

**Northeast Region USPC**

**Annual Leader's Meeting**

***March 8, 2014 10:00 am***

**Members present** –Cindy Allen (Clary Lake, HMO), Vicki Varney (Epona sponsor), Stacy Barnes (Tamarack, VRS), Laura Johnson (Secretary), Karen Champagne (Treasurer), Michele Marden (Foxcroft), Beth Ruksznis (Foxcroft), Chris Hubbard (Three Flags), Erica Cook (Mollycokett), Beth Sypher (RS, Penobscot), Leslee Noyes (Penobscot), Diane Kane (SeaCoast), and Meredith Carbone (SeaCoast)

Beth Sypher called the meeting to order at 10:08 am

**Old Business**

**Review of minutes from last meeting** – Copies were emailed prior to the meeting for individual review. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written, then seconded and passed by majority vote.

**2014 Calendar**

**April 5** – Quiz (April 12 weather date) – online entry plus PayPal is convenient, desired as an option for clubs registering for all rallies. Laura will get online entry ready and out to region. Clary Lake is organizing with help from Karen C.

**May 17** – HM Seminar – Cindy and Caitlin need to confirm date and place. Beth asked Caitlin to demo the new D1-C2 examiner guidelines. Beth suggested Cindy go over the new Safety Packet.

**June 21** – Dressage Rally – Foxcroft hosting, have 1 dressage judge confirmed, HMO to get a chief, will be non-qualifying rally.

**June 28** – Show Jumping Rally – Will be non-qualifying rally at this point, no real interest in going to Champs this year. There was a lot of discussion about holding this rally, it's not worth holding if there's no interest since it is expensive and a lot of work. Clary Lake agreed to organize with Laura. Decision was made to table whether or not to hold SJ Rally/Clinic in 2014.

**July 14-21** – USPC Festival – Beth took poll of clubs re: interest in going to Champs, may have a full team in Eventing, several members interested in Quiz, no Dressage or Show Jumping.

**August 17** – Tetrathalon Rally – Clary Lake to host – this is the same day as Snowfield's H.T., shouldn't have much of an impact on participation.

**September 7** – Eventing Rally – hosted by Foxcroft, held in conjunction with their H.T.

**October 5** – Games Rally – hosted by CLPC

## **New Business**

### **Treasurer's Report** – Presented by Karen Champagne –

The \$500 championships fund was established as requested at the Annual Meeting. The current checkbook balance is \$4,165.41 which does not include the \$2,401.26 from PayPal for Rendezvous Registrations or any checks received Saturday. The balance also does not include the Rendezvous payment to the Senator or any supplies purchased.

Since the Annual Meeting all clubs have paid their \$15 per member dues totaling \$1,125 (75 members) and the following expenses have been incurred:

- Corporate Dues \$150
- Rendezvous insurance & T-shirts \$416.72
- website hosting \$40
- ribbons for quiz, dressage & show jumping of \$407.64
- food for the annual meeting \$28.11
- USPC bookstore purchase of bylaws and policies \$19.45

### **RS Report** – Presented by Beth

- Region has 72 members in 9 clubs signed up so far for 2014.
- Reminder that club officers need safety modules/background checks
- Clubs are encouraged to check out [secure.ponyclub.org](http://secure.ponyclub.org) site – this site allows you to see and use your club's info
- TFPC needs to check out their trademark agreement with USPC
- Club policies need to be sent to Beth for review from: Meduxnekeag, SeaCoast, TFPC and PPC
- Check out the new Examiner Handbook and the Safety Packet

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

### **NER Policies**

- Beth desired to add champs qualification criteria for Quiz. It was determined that this would violate the USPC policies. There was discussion about qualification for Champs and how team(s) are made (from those indicating at registration their intent, top scores first), riding disciplines are never an issue since there is typically little interest.
- Rally Registration Policy – we currently have a late fee, although this does not seem to be enforced. A motion was made to form a committee to review NER Regional Policies, which was seconded and approved. Stacy Barnes and Karen Champagne volunteered, Beth Sypher will advise.

## **Other Business**

### **UL Candidates/Testing**

- There is a new C2 Dressage certification – those wishing to do the Dressage C3 from the Traditional C2 will have to take and pass the Dressage C2.
- The application deadline for UL tests is now 12 weeks prior, rather than 8 weeks.
- Currently, there are 2 possible candidates for UL Testing – Jess C and Taylor G for C3 Traditional, possibly Ali P (who is in FL currently)
- There is a Prep Camp at UNH, June 30-July 2, covering all levels D-HB. Karen C has information.

**Next Meeting** – May 17, at HM/S&C Seminar

New Rulebooks in 2014 – HM Rulebook due May 1, Vaulting is also coming this year

Discipline Newsletters have been posted

Reminder of Tutoring Tuesday webinars

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 am

Notes by Laura Johnson, Secretary