

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

April 7, 2007

The spring Regional Council meeting was held at the Nashoba Valley Tubing Park on April 7, 2007 at 10:00. The following members attended: Karen Marcotte, Lara Hubner, Iris Realmuto, Wendy Johnson, Audrey Zwicker, Curtis Renner, Helen Robinson, Kim 21Mello, Debbie Power, Tracey Young and Betsey Reeves.

Catherine Williams was not able to attend the meeting, but Betsey discussed Catherine's concerns regarding the lack of response and participation from the UL members. It appears that we may have to cancel the July prep camp. Audrey is concerned about losing the camp deposit. Maybe we can use the facility for the day only. Why are kids not responding? What can DCs, parents, kids, organizers do? Should we just hold day preps? Should we do a combined C3/UL preps in July? No one had any answers.

Similar questions came up regarding the C3 program. It appears that we are fine for May but what about offering the July camp to C3s as well. It is the weekend before their rating, etc.

Lara gave a quick HMO report. The D Standards and HMO clinic went well. She is willing to do individual club HM refreshers if requested. There were not that many changes to the HM rules. Most of the chiefs have been lined up for rallies according to Lara.

Next was the D3/C1 report. Unfortunately, the final clinic was not well attended although Jericho Forest did a great job with program. We will probably just hold December through February clinics next year. The first 3 clinics averaged approximately 35-45 kids and 20 parents.

Deb Titus was not able to attend the meeting but she sent an email with the Championship update. She listed several hotels in Lexington where blocks of rooms are being reserved for CNE. They vary in price ranges. We will be ordering green polos for Champs this year. Audrey and Catherine will coordinate. The Quiz qualifiers will meet on Tuesday. Betsey will bring shirts to try on for sizing. Joelle Graham has volunteered to be the Quiz Coordinator for Championships. Deb has emailed a number of forms to the DCs that will need to be completed by qualifiers. We will need to check with Carol Seale regarding the transport arrangements.

Next, Betsey discussed the Junior Board situation. Unfortunately, there were only two Jr. Board members helping at Quiz Rally and this is the main fund raiser for their group. Chris Daly was very discouraged about the lack of response and accountability of the Board, according to Betsey. We need to figure out how to get the kids to be more active. One thought was to go back to the early years when DCs would bring their Jr. Board members to the Council meetings so they could at least meet quarterly and interact with the Regional Council. Right now it seems there is a disconnect between the Jr. Board and

the Regional Council. Hopefully someone can offer suggestions to improve on communication.

Next on the Agenda were some housekeeping items. **DCs, remember to send your rating update forms (on website) to the National office and be sure to check your roster often for accuracy.** It is particularly important for Championship status. **Also, be sure to send all membership packets and new member forms to Betsey.** Expense forms and reimbursement forms are on the website. **Please be sure to use them so we can keep accurate accounting records.**

The Non-Qualifying Eventing Rally will be held at Green Acres again. The date is September 23rd.

There was a brief Annual Meeting update. Those interested in more details were able to stay after the council meeting for a specific update. Karen reported that things are moving along. The meeting organizers met with Wayne from the National office and toured the hotel recently. It is going to be a beautiful facility. Karen has sent individual job details to several of the committee chairs. Please contact her if you would like to volunteer for a specific job. Kim Mellon from Overlook PC volunteered to coordinate the clothing and pin fundraiser. Along with the Silent Auction, this will be one of the main sources of fundraising for our Region. We will order shirts for our regional hospitality volunteers to wear and will have shirts and pins made up with the meeting logo. Kim will do some research for us.

Finally, we discussed the revisions to the regional policies. Several of the revisions were actual policy changes and we discussed and voted on them individually. The majority of proposed changes were clarification or typographical and we voted on accepting those changes collectively at the end of the discussion. The following are changes to policy that were voted on individually. A copy of the revisions is posted on the CNE website.

- 5.4 A motion was made by Karen to allow the RIC and HMO to vote at the Regional Council meetings. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

- 5.5.3 A motion was made by Iris to leave the current policy as is and add the following. "The vote of the regional slate of offices shall be restricted to clubs only." Discussion followed, the motion was withdrawn and it was agreed that we would table the discussion until more Council members were present to vote.**

- 6.1.6 This section on reimbursement of Assistant HM judges led to additional discussion and questions regarding the intention of the policy and a daily reimbursement fee versus mileage reimbursement. Betsey moved that we send this policy back to the Committee for further discussion and clarification. The motion was passed unanimously.**

- 9.3.2** A motion was made to reword this section to read “For a National Testing, the Region is responsible for the examiner’s expenses from the time of arrival at the airport or, if driving, at the test site. This includes transportation from the airport, meals, lodging, etc. For a Regional testing, the Region is responsible for all examiner’s expenses”. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9.3.4** A motion was made to accept this policy regarding the non-refundable testing fee required 4 weeks prior to the testing. The motion passed unanimously.
- 10.2.1.1** This policy discussed revisiting the subsidizing of Championship entry fees on an annual basis. A motion was made to accept this policy as written and passed unanimously.
- 10.2.1.2** A motion was made to accept the deletion of regional reimbursement of coaches. The motion passed unanimously. As part of the discussion, it was agreed that as part of the Championship commitment, qualifiers must realize it is their responsibility to subsidize their coaches independently.
- 10.4.4.2** Regarding qualifying requirements for Dressage, a motion was made to change the wording of the policy to read “One of the rides at the qualifying rally must earn a score consistent with the current USDF score required for Championships” The 65% specific score was deleted. The motion passed with one vote opposed and the rest in favor.
- 10.4.4.4** A motion was made to change the number of jumping points allowed from 8 to 12 in total. The motion passed unanimously.

Finally, a motion was made to accept all the other clarifying and typographical, non-policy changing revision to the Regional policies as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Council meeting will be held at the Tubing Park on July 7th at 10:00. A mandatory Championship qualifiers meeting/BBQ will be held immediately following the Council meeting.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Johnson
Regional Secretary