

Northeast Region USPC

Annual Leader's Meeting

November 3, 2013 10:00 am

Members present – Rachael Richmond (RS), Cindy Allen (Clary Lake), Sarah Varney (Epona), Stacy Barnes (Tamarack), Laura Johnson, Karen Champagne (Treasurer), Caitlin Byrne (RIC), Lauren Taylor (Foxcroft), Michele Marden (Foxcroft), Beth Ruksznis (Foxcroft), Mary Beth DiMarco (Meduxnekeag River), Terri Hill (Meduxnekeag River), Chris Hubbard (Three Flags), Tracy Ginn (Mollycokett), Beth Sypher (Penobscot), Jen Kolvoord (Penobscot), Robyn Rawle (Epona), Diane Kane (SeaCoast)

Review of minutes from last meeting – Copies were provided and read individually. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written, then seconded and passed by majority vote.

Treasurer's Report – Presented by Karen Champagne – net change in activity from 1/1/13 to 10/31/13 was a gain of \$452.66. Regional Rendezvous made \$158.50, most of the profit came from the regional Silent Auction table. No money was allocated or spent for Championships this year. The Show Jumping Clinic income and expenses were lumped into the Show Jumping Rally line items. Quiz Rally made \$808.22. Dressage Rally made \$184.42. Show Jumping Rally and Clinic lost (\$1038.77), which was due to the expenses of flying out the chief and the carded USEF equitation judge. Tetrathlon Rally made \$164.36. Eventing Rally made \$9.35. There was discussion about the consideration of less expensive judges for non-qualifying rallies to minimize losses. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, then seconded, and passed by majority vote.

RS Report – Presented by Rachael

- Region has 93 members in 9 clubs during 2013 – membership is holding steady from 2012.
- Rendezvous February 23-24 was a smaller activity with lower attendance (under 50 members present). There were 2-3 upper level members as presenters, which is great for them and the region.
- Quiz Rally March 23 was a qualifying rally and was well attended.
- Standards and Certificates (reported by Caitlin) Clinic was held at Peppergrass, conducted by Caitlin with D1-C1 demo riders. It was a good format, good location, and well attended.
- Dressage Rally June 22 was non-qualifying rally held at Piscataquis Valley Fairgrounds, co-hosted by Foxcroft and Meduxnekeag River. There were 43 members participating on 9 teams representing 8 clubs. Vicki Varney was the CHMJ with the same dressage judges as last year.
- SJ Rally July 20 was a non-qualifying rally held at Hyl-tun Farm, hosted by Three Flags. There were 24 members on 5 teams that attended, representing 3 clubs. Organization did not go smoothly. Earl Lenhart was the CHMJ.
- SJ Clinic July 21 was held the day after SJ Rally. Many members stayed overnight for this clinic, which was well attended. The clinic was open to non-PCers (Kelsey Hilton participated).

- Tetrathalon Rally August 24 was hosted by Clary Lake. Open to non-PCers with 20 registered, 19 participated of which 10 were PCers from 2 clubs. Very well received for a first time rally in the Northeast region.
- D Rally September 7 ended up being a non-qualifying Eventing Rally with divisions up to Training offered in an Ultimate 2-Phase format. The Eventing Rally was supposed to be held in conjunction with MECTA Snowfields I horse trials, which was cancelled due to extended rain periods. There were 14 participants from 3 clubs.
- Games Day October 6 was run by Clary Lake with only Clary Lake members participating. The region may want to consider changing the date or format to increase excitement and participation.

There was a motion to accept the RS report as presented, then seconded and passed by majority vote.

