bandaging Clinic	\$ 20
Longeing Clinic	\$ 30
Prep Camp at Kingsbury Hill (2 nights, 2 ½ days of instruction, meals, stabling)	\$275
Prep Camp at Mt. Holyoke (1 ½ days of instruction, breakfast, lunch, stabling)	\$300 (hotel and dinner in addition)
Unmounted Review Session (including dinner)	\$ 20
Rating (2 days, breakfast and lunch for candidate and parents)	\$250
Stabling Fee for Rating	\$ 70 (paid by the region for CNER candidates)
Total	\$985

This compares with \$480 in out of pocket costs for candidates in 2003. Key differences were the addition of the clinic at Mt. Holyoke for C-2s (not required by recommended, and attended by about half the candidates) and higher costs for the rating itself.

NOTES ON NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM

I am delighted that Jaime Ferry has agreed to work with me next year on this program, with the goal of assuming leadership in future years.

There is, I think, fairly clear consensus that CNER should run its own rating(s) in 2005, inviting other regions to participate on a space-available basis, but reserving control over scheduling and organizational details.

In Closing . . .

It was a pleasure and an honor to work with our region's wonderful C-2's this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Erickson
2004 Vice RS and C-3 Coordinator

November 20, 2004

Annual RIC Report

November 20, 2004

As RIC , my responsibilities range in many directions of the education program, both mounted and unmounted. My primary goal was to serve as advisor to the RS, the program organizers, DC's and clubs and to work with the HMO toward meeting the goals of Pony Club.

This year I have participated in the following activities to further those goals and thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone involved.

Goal setting for Regional activities: participation in all Regional Council and advisor meetings.

- Annual meeting for USPC in Philadelphia attending RIC program and other workshops
- Participation in Focus Groups: leading one on Unmounted Programs and Keeping members interested

Development of funding sources for lecture programs or support for our members:

- Katherine Long Education Fund currently in edit review with donor
- Championships Auction

Assisted in Rallies:

- Quiz (Mega room),
- Horse management seminar mock rally at Greta's,
- Dressage at UNH,
- Eventing at King Oak,
- Championships: HMJ for entire run of festival,
- Dressage Rally at Camp Marshall.

This has allowed me to meet and watch many of our members in action.

I still have not had the opportunity visit with many of the clubs on an informal basis, although I have spoken to many of you at various events or on the phone..

Upper level program organization assistance:

- Co-organized prep sessions and camps for Upper Level. Including setup, cooking, breakdown etc.
- Consulted on clinicians, schedules, and all aspects of the program

Resource list sources available to the region:

- Instruction resource list needs your input to be up to date.
- Pony Club graduates list to be completed soon
- Upper level candidate list
- Facilities, books, articles, and other resources as opportunities arise.

Submitted by Louise Hara, RIC



United States Pony Club
Central New England Region



Webmaster Report
2004

This is the third year that the CNER website has been in operation. The url is <http://cne.ponyclub.org/>. It continues to be an active site. We have many visitors from within the region and outside.

The classified ad section this year has become extremely active. I've been regularly posting 10-15 items per month. Another active page is the directions page. Several people have mentioned that they keep a copy of the directions in their car for quick reference.

The mailing lists, when used, continue to add value to the region allowing everyone to have complete, correct, and up to date contact with the region. The championships email distribution list lived on even after championships were over. It allowed for easy communication with the championship competitors throughout the fundraiser/auction process.

The ISV that hosts the USPC and CNER sites is not very reliable. As a result, money has been put in the USPC budget to upgrade the USPC site. I am hopeful that the new host site chosen will provide even more benefits, services, and reliability than we currently have.

My suggestions for next year:

- Create a list of hotels close to sites where we hold regional events
- Create a HM FAQ page

Respectfully submitted,

Iris Realmuto

Webmaster



United States Pony Club
Central New England Region
Championships Report
2004



This was an exciting year for Championships since it was a Festival year in Lexington, Kentucky. Festival was early this year running from July 19 – 27. We had 39 members participate in Quiz, Games, Eventing, Show Jumping, Dressage, and Tetrathalon. Coordination was divided between Iris Realmuto (Quiz, Games, Eventing) and Jackie Jackobs (Show Jumping, Dressage, Tetrathalon).

