

**NER minutes for year end meeting
November 6, 2016
Dysarts Broadway**

Attendance passed around, **Members present:**

Terri Hill-MRPC
Laura Johnson-HMO-NER
Laurie Crowley-MRPC
Cindy Allen-CLPC
Patti Sponzo-Bechard-MRPC
Meredith Carbone-Seacoast PC
Andrea Gimpel-Blanchard-Tamarack PC
Stacy Barnes-Tamarack PC
Melissa Holmwood-TFPC
Heidi Blodgett-TFPC
Angela McMahon-TFPC
Christie Dysart-PPC
Leslee Noyes-Secretary-NER
John Nickels-PPC
Chandra Kane-FPC
Angie Clukey-FPC
Beth Ruksznis
Rachael Richmond RS-NER
Caitlin Donahue-RIC-NER
Sarah Varney-VRS-NER/Epona

did Roll Call

Carlisle Academy attended by speaker phone

Missing Clubs-Mollyockett

Meeting called to order at 2:02pm

Review of last years minutes-high points
Horse Masters program in region this year

motion to approve-Caitlin Donahue
second-Laura Johnson, passed by majority vote

RS report

Members for 2016 at 142. This is a slight increase from 2015, up from 131 members.

Club and Riding Center numbers for 2016; 9 clubs and 1 riding center.

Total member count includes 25 horsemasters members.

Rendezvous; 98 people attended

The region had planned to use the Plus1 monies to help fund rendezvous, but it wasn't necessary.

Quiz had 20 teams participate, w/2 horsemasters teams.

Standards and Certificates took place at Windward farm. Sally Gear was on hand for instruction throughout the weekend.

Dressage rally was held at Meadowoods Farm.

There were 14 teams, 70 competitors, and 1 Horsemasters team.

Thanks to Sara Adams for doing a fantastic job.

SJ rally was held at Claybrook Farm

8 teams participated including a horsemasters rider.

Starter rally had 4 teams participate and the teams were a combination of kids and adults.

7 candidates took their HB , 5 passed. Retesting is not known at this point.

1 C3 candidate.

Two pony clubbers went to champs.

Regional C rating-7 attended, 6 passed.

Focus for 2017; lots of HB's in the region, use some NER funding for a C3 rating.

Motion to approve Christie Dysart, 2nd Beth Ruksznis, passed by majority vote.

Treasurers Report

Karen was not at meeting, below is the 2016 budget, and proposed 2017 budget

USPC Northeast Region 2016 Financial Summary		1/1/16-10/31/16	
	2016 BUDGET	ACTUAL	
<u>Regional Rendezvous</u>			
Income	-	4,544.00	
Expense	-	(4,405.86)	
	<u>(1,000.00)</u>	<u>138.14</u>	
<u>Championships</u>			
Annual Amount to Champs Fund		<u>(500.00)</u>	
Income	-	280.00	\$155 Quiz; \$25 extra t shirt; \$100 from savings
Expense	-	(670.00)	missing \$315 Dressage and T shirt invoice
	<u>(500.00)</u>	<u>(390.00)</u>	
<u>Quiz Rally</u>			
Income		2,005.00	
Expense		(698.70)	
	<u>500.00</u>	<u>1,306.30</u>	
<u>Dressage Rally</u>			
Income		2,180.00	
Expense		(1,680.43)	
	<u>(500.00)</u>	<u>499.57</u>	
<u>Show Jumping Rally</u>			
Income		1,300.00	
Expense		(675.64)	
	<u>(500.00)</u>	<u>624.36</u>	
<u>Tet Rally</u>			
Income		-	
Expense		-	
<u>Starter Rally</u>			
Income		265.00	
Expense		(407.75)	
	<u>-</u>	<u>(142.75)</u>	
<u>Regional C Ratings</u>			
Income		555.00	
Expense		(655.00)	
		<u>(100.00)</u>	
Fundraising	250.00	-	
<u>National - Annual Meeting Attendance</u>	<u>(1,500.00)</u>	<u>(1,500.00)</u>	
<u>National Youth Congress</u>	<u>(500.00)</u>	<u>(500.00)</u>	
<u>C Level Education</u>	<u>(500.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	
<u>Other</u>			
Membership Dues	1,500.00	1,935.00	budget based on 100 members, actual is 129 members
Interest Income	5.00	2.86	
Standards and Ratings/HM Clinic	(1,500.00)	(795.00)	
Postage	(10.00)	-	
Plus One Grant	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Website - updates	(250.00)	-	
Web hosting - USPC	(50.00)	-	
Regional Annual Meeting	(200.00)	-	
Corporate Membership RS	(250.00)	-	pd fall of 2015
Background Checks-Officers	(150.00)	(66.00)	Treasurer
NE/CHMJ Fee	(165.00)	(150.00)	
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Net Gain 2016	<u>(3,820.00)</u>	<u>1,862.48</u>	
Use of ribbons from 2015 Inventory		354.05	
Cash increase		<u>2,216.53</u>	
NER Checkbook balance	as of January 1, 2016	\$ 6,156.00	
	as of October 31, 2016	\$ 8,372.55	
Champs Fund:			
Beginning Balance 1/1/16		\$ 893.73	
Established from Checking		500.00	
Transfer to Checking 12/31/16		(100.00)	\$100 for Quiz participant
Interest		0.84	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 1,294.57</u>	
Overall increase in Regional Cash is :		<u>\$ 2,617.39</u>	
(Champs and Checking account combined)			

Beth Ruksznis reviewed at the meeting.

