

**CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
November 17, 2012**

The Central New England Regional Council held its Annual Business Meeting at the home of Beth Platt in Carlisle MA on Saturday November 17, 2011. The Business Meeting began at 10:20 a.m., immediately followed by the fall Regional Council Meeting. There were 16 members in attendance. They included the following: Stephanie Patrick-Chalifant, Curtis Renner, Karen Marcotte, Lori Decato Metz, Heather Dostal, Beth Platt, Wendy Johnson, Lelo Reeves Curtis, Andrea Nelson, Susan Beliveau, Lynda Angstadt, Joan Maida, Meghann Parkinson, Laura Menard, Amanda Ellis and Vicky Lochiatto. Beth welcomed the group and began the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and for their volunteer efforts. Introductions were made and we definitely had a quorum with 9 clubs and two riding centers present.

Next, Beth delivered the RS report. In 2012, membership increased approximately 7% in the region. To date we have approximately 240 members. A copy of the full RS report is attached.

Next, Curtis presented the Treasurer's Report. He advised that the 2013 proposed budget will be the same as the previous year's budget. He explained that the regional education figures actually represent all the education programs up through the HA including the summer camp, and all the rating expenses are included in the one line under HB Testing. A copy of all the checks was available for review. Copies of the actual budget and proposed budget for 2013 are attached to these Minutes.

In an effort to save time, all year end reports including the HMO, RIC, HB, Regional Education, Championships, Junior Board and Webmaster reports were summarized by the coordinators and the full reports are included with the Minutes and will be posted on the website. **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. All officers agreed to continue with their positions for another year. **A motion was made to accept the slate as presented. Approval was unanimous and the new slate of officers for 2013 is as follows:**

Beth Platt - Regional Supervisor
Amanda Ellis - Vice Regional Supervisor
Lelo Reeves Curtis -Vice Regional Supervisor
Curtis Renner - Treasurer
Wendy Johnson – Secretary
Regional Instructional Coordinator – Karen Marcotte
HMO – Andrea Nelson

There were no proposed amendments to the Regional Policy.

A decision was made to table the activities calendar until the regular Council Meeting.

The Jr. Board held a meeting during the Regional Council meeting and then briefly spoke to the Council. They asked DCs to continue to encourage members to join the Jr. Board. They also asked that DCs let their members know that scholarships are available through the Jr. Board and any interested CNE member should check the CNE website or contact Heather Dostal for details.

At 12:00 p.m., with no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Reed Johnson
Regional Secretary