

Western New England
Spring Meeting
Minutes-
Date: April 29, 2007

Location: Ilsley Library- Middlebury, VT

Meeting called to order by Liz Harrington at 12:15 p.m.

Attendees: ---(Chart form did not transfer well)

Liz Harrington

RS Donna Agnew Judy Werner John Waechtel DC Bay Hammond Amanda Kay Gustin JDC

Joanne Lawton Marilyn Thomas DC Kathy McGinnis DC Kate Selby

Suzanne Voigt

RIC Paul Werner Dena Monahan

Joanne Lawton Secretary

Denise Film

Kate Selby VRS

Not present: Huntington River, Bennington

Reports and Discussions:

Review of f Fall Meeting Minutes of 11/5/06

Pony Club leadership camp changed to September 28-30th- Friday through Sunday. Location- Albany. Each club must send 1 representative-more are welcome.

WNE contributed a square for the quilt presented to the retiring National PC president

Regional Policy Committee: established at fall meeting. No new news

Discussed need for joint treasurer and/or having checkbook available for Liz and/or online account. Motion to have Liz authorized to access online account with treasurer.

The RIC report from Suzanne-

- Local riding programs are going well
- Region is little weak in show jumping-- needs work
- Hasn't set up any clinics because of low interest last year, however Suzanne is willing to do a D3-C1 prep-clinic or a C1-C2 prep-clinic on request
- C3 preps have totally changed because of the specialty ratings
- The region has 2 DVDs on rating criteria that will be shared by the region; a sign up sheet was passed around for individual viewing. Would be nice to regional viewing, which would allow for discussion.
- Next year we will sponsor instructors to go to instructor clinic. Suggestion to make it mandatory for each club to pay.
- Region is supposed to have HM clinic to train HM assistants. Sue Rollins has volunteered to do a clinic. Sue Rollins does do a review session the night before the rally to compensate. Catherine Sheras is HM volunteer coordinator. HMO goal have list of possible HM assistance utilizing older/graduate pony clubbers.
- Any clubs hosting clinics should consider possibility of videoing clinic to share with-in region only.
- No regional website yet. Amanda made Moselamoo's website.
- Suzanne has list of instructors. Ask/let her know what you need.
- Everything is flexible for C3 ratings and up. Cutoff dates have been pushed back allowing for pony clubbers trying for C3 ratings during the summer to be accommodated. Call National for help with scheduling upper level ratings. Suzanne will facilitate if anyone needs help.
- Bay requested a list of clinicians for various disciplines and a list of testing examiners.
- Suzanne requested an email from DCs describing strengths and weaknesses of instructors used for pony club, and send instructors email address as well.

Rally Updates: QUIZ RALLY:

Quiz- March 10th, 2007

Good attendance- affordable (only \$25 dollars an entry)

Discussion about filling time at end of rally while awaiting scores- parents ready to leave, although kids enjoyed time with friends. Reminder for parents to be patient

Need tickler file to travel forward. Organizer will turn in report to region after rally for new organizer next year

Liz needs score sheet from quiz rally—Batten kill had kids who qualified for Quiz Nationals.

DRESSAGE RALLY:

Beverwick-volunteer coordinator

Liz Harrington and Muffy Howard-TD

Concessions-CPC

Dressage Rings- Adirondack and Charlotte

Judith-flowers

Catherine Sheras-HM assistants

RN confirmed.

*Discussion around utilizing volunteers with horse sense as ring stewards to ensure rider safety issues regarding horses out of control.

*We need walkie-talkies for communication and calling for TD.

*Note for DCs to talk to parents about arriving at the show grounds at an appropriate time. For those who have to arrive late, arrange for or ask for help to ensure a late arrival will not be disruptive to the other horses or campers.

*Note for secretary to send copies of entries to Bay or Dena for stabling assignments.

*Note for next year—can region hold 15-20 rooms at a decent hotel. Weekend is always booked way in advance because of graduation ceremonies.

Suzanne is calling national to find out the status of written tests. Are they optional?

HORSELESS RALLY: Kathy McGinness is hosting an unmounted rally in Norfolk, NY for anyone who would like to come. May 19, 2007

SHOWJUMPING RALLY: —save the date—Clinic Sat, June 30 Rally July 1st
Beverwick is hosting.

EVENTING RALLY:- Aug 11th Sat

No schooling day before—too hard on course. Schooling allowed Sun-Thurs of week prior. No schooling after course set on Thurs/Friday. 2 divisions-2' and 2'7

Very limited stabling. Call for possibilities. Chestnut Ridge Stable, Cambridge NY.

FESTIVAL 2007

Liz needs an email of intent for those interested in going to Festival 2007.

Sarah Finley will be in charge of the show jumping group.

Kelly Savasta will be in charge of dressage.

John Waechel will head quiz.

Kathy McGinness suggested the region provide polo shirts and a banner for the opening ceremonies at Festival. She is going to research the original WNE color/logo.

Bay suggested we focus our efforts on hosting qualifying rallies only in the years where they can be used to qualify early for Festival years. Since 2010 will be the next festival year, a qualifying rally in Aug 2009 would work. Other years, qualifying rallies outside the region can be used.

Motion to adjourn made by Bay and seconded by Joanne at 4 pm.
All in favor---motioned passed unanimously.