

**Western New England
Regional Pony Club Meeting
Minutes
Draft**

Date: 11/07/04

Location: Isley Library, Middlebury, Vt.

Meeting called to order by Muffy Howard at 12:25 p.m.

Attendance:

Officers & Appointees	AVPC	BTPC	BVPC	CPC	HRPC	MMPC	MPC	PVPC
Muffy Howard RS	Sherry Kourofsky	Sara Ineson	Pam Machado	Bay Hammond	Kathleen Lavery	Jennifer Weiss	Judith Falk	Liz Harrington
Liz Harrington V-RS	Donna Agnew	Judy Werner	Sue Schwab			Stephanie Bernheisel		Marilyn Thomas
Greer Pomeroy V-RS	Nancy Garrand	Darla D'Ambro	Colleen Springborn					
Suzanne Carreker-Voigt RIC	Holly Sims							
Martina Lussi Treasurer	Martina Lussi							
Holly Sims Secretary								

Report – Muffy Howard

Read a letter from Tom (from National) re:WHF – No accounting irregularities discovered in paperwork previously provided; WHF will be a Pony Club Center.

Report – Bay Hammond

Reviewed minutes from March 27, 2004. Newsletter has been abandoned since there were not enough contributors. Discussed possible regional web site but WNE will instead have a button/page on the AVPC web site to “test the waters.” Holly and John Sims will maintain the page. Holly will get contact info. to Bay. AVPC web site is <http://avpc.ponyclub.org>

I. Motion to accept the minutes of March 27, 2004 made by Sara Ineson and seconded by Suzanne Carreker-Voigt

Discussion

All in favor:

21 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain **Motion:** X Pass ___ Fail

Report – Martina Lussi

Review of all WNE financial activities in 2004 illustrates that all were profitable except the clinic/rating at WHF (\$166.00). Show Jumping Rally brought in the most.

Checking and Savings Balance

2003 2004
\$5400 \$7939

Martina would like all clubs to send her a roster including the following info:

- member names
- parent names
- address
- phone number
- email address

II. Motion to accept the financial report of 11/7/04 made by Sara Ineson and seconded by Suzanne Carreker-Voigt.

Discussion

All in favor:

21 Yes No Abstain **Motion:** X Pass Fail

Report – Fall Rating

Bay Hammond shared CPC's check-off sheet and application to determine eligibility for rating. Information provided by CPC was adopted from the Rocky Mountain Region.

<http://rockymountain.ponyclub.org>

Muffy Howard explained that many record books were not up to par. Samples are available on the pony club website. <http://www.ponyclub.org>

Report – Nominating Committee

Kathleen Laverty put forth the following slate of officers:

RS – Muffy Howard

V-RS – Liz Harrington

V-RS – Greer Pomeroy

Treasurer – Martina Lussi

Secretary – Holly Sims

III. Motion to accept the slate of officers made by Sara Ineson and seconded by Judy Werner.

Discussion

All in favor:

21 Yes No Abstain **Motion:** X Pass Fail

Year-in-Review Reports

Suzanne Carreker-Voigt– RIC

15 participants in the x-country clinic at GMHA

15 participants in the Alyson Thurston Standard's Clinic

30 participants for Rating Day with 3/3 passing C3

There will be a Dressage Clinic in May in New Haven and we need to establish a 2004 SJ clinic. She also discussed procedure for a DC who is uncomfortable recommending someone for rating. She said the DC should contact the RIC and/or the RS for assistance. She also said the C3's must have DC's approval for rating.

Susan requested that clinic checks(\$) be written out of club funds instead of individual checks.

She also indicated she appreciated the chance to attend the National meeting.

Quiz

Liz Harrington said it was well-attended.

Dressage

Bay Hammond said it went well and made money. Jane Pecore volunteered her time and in the future PCers should try to help her out at one the dressage shows.

Show Jumping

Sara Ineson said it went well and was profitable. The clinic was more of a warm-up to the show jumping rounds. 2 issues were noted:

- excessive coaching
- who helps a dangerous situation in the ring? The steward needs to be a knowledgeable and competent horse person. They can help out in a difficult situation and then later the ground jury can convene to make a determination about allowing the horse to continue.

Rating Day

Suzanne Carreker-Voigt thanked the clubs for sending such a sound group of kids and also commented that the C-1 kids were "really nice kids."

Report - Calendar

Quiz Rally

Liz Harrington will facilitate. It will be either the 5th, 12th or 19th of March 2005. Following are clubs that have volunteered thus far:

AVPC – posters

HRPC – Test

Oral Quiz – Suzanne Carreker-Voigt

More info. to follow.

Standards Clinic – Cambridge, VT. May 14, 2005

Ann Claflin will be the clinician and will charge \$150 plus travel expenses. There will be 3-4 kids/rating level. It will be an *evaluation* as opposed to a *lesson*. Audit will be possible.

Upper Level Clinic – C and above

Mid june at WHF. Details forthcoming.

Mega Rally (Dressage and SJ)

No definitive plans yet but the preference seems to be to host the Rally within our region; possibly a 2-day at Schaghticoke in mid-July. Clubs should email Greer as to their preferences at Gpomeroy@localnet.com

Eventing Rally

PVPC will check out availability of Hitching Post for a non-qualifying rally in late July/early August. The rally would be for D2 – Novice.

Fox-hunting Clinic- Kathleen Laverty

Plan are underway to host (HRPC) a 1-day clinic with a hunt on the next day. Possibly early August. It will be in Richmond at Timberhill.

The regional calendar will be completed by January 2005 and posted to the regional web page.

IV. Motion to budget:

- \$800 for travel to Nationals for officers
- \$600 for rallies
- \$400 for clinics
- \$1000 for scholarship
- \$500 for RIC/HMO expenses
- \$200 for upper level regional education (intent is for a high level PCer to travel to the various clubs to talk about their national experiences) made by Marilyn Thomas and seconded by Bay Hammond.

Discussion

All in favor:

21 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain **Motion:** X Pass ___ Fail

V. Motion to authorize Martina Lussi to buy pinnies made by Bay Hammond and seconded by Sara Ineson.

Discussion

All in favor:

21 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain **Motion:** X Pass ___ Fail

VI Motion to establish a regional scholarship made by Holly Sims and seconded by Suzanne Carreker-Voigt.

Discussion

Committee will develop a draft and submit it for approval at the spring 2005 WNE meeting.

All in favor:

21 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain **Motion:** X Pass ___ Fail

The next meeting will be either 4/16/05 or 4/17/05.

VII Motion to adjourn made by Suzanne Carreker-Voigt and seconded by Sara Ineson at 3:55 p.m..

All in favor:

21 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain **Motion:** X Pass ___ Fail