Prep time was short for many disciplines due to the early date. Quiz, however, had an early start with a total of 6 preps. Besides the regional Quiz prep, each club took a subject and ran with it. We had preps on Foxhunting, Toxic Plants, Rulebooks, a Scavenger Hunt, and a Simulated Quiz Competition. The preps paid off with a first place by Stephanie Giguere and a perfect megaroom by Ashley Parsons.

Mark Choper, proprietor of Fairway Horse Transport, hauled 9 horses down to Kentucky in his horse van. All arrived there and back safe and sound. Marc was fantastic to deal with and should definitely be considered in the future.

The CNER tent was the talk of the town. You could always find competitors and parents socializing and relaxing throughout the busy days. Iris and Steve Realmuto hosted a welcome BBQ for 80 people on the first night. It was followed the next night by a Pizza Party for 88. For several assistant horse management judges, having food available after everyone left was a welcomed sight; they didn't care if it cold.

Championship activities continued long after Festival ended with very successful fundraiser/auction. Since the region was not pleased with the decision to limit horse management awards to 3rd place, we decided to recognize all the competitors' hard work. To show the importance of horse management in Pony Club, we awarded HM ribbons at the fundraiser/auction. Events will continue into April, 2005 with the Jr. Games team heading back to Kentucky for the Prince Philip Cup. This is the second year in a row we've had a team participate.

See other side for a recap of the teams and placings.

Suggestions for next year:

- Don't use the US Postal Service since they lost the Dressage entries. The mailing of entries specifically needs to be sent in a manner that does not require a signature. Fed Ex worked fine, but neither they nor the Post Office actually "track" the mail-- they only record when it has arrived at the various distribution points. There is really no way to find it if it is lost or delayed. We need to have MULTIPLE copies of everything, especially those forms requiring original signatures.
- Have the date and location for the Quiz kickoff meeting on the Quiz entry.
- Have a detailed barn phase prep that simulates championships.
- Make sure that paperwork (Coggins, Health Certificate) accompanies the HORSE in whatever mode of transport. Commercial vans especially are targeted for inspection at state borders, and drivers may be required to provide paperwork there. Those transports may be heavily fined and prohibited from proceeding to their destination if paperwork is not in order. It is not sufficient for paperwork to appear at the point of debarkation.
- Since we do not have the rush to get all entries in so close to rally times this year, should we consider allowing kids who qualify in more than one discipline the chance to choose which discipline they most would like to participate in at Championships after all of the qualifying rallies are over? This was a topic of discussion with Rockingham PC this year and should be addressed as a policy issue.
- How far in advance do we have the dates for Championships 2006? Jackie has tried again to reserve rooms at the Best Western Hunt Ridge, but they are once again booked and apparently take reservations well over a year out. There is a new hotel across the road at \$114/ night with an indoor pool -- this would be the closest, but also the most expensive. More basic motel type accommodations with outdoor pools are also available within a 5-8 mile range.

Respectfully submitted,

Iris Realmuto and Jackie Jacobs

CNER Junior D Quiz Team 1

Janice Galejs (c)
Alice Tonry
Jennifer Realmuto
Maggie McManus

Results:

- 12th Overall (out of 39 teams)

CNER Senior D Quiz Team 1

Ashley Parsons (c)
Hannah Kate Bressler-Jaques
Kelly Brown
Loryn Walker

Results:

- 15th Overall (out of 30 teams)
- Ashley achieved a perfect, perfect Megaroom score

CNER /Carolina Junior C Quiz Team

Stephanie Giguere

Results:

- 1st Overall (out of 10 teams)

CNER Novice Eventing Team

Leigh Davis (c)
Stephanie LeCours
Michelle Realmuto
Lisa Hellmer (HM)

Results:

- 9th Overall
- 8th in Horse Management

CNER Jr. Games Team - Silver Streakers

Kelsey Bradley (c)
Abigail Young
Kati Lerner
Haley Adams
Arianna Murphy

Results:

