

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

The Central New England Regional Council held its Annual Business Meeting at the Nashoba Valley Tubing Park in Westford MA on Saturday November 20, 2010. The Business Meeting began at 10:15 a.m., immediately followed by the fall Regional Council 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 welcomed the group and began the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. We definitely had a quorum with 12 out of 14 clubs and one riding center present.

Next, Betsey delivered the RS report. In 2010 membership was down in the region, reflecting a national trend in Pony Club, but our Centers' membership helped maintain the numbers in the region. Our rally size was smaller this year but will probably increase in 2011 due to Festival. The UL program was small this year as well, but very successful. We had a very high passing ratio for those who tested. Betsey closed her report by thanking everyone for their support over the year. She said, overall the region is in good shape. **A motion was made to accept the RS report as read; it passed unanimously**

Next, Beth presented the Treasurer's Report. She advised that the rallies held their own for the most part, although she is still waiting for a few more figures to finish out the year's balance sheet. She expects the numbers will look better next year with greater attendance anticipated. We started to discuss the ongoing Championship fundraising, and decided to table this decision until the regional portion of the meeting. **A motion was made however, to distribute the current funds collected from the 2010 rallies' Championship fees, to those who attended Champs in 2010.** It was a close vote between distributing the funds collected this year now, or carrying them over to next year's attendees. In a 9 to 8 vote, it was decided to evenly distribute the funds collected at the 2010 rallies to those competitors who attended this year's Championships. There was one abstention. Lelo will email all competitors' parents and notify them of the amount of refund they are entitled to. If anyone wishes, they can donate that amount to next year's fund. We also agreed that the money raised from the auction scheduled for tonight, November 20, 2010, will go towards the 2011 Championship fund. **A motion was made to accept the financial report as presented was made and passed unanimously.**

In an effort to save time, all year end reports from the other Coordinators were distributed to the Council for review. These will also be emailed to council members with a copy of the Minutes. Lara Hubner thanked everyone for their help over the years. After seven years as our HMO she is stepping down and Jaime Ferry is replacing her as HMO for 2011. Thanks for a job well done Lara! Iris Realmuto advised that there have been over 10,000 visitors to the CNE website. She would like any club that hasn't done so already, to let her know where they hold their meetings. Also, please email a copy of the club/center logo for her to use on the regional map. **A motion was made to accept all reports as presented, which passed unanimously.**

Karen Marcotte followed with the Report of the Nominating Committee. She presented the slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee. **A motion was made to accept the slate as presented, the motion passed unanimously and the new slate of officers for 2011 is as follows:**

Beth Platt- Regional Supervisor
Amanda Ellis- Vice Regional Supervisor
Curtis Renner - Treasurer
Wendy Johnson- Secretary

Betsey passed on the Regional Supervisor pin to Beth and we all thanked Betsey for her seven years of tireless service to the Region! **Later in the meeting, a motion was made to allow Amanda Ellis to serve as both club DC and Vice Regional Supervisor. It passed unanimously.**

Regarding the Regional policies, we have not had a policy revision this past year. Iris recommended that we address the question of refunding entry fees for rallies. **After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made that no refunds would be made after the closing date of each rally. Also, entries must be paid by the closing date. There was a vote and the motion carried.**

The Regional Calendar of Activities was next on the Agenda. **The Council moved to address the calendar in more detail in the non-business meeting to follow.**

At 11:30 a.m., with no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed Johnson
Regional Secretary