Motion to accept-Sarah Varney, seconded by Christie Dysart and passed by majority vote.

Proposed Budget

USPC Northeast Region	
	2017
<u>Regional Rendezvous</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Income	-
Expense	-
	<u>(1,000.00)</u>
<u>Championships</u>	
Income	-
Expense	-
	<u>(500.00)</u>
<u>Clinics and Ratings</u>	
Income	
Expense	<u>-</u>
<u>Quiz Rally</u>	
Income	
Expense	<u>500.00</u>
<u>Dressage Rally</u>	
Income	
Expense	<u>(500.00)</u>
<u>Show Jumping Rally</u>	
Income	
Expense	<u>(500.00)</u>
<u>Starter Rally</u>	
Income	
Expense	<u>(500.00)</u>
<u>National - Annual Meeting</u>	
Attendance	<u>(1,500.00)</u>
<u>National Youth Congress - Annual Meeting</u>	
Attendance	<u>(500.00)</u>
<u>C Level Education</u>	(500.00)
<u>Other</u>	
Membership Dues	1,800.00 120 members
Interest Income	5.00
Standards and Ratings/HM Clinic	(1,500.00)
Postage	(10.00)
Website - hosting	(50.00)
Website - updating	(250.00)
Regional Annual Meeting Oct 2017	(200.00)
Corporate Memberships	(250.00)
Background Check for Officers	(150.00)
NE / CHMJ annual fee	(165.00)
Net Loss 2017	<u>(5,770.00)</u>

The proposed budget was reviewed and looks to be losing money at this point.

The budget is the same as last year except, C level education-didn't spend the \$500 from last year, so \$1000 available this year.

How many looking to do C3 rating this year?-5 total for region.

Cprep- also included into the \$1000.

Will run HB prep again for the region - 4 interested in taking HB rating.

Region is not currently being charged \$50 for website hosting

Motion to approve proposed budget by Laura Johnson, seconded by Caitlin Donahue and passed by majority vote.

Nominating committee

Terri Hill, Sarah Varney and Cindy Allen

Slate of Nominees

Beth Ruksznis-treasurer
Sarah Varney-vice RS
Rachael Richmond-RS
Caitlin Donahue-RIC
HMO-Peggy Paine
Leslee Noyes-Secretary

motion to accept slate by Laura Johnson
seconded by Stacey Barnes

The region would like to thank Laura Johnson for all of the work she has done as HMO.

There is 1 vote/club. The slate was voted on and passed.

Policy Review

Any changes to regional policies?

- A flow chart required before taking a rating.
- As a region we need to require attendance at preps for kids going for upper level ratings

Rachael suggested that flow charts are reviewed at Rendezvous.

Rachael asked if we have updated copy of region policies? Yes, Beth Sypher would have them. The region needs language that clubs require members to finish check list before ratings, and region should require this as well.

The policies need to be further revised-need a committee to do this.

Christie Dysart , Sarah Varney and Laura Johnson ;Rachel will provide copy of the existing policies.

— — There was a discussion of donation by NER to USPC. It was decided that we will sell items at Rendezvous and profit of sales will be the regions donation.

Calendar

Nothing is planned for december.

Rachel wants mounted and unmounted meetings each month.

Rendezvous-March 4&5. Stacey will let us know if Senator is available

Quiz -April 8 at Jefferson Village School

Snow date-April 9th

S&C/HM

Possible date, May 20&21.

MRPC asked that the event be moved farther north.

Possibility that it could be at Peppergrass Farm, PPC will check into availability.

SJ rally

Sarah asked if it is going to be a qualifying rally, it needs to be on June 17

Sarah looking for someone to do paperwork. Clary Lake will do paperwork.

Dressage rally

Either July 8 or 15

PPC will look into a location and let the region know.

Penobscot will host/MRPC(paperwork).

Carlisle has offered to host a prep or beginner rally- July 29

Carlisle is looking for assistance w organizing , Rachel will get someone to help.

There is a possible qualifying eventing rally at Course Brook through CNER. It is planned for the first week in June.

There will be a region C rating either the second or third week of August.

Region rating first choice 16/17, second 9/10

Motion to approve Andrea Gimpel-Blanchard, seconded by Cindy Allen and passed by majority vote.

Old Business

Rachael-clubs didn't insure club for the entire year. Need to do this going forward. Make sure to have 2 insurances, non member and member, any event must be insured and clubs can use open ended dates.

New Business

A committee needs to be set up to define upper level prep and policy-possibly Caitlin Donahue, Anne Moody and Beth Ruksznis.

Laura -regional calendar is available to DC's to add dates for clubs to regional calendar just email to Laura and she will add this information, and info can be added to NER Facebook page, as well.

The region would like to have some interaction between clubs, open lessons to other clubs to build relationship w kids.

Rachael is putting rallies on calendar and RS digest to let other regions know about our rallies.

PPC horsemasters is having an open house event in early Jan or Feb, similar to S&C. Clary Lake used to have mock rallies for HM , might help them to get ready of real rallies.

Is region providing what is needed?

- What to do for D's?

- volunteer to have a D level "ric"

- possibilities-ready to ride camp, d-rally, visiting instructor for camp(applications are due early in year)

Caitlin will appoint a person to be D coordinator

Sarah V. will try to run a d event

Carlisle talking about a ready to ride camp

motion to close meeting at 3:37 by Laura Johnson, seconded by Caitlin Donahue