- 3rd Overall (out of 21 teams)
- 2nd in Horse Management
- Qualified for the Prince Philip Cup

CNER Training Dressage Team

Michelle Borden (c)
Annie Maietta
Lauren Ochs
Devon Kay
Beth O'Malley (HM)

Results:

- 10th Overall
- 8th in Horse Management
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CNER Junior D Quiz Team 2

Hannah Bacheller (c)
Lucy Bicks
Rochelle Wilkins
Brooks Robinson

Results:

- 20th Overall (out of 39 teams)

CNER Senior D Quiz Team 2

Sarah Ebner (c)
Cecilia Darby
Molly Kohler
Kathryn Lohnes

Results:

- 13th Overall (out of 30 teams)

CNER/Middle California/Sierra Pacific Senior C Quiz Team

Jessie Tonry

Results:

- 8th Overall (out of 9 teams)

CNER/WMR Training Eventing Team

Jillian Middaugh
Cass Lawson (HM)

Results:

- 7th Overall
- 4th in Horse Management

CNER/Old Dominion H1 Show Jumping Team

Katie Biery (c)
Liz Fitzgerald
Kate Erickson
Teagan Judd (HM)

Results:

- 13th Overall (out of 16 teams)
- 4/5th in Horse Management (was a 3 way tie)

CNER Tetrathlon Team

Rebecca Ashton

Results:

- 5th Overall

ACTUAL BUDGET

Period January 1, 2004 through November 16, 2004

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION

	Income	Expenses	Net
			20,357
Administration			
Dues	2,300	0	2,300
Interest	108	0	108
Meetings- USPC	0	169	(169)
Meetings- CNER	0	95	(95)
Contributions	1,035	1,435	(400)
Overhead	706	6,060	(5,354)
Totals	<u>4,149</u>	<u>7,759</u>	<u>(3,610)</u>
Clinics			
Horse Management	0	115	(115)
Standards	0	0	0
Instructors	0	100	(100)
Totals	<u>0</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>(215)</u>
Events			
Championships	7,355	15,208	(7,853)
D Rally	Groton	965	1,065
Dressage Rally	Squamscott	7,384	1,585
Dressage Rally	Worcestershire	581	(581)
Eventing	Wentworth	1,800	1,625
Eventing	275	163	112
Games	R&O	2,188	932
Quiz	JF	1,932	1,768
Show Jumping	2,925	2,300	625
Totals	<u>31,799</u>	<u>32,521</u>	<u>(722)</u>
Upper Levels			
C-3 Program	5,500	3,637	1,863
C-3 Testing	0	2,100	(2,100)
UL Program	17,474	15,496	1,978
UL Testing	3,043	3,243	(200)
Totals	<u>26,017</u>	<u>24,476</u>	<u>1,541</u>
Totals for Year	<u>61,965</u>	<u>64,971</u>	<u>(3,006)</u>
Cash Balance			<u>17,351</u>
Jr. Board	1054	139	<u>915</u>

Central New England Region- Horse Management Organizer's Report-2004

This year began with focusing on goals and ideas for strengthening horse management skills in this region, and for having better communication of the expectations for horse management with regards to rallies and activities. I also wanted to focus on recruitment and training of horse management judges within the region to strengthen our resources for rally hiring. Another key goal was to also reward our rally participants, mounted and unmounted, for the hard work and proficiency achieved at this year's rallies.

On the education front, I think we got to the core of our organization by stressing that teaching starts at the club level. We also had a HM Clinic in April that was done in a Horseless Rally format. This helped new pony clubbers get a taste of what a rally might be like, and helped strengthen the HM and teaching skills of those that had rallied before. It also allowed us to have older PC'ers demonstrate their judging skills as well as have apprentices observe and participate in judging as well.

One word that comes to mind regarding horse management in our region this year: WOW! We've had quite a remarkable showing with the number of rallies held and the resilience of our PC'ers throughout the year. They dealt with all sorts of issues each weekend weather, tight timing, different judges and new experiences, but they kept coming back! (And usually with a smile!) ? To top it off, our PC'ers performance and achievement at the 2004 Festival/Championships was remarkable! This showed what amazing PC'ers we have and what a great "family" of people we have in this region that helped get them there, from preparation to fundraising.