Proposed 2014 Budget – Presented by Karen Champagne

- Regional Rendezvous – This event was not as well attended in 2013 as previous years, but it is costed out to breakeven. Consider opening it to non-PCers as a fundraiser, gain exposure to potential members.
- Championships – No funds budgeted for 2014. There was continued discussion this year about creating a savings account specifically for Championships fundraising money.
- Show Jumping Clinic – continue to open this event to non-PCers as a fundraiser to offset the cost of the rally.
- Quiz Rally – Budgeted for a profit of (\$500).
- Dressage Rally – Budgeted for a loss of (\$250).
- Show Jumping Rally – Budgeted for a loss of (\$500).
- Tetrathalon Rally – Budgeted for a profit of (\$50).
- D Rally – no income or expenses budgeted, will be run in conjunction with Foxcroft H.T. in 2014.
- National Annual Meeting – proposed to defer to defer 2015 Annual meeting due to increased costs of attending 2014 meeting on West Coast. Proposed to allocate \$1000 to cover costs for the 2015 Annual Meeting, to be discussed at 2014 NER Annual Meeting.
- Regional dues will remain at \$15.
- Standards and Certificates/HM Clinic – Budgeted to spend (\$500).
- Overall, the 2014 year is budgeted for a loss of (\$5).

A motion was made to accept the proposed 2014 Budget as presented, then seconded and passed by majority vote.

Goals for 2014

- Establish a Championships fund (savings account) with \$500 of existing funds. This was approved by a majority vote.
- Registering for rallies – have one person (Regional Rally Coordinator) to ensure rally organizers are addressing things on the checklist in timely manner and providing support as needed.

- Upper Level Testing hosted by NER
 - Tracy Ginn to assist Beth Sypher as UL Prep Coordinator, assess need/ability to host a test in NER
- Rallies:
 - Dressage Rally – hosted by Foxcroft, organized by Meduxnekeag River.
 - SJ Rally – qualifying rally, to be opened up to non-PCers. Laura Johnson will organize paperwork/entries.
 - Eventing Rally – in conjunction with Foxcroft H.T.. Foxcroft will add a Grasshopper (D1) division to their horse trials to accommodate.
 - Quiz – needs a new organizer (to be trained by Karen Champagne). Clary Lake to host again, will need a different club to run Barn phase.
 - Tetrathalon Rally – non-qualifying rally, again open to non-PCers

2014 Calendar

- Mar 8/9 – Regional Rendezvous, Senator Inn, Augusta (opened to non-PCers)
- Apr 5 – Quiz at Jefferson School, Jefferson(Weather date – Apr 12)
- May 17 – Standards and Certificates/HM Clinic – Discipline Demo at Peppergrass Farm, Dixmont
- June 21 – Dressage Rally, Piscataquis Valley Fairgrounds, Dover Foxcroft
- June 23-25 – Penobscot Pony Club 3Day Camp
- June 28 – Show Jumping Rally
- June 29 – Show Jumping Clinic
- July 14-21 – USPC Festival
- July 26/27 – Foxcroft XC Schooling
- Aug TBD – Tetrathalon Rally, hosted by Clary Lake
- Aug TBD – Games Rally, hosted by Clary Lake
- Sep 7 – Eventing Rally, Foxcroft H.T.

2014 Calendar was approved by majority vote.

Old Business

- Lots of people haven't done the concussion/youth protection online courses.
- Clarify who needs to do background checks. Rachael will notify those who need to do this.

New Business

No discussion.

New Officers

Nominating Committee – Cindy Allen, Jen Kolvoord, and Mary Beth DiMarco

Slate of new officers was presented by the Nominating Committee chairperson, Mary Beth DiMarco.

- RS - Beth Sypher and Stacy Barnes were nominated. Robyn Rawle nominated herself.

- Beth Sypher – a P.C. parent but not a member herself, has 2 years experience as a D.C., head of UL Prep organization.
- Stacy Barnes – 3 yrs. Experience as a D.C. for Tamarack.
- Robyn Rawle – D.C., Jt. D.C., RIC for other regions/clubs, recently moved from NY to ME

Paper ballots were distributed (1 each per club and 1 per regional officer), 13 in total. Beth Sypher elected as R.S. of NER for 2014.

- VRS – Rachael Richmond, Robyn Rawle, Stacy Barnes nominated, Rachael Richmond declined being VRS, but will act as consultant to RS and will help with Rendezvous and Rally organization
- Treasurer – Karen Champagne nominated
- RIC – Caitlin Donahue nominated
- Secretary – Laura Johnson nominated

Motion to accept the slate as presented was seconded and passed by majority vote.

Other

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded. Vote approved to adjourn the meeting.

Notes by Laura Johnson