

Northeast Region USPC
Leader's Meeting
May 17, 2015 12:00 pm
Peppergrass Farm, Dixmont

Members present – Cindy Allen (Clary Lake, Secretary), Laura Johnson (HMO), Beth Sypher (RS), Caitlin Donahue (RIC, Epona), Leslee Noyes (Penobscot), Christie Dysart (Penobscot), Beth Ruksznis (Foxcroft), Terri Hill (Meduxnekeag)

Missing Clubs – Three Flags, Mollycokett, Tamarack, SeaCoast

Notes taken by Laura Johnson

Beth Sypher called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm

Signup sheet was passed around to take attendance

Old Business

RS Report – Beth Sypher presented

- **Plus 1 Membership Challenge update** - Currently a total of 103 members, currently 3rd in the nation for % change in the challenge!
- **Champs update** – Only 2 quiz kids and 1 possible BN eventer interested for 2015, all from Penobscot. Beth asked if there was any interest from other clubs but no clubs have any interested members for this year.
- **Regional Policy Update** – Our policies need to be updated. The deadline for update and submission to National Office is August 1st. The committee (Beth S., Leslee N., and Rachael R.) needs to get together soon to review. Beth S. on has paper copies with notes written on them. Beth R. volunteered to make digital copies of the current and previous regional policies for easier group dissemination. There is a very easy template to use from USPC.
- **ULP Report** – 2 kids for C3 (August test) and 2 kids for HB (July test), both tests will be at UNH. There are several other kids prepping but not currently signed up for tests. There is also a C1/C2 Prep/Rating happening June 21st. There are currently 13 kids interested. There was discussion about doing HM on June 20th to help the schedule move along on the 21st with so many kids testing. Sarah Adams and Caitlin Donahue will be examiners. Another test will be scheduled for the fall due to continuing interest.
- **Nominating Committee election** – There need to be a minimum of 3 people elected to the nominating committee, which must be set 3 months prior to the annual meeting. The nominating committee will contact current and prospective people to create a slate of nominations for the elected officers for the upcoming year. Caitlin Donahue, Terri Hill, and Laura Johnson volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Cindy A. made a motion to accept this slate to the nominating committee, seconded by Leslee N., and passed by majority vote. There was some discussion about what positions need to be included in the slate proposed by the nominating committee with regards to the HMO and RIC positions, which needed further research.

Rally Organizer Reports

- Quiz Rally Report/Evaluation – Angela F. was not present to report
- Dressage Rally – Terri Hill – June 28th hosted by Foxcroft, paperwork by Medux., invite to go out soon. Mary Beth had an outstanding question about whether rally fees were going to be the same this year. Beth R. reminded that we should be setting rally entry fees based on the proposed budget (using the Budget sheet on the website) to cover the actual expenses of each rally.
- SJ Rally – Beth Sypher – July 12th hosted by Epona/Clary Lake held at ClayBrook Farm, Turner
- Eventing Rally – Beth R. - September 6th hosted by Foxcroft, held in conjunction with Foxcroft H.T., will need someone to run HM
- Tetrathalon Clinic – Cindy A – June 13th hosted by Clary Lake at Hundred Acre Wood, Jefferson. Invite has gone out via email; there is already a lot of interest. Get your completed entry and fee in soon to be counted – there will be a registration limit due to pool space.
- Tetrathalon Rally – Cindy A. – August 1st hosted by Clary Lake at Hundred Acre Wood, Jefferson. Get entries in promptly – there will be a registration limit due to pool space.
- National Office data collection – Beth S. – The National Office is collecting data on rally results for both HM and overall scores. Rally organizers please forward all rally scores to the national office at the completion of rallies, as well as Laura for the website.

NER Website Update – presented by Laura J – a bit behind on getting RS Update on the front page, but have not received ANY updates from clubs this year. Will put up rally information as soon as it is received. Any club updates should be sent to Laura at ljohnson.nerpc@yahoo.com. Will also check that rallies can all use the online entry system.

Any other business

- **NER Jumper Show Fundraiser at Pittston Fair – July 25th**, the regional budgeted to make \$500 at this show. Please tell all your members and come support and make this a great regional fundraiser. The fair pays for the ribbons and EMT (two of the bigger expenses) we provide the organization and the jumps. The region keeps all the entry fees for the show! Official invite will be out soon, contact Laura Johnson for more info.

Beth R. motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Leslee Noyes at 12:29 pm.