

2/28/15

NERPC meeting

Attendance: Cindy Allen, Caitlin Donahue, Laura Johnson, Tracy Ginn, Erica Cook, Beth McEvoy, Michele Marden, Chris Hubbard, Diane Kane, Meredith Carbone, Stacy Barnes, Teri Hier, Leslee Noyes, Christie Dystart, Debbie Place, Beth Sypher

Introductions were made.

Minutes of last meeting. Rachael Richmond's name was missing from the attendance. Motion was made by Caitlin and seconded by Laura. All were in favor to accept.

Annual meeting: Plus 1 membership challenge. They are challenging all clubs to add a new member (if you lose 3 members then they would like you to add 4 members). Prizes will be awarded from NERPC. Horsemasters program (it's been around for 15 years). 24% increase in 2014. They are considered non-traditional members. They are encouraging Horsemasters. Several inquiries about starting a center. Safety committee spoke: 2015 will be an education year. There are new standards of proficiency. Medical bracelets will be allowed (Ride Safe and the Road ID bracelet). There's specific information that needs to be included in it. Safety vest is a member's choice. ASTM/F197 is the rating they are looking for if they choose to wear a safety vest. Concussion safety please be sure to do your module on the computer. Club and Region policies please use the standardized form that's on the USPC website. Each club needs to have a documented policy. Many changes to the rulebooks. They will be replaced every year from now on. They will accept the electronic versions. Pony Clubbers need to know where to find the information in the rulebook. Webinar is coming up on the updated rulebooks. Protests and appeals have changed. Only Championships will allow appeals.

Debbie Place (President of MECTA): There has been a lot of changes to the Equine industry. There is a huge shift from horse ownership. At the current rate of loss of land, etc. the horse industry will be gone in 15 years. We need to unite with all the equestrians and work together. The world has changed and we need to move forward. A discussion was held about

where membership is at among the clubs in NERPC. Also, a discussion was held about working with Snowmobile clubs to share the trails. This is the start of a conversation. Pony Club: 3 rallies (Dressage, Show Jumping and Eventing Rally) in the state of Maine. How many volunteers do you have to put these rallies on? If there was already a competition happening it would make sense to utilize the help from both organizations, etc. Dressage rally is an easy rally so there may not need to make any changes with Dressage rally. Sandy Porter Bean has moved Jump for a Cure to Debbie Place. It's time to be proactive and not reactive. Is this the year to make these changes or should we think about this model to plan for next year. Debbie Place is open to discussions and is trying to network with horse organizations. Pony Club is a strong base and if we get pony clubbers of today to think of the future. Just finalized an affiliation with MECTA and Maine Hunter Jumper Association.

April 11th—Quiz

Standards and Ratings: Caitlin is pretty sure Sally Gear is available (May 17th at ) There may be a clinic the day before. Possibly an Upper Level Prep done during the clinic. Please be sure instructors and examiners come if at all possible. Need to figure out a way to increase resource pool of examiners.

June 27th—Dressage Rally Foxcroft and Medux.

July 12th— Showjumping (Clay Brook) Need to have more of a conversation with Sarah Varney. Seacoast can provide jumps.

If it was moved to Peppergrass on the July 12th. The clinic could be on the 11th and there would be accommodations for pony clubbers and their mounts.

September 6th—Eventing Rally at Foxcroft in combination with Foxcroft Trials

Motion was made by Laura to adjourn the meeting then seconded and agreed upon by all.

