

Northeast Region USPC

Leader's Meeting

November 9, 2014 10:00 am

Members present – Cindy Allen (Clary Lake, HMO), Laura Johnson (Secretary), Beth Sypher (RS), Caitlin Donahue (RIC), Sarah Varney (Epona), Karen Champagne (Reg. Treasurer, Tamarack), Leslee Noyes (Penobscot), Tracy Ginn (Mollycokett), Diane Kane (Sea Coast), Nancy House (Sea Coast), Pauline Keenan (Sea Coast), Beth Ruksznis (Foxcroft), Michelle Marden (Foxcroft), Terri Hill (Meduxnekeag)

Missing Clubs – Three Flags

Beth Sypher called the meeting to order at 10:07

Signup sheet was passed around to take attendance

Old Business

Beth reviewed the RS Report that was emailed earlier this week.

Minutes from March meeting were available online and individually reviewed prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Karen Champagne, seconded by Michelle Marden. Passed by majority vote.

HM Clinic – Reported by HMO - small but decent attendance, the schedule flowed well. Feedback was that the content and format were helpful. Will need to do a proper S&R Clinic this coming year, since we didn't do that this year.

Training Modules – reminders will be sent for background checks but not for other training modules. Please go on and check if you have modules that you need to complete. Beth listed people currently needing to complete modules.

New Business

Treasurer's Report – presented by Karen Champagne

- Made money on Rendezvous
- Funded our Champs account
- Made lots of money on Quiz (judges donated time, excellent attendance)
- Dressage Rally lost \$170
- SJ Rally made \$188
- Eventing Rally lost \$355
- Regional C Rating Lost \$83.07
- Jumper Show made a crap load of money \$630 (expenses all paid for by PFA)
- Total Checkbook net increase was \$1497.30.
- Champs Fund net increase was \$119.50 from account opening.

Tracy Ginn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Sarah Varney. Passed by majority vote.

Nominating Committee (Beth Ruksznis, Rachael Richmond, Tracy Ginn)

Beth read the slate of proposed officers:

- Treasurer – Karen Champagne
- Secretary – Cindy Allen
- VRS – Rachael Richmond, ~~Stacy Barnes~~
- RS – Beth Sypher
- HMO – Laura Johnson
- RIC – Caitlin Donahue

After discussion, Stacy was removed from the nominated slate due to personal constraints.

Motion to accept the slate as presented by the nominating committee was made by Michelle Marden, and seconded. Passed by majority vote.

Proposed Budget – presented by Karen Champagne

Minimalist budget based on making money at Rendezvous and Quiz, continue funding the Champs account with \$500 annually, lose money for Dressage and Eventing/D rallies, fundraise \$750 from regional shows, and budget to break even with SJ Rally and any clinics, in addition to annual recurring administrative expense. The proposed budget was amended to include \$150 in expenses to reimburse regional officers for background check fees.

Sarah Varney made a motion to accept the 2015 proposed budget, seconded. Passed by majority vote.

Discussion on regional dues, determined to leave them at \$15. Regional giving donation will be raised at Rendezvous as in previous years.

10 minute break 11:14-11:24

2015 Calendar

- **Annual Meeting** 1/22 - 1/25, Washington DC Tentatively Beth S and Caitlin to go
- **Rendezvous*** 2/28 – 3/1, Senator Inn Beth S to overall coordinate, each club responsible for arranging a topic/presenter, commitments of presenters due by 1/31
- **Quiz Rally** 4/11, Jefferson School Clary Lake organizing (need snow date)
- **HM/S&R*** 5/17, location TBD Sali Gear (consider clinic 5/16 for ULP)
- **Dressage Rally** 6/27, Foxcroft needs someone for the organization
- **Show Jumping Rally** 7/11(12), Epona/Clary Lake organizing at Claybrook Farm, to affiliate with MeHJA
- **USPC Championships** 7/22-7/26, Lexington VA
- **D Day** August Date at Claybrook
- **Tetrathalon Clinic** 6/14, Clary Lake

- **Eventing Rally** **September** – in conjunction with Foxcroft HT, will depend on eventing calendar to be set in January

*** indicates a regional leader's meeting**

Beth Sypher started a 2015 Champs interest poll of the clubs. Clubs should be educating your members and parents about the possibility of attending Champs, in VA this year, particularly about Quiz.

UL Candidates poll of clubs – several HB candidates, 3 C3 candidates and 1 H candidate for prep. CNER has excellent HB prep, beginning in February.

Regional C1/C2 Rating club poll – CLPC – 2, Epona – 1 HM, PPC – 6, Foxcroft – 4

Youth Congress – must be HB and up, 18 by January 1st

Next Regional Meeting: at Rendezvous – Saturday at 10:00, following meeting at S&R Clinic

NER Policy Review – Beth S asks that a policy review committee be formed and meet separately to review and propose any necessary changes. Leslee Noyes, Rachael Richmond and Beth S agree to be on the committee.

Annual Meetings – should have all happened. Memberships need to be renewed by Nov. 15 before there is a late deadline fee. DCs please update ratings in a timely manner on your club page.

Caitlin Donahue motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Leslee Noyes at 12:27 pm.