Also the "resurrected" Perfect Tack & Turnout raffle is in full swing. Participants from each rally that received no penalties at their Formals are rewarded with a chance at the raffle at the end of the year. Each club donates an item for this raffle which helps provide incentive and reward for meeting the standard at rallies. We also gave out a horse manager prize at some rallies this year as an incentive for PC'ers to take an unmounted role and to reward them for their hard work.

This region has seen an interest in horse management judging from older members and parents which will help to strengthen the resources for hiring at rallies in the coming year. The use of apprenticing has been advantageous and I think helps parents get a glimpse of what goes on at rallies and what judging is all about. The rallies this year have been staffed by a bunch of experienced and hardworking HMJ's which I would like to thank immensely for their resilience this year and dedication to this organization! Their services are much appreciated!

Goals or the coming year:

- Focus on HM teaching at the club level. Instilling skills and habits at the club level is key to having PC'ers see the "big picture" of HM at rallies, ratings and beyond.
- Develop a training program for individuals interested in HM judging.
- Finalize schedule for rallies early enough to hire the chiefs and judges that we desire.
- Continue the rewards and incentives with the Perfect T&T raffle and horse manager prize at rallies.
- Develop a list of HM resources within the region and a list of teaching ideas/activities for clubs.
- Utilize a HM contact person within each club to disseminate rule changes and help with the HM program in their club.
- Gather ideas, questions, and concerns from individuals regarding HM issues within the region.

Overall this year has definitely been a learning experience for me, and hopefully for kids and parents alike as that is the nature of my "job". ? I am fortunate to have such wonderful people in this region who have helped and encouraged me at every step. Being a HMJ as well, I also get to see our hardworking and dedicated PC'ers in action, which is probably the best encouragement!

~Lara Hubner, 11.20.2004

HM Clinic - April 10, 2004

Organizer: Lara Hubner, Pentucket PC, Karen Marcotte

Location: Indian Ridge Farm, Ipswich, MA

Horseless Rally format for PC'ers and parents

Discussion and hands-on learning for HMJ's

Championships Prep Clinic - July 10, 2004

Location: Shepley Hill

Preparation and discussion on championships. Vet lecture on preparing a pony for long distance travel.

Qualifying Eventing - May 8, 2004

Location: King Oak Farm (in conjunction with the USEA Event)

Chief: Richard Bensinger

Assistants: none

Qualifying Games - May 22-23, 2004

Location: Topsfield Fairgrounds

Chief: Mary Lu Moulton

Assistants: Judi O'Neil, Becky Smith, Lara Hubner, Deb Titus, Linda Lerner, Katie Biery, Lisa Brem

Qualifying Show Jumping - June 20, 2004

Location: Apple Knoll Farm

Chief: Sue Rollins

Assistants: Virginia Rego, Becky Smith, Deb Titus, Cheryl Fitzgerald, Peggy Dowcett

Qualifying Dressage - June 26-28, 2004

Location: UNH Equine Center

Chief: Lori Underwood

Assistants: Melissa Burdette, Judi O'Neil, Wendy Johnson, Deb Titus, Lara Hubner, Cheryl Fitzgerald, Louise Hara, Lara Hubner, Peggy Dowcett

Non-Qualifying Dressage - September 25, 2004

Location: Camp Marshall

Chief: Lara Hubner

Assistants: Wendy Johnson, Stephanie LeCours, Louise Hara, Peggy Dowcett

D-Rally - October 3, 2004

Location: Groton Fairgrounds

Chief: Lara Hubner

Assistants: Becky Smith, Judi O'Neil, Joy Seymor, Leigh Davis, Ryan Sullivan, Liz Fitzgerald, Katie Biery, Michelle Realmuto, Renee Bouchard, Beth O'Malley

Non-Qualifying Eventing - October 24, 2004

Location: Green Acres

Chief: Laurie Chapman-Bosco

Assistants: Deb Titus, Judi O'Neil, Lara Hubner, Melissa Burdette, Virginia Rego, Becky Smith, Wendy Johnson