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## USPC Western New England Region 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes - Draft

Date: Sunday, October 26 at 12:00 pm

Location: Ilsley Library 75 Main Street Middlebury, VT 05753

Meeting called to order by Michele Southwick at 1 p.m.

**Attendees (Roll Call):** (22 plus two guests from GMHA, see separate roll call sheet)

**Note: Each club is represented by one vote**

Motion to accept the minutes of spring meeting made by Dena Monahan and seconded by Bay Hammond

Discussion- Correction: missing clubs to be added were Bennington and Adirondack Lakes

All in favor:

Yes  No  Abstain **Motion:**  Pass  Fail

**RS Report:** Liz Harrington: Each year the region is more organized with increasing participation at Championships. This year we hosted a record 3 national tests. Overall things are going well! *There is a need for more people to step forward and help at rallies and other regional activities.*

**Motion to accept the policy and by-laws of our region** was withdrawn when it was realized the final draft of revisions had not been sent out. They will be sent out for DC's to comment and vote by proxy. They will be sent out by Michele Southwick with a deadline for response.

### Old Business (Reports and discussions)

**RS** – see above

**Treasurer – John Waechter:** handed out 4 handouts.

1. Correction to Acct Transaction by Category: Ck #592 was double entered
2. Region lost overall 365.00
3. Tet rally final numbers missing (a separate accounting was submitted at time of meeting by Tet organizer)
4. Changes to dressage numbers were also submitted by Charlotte
5. **New Policy:** all finances associated with rallies, clinics and regional activities need to be submitted in writing and in full within 30 days of the event.
6. **New Policy:** Treasurer has asked that budgets for regional activities be submitted ahead of time.

Motion to accept financial report, as amended of 10/26-08 was made by M. Southwick, and seconded by D. Monahan.

**RIC** – there was no RIC this year after April 1<sup>st</sup> when Suzanne Carreker-Voigt had to step down due to family illness. Suzanne did make comments on the state of instruction in the region, from her point of view. 1. *Need for a standards and ratings clinic that would also include instructors was made*

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Discussion: Charlotte PC agreed to host an April S&R Clinic with an Instructors Evening

2. *Be sure that preps for ratings C3 and above are done by National Examiners.* Educational enrichment is fine and encouraged with pc and non-pc experts ie: vet, farriers, etc . But the need for pc language and standards to be addressed is best met by national examiners.

3. *List of all pc'ers and their ratings, when they got their rating and if they are interested in going for a higher rating this year should be submitted to the RS (since a named RIC is pending)*

**HMO** – no report (we do not have an HMO)

*Kathleen Rule is going to organize 3 enrichment programs in Jan, Feb and March for the region*

## Rally Reports

**Quiz Rally** – Always popular and a money maker for the region. 4 out of 5 stations were presented. Lightly attended due to date conflict for CPC (coincided with school vacation). Please try to avoid in the future.

**Dressage Rally** – Charlotte PC (Dena Monihan): There were organizational problems this year. Poor idea to use a HMO applicant along with HMO judge—do not advise any one doing this again. Issues with banquet to be resolved. 10 teams participated and kids had a great time. GREAT WEATHER! MADE MONEY!

**Tetrathalon Rally** – Battenkill PC (Kathy Sherras): 1<sup>st</sup> TET rally in region in over 15 years. Worked well. 16 riders and 4 captains made up 4 participating teams. This is a good option for pc'ers. Needs to be added to mega-rally or at least show jumping rally to be well attended. There was one time only up front expenses and 1<sup>st</sup> year learning curve—will be easier and cheaper next time round.

**Show Jumping Rally** – Beverwyck PC (John Waechter): lack of participation and help plagued this event. 4 parents ran this event-way too much for a few to do! Location is great, but footing in field is too hard, especially for larger jumps.

**Eventing Rally** – 5 teams participated. Not well attended by region, but well received by those who did. Site was great. Inexpensive to the region due to Joanne Lawton (host and organizer) donating so much. Kids worked out of trailers and all went well.

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**2009 Officer Elections:** Slate was accepted by D. Monahan and seconded by Judith F. Vote was unanimous.

Regional Supervisor: Michele Southwick

Vice Regional Supervisor: Sarah Findlay

Vice Regional Supervisor: Suzanne Careker-Voigt

Regional Treasurer: John Waechter

Regional Secretary: Mike Delaney, minutes/Bay Hammond, announcements

Non elected Regional Positions:

RIC to be determined.

HMO: Liz Harrington

Ratings Coordinator: Cathy McGuinness

Camp Coordinator: no discussion

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## 2009 Activities

### **S&R Clinic** –

Date: April, to include as many levels as possible, and an instructors evening the night before

Location: Charlotte Pony Club area

Organizer: Mike Delaney (CPC)

**Special clinic:** organized by Muffy Howard to be held **Aug. 14-16 at GMHA** which will include D, XC, SJ. To be taught by a national examiner, Vicki Taylor from Texas. A special effort will be made at this clinic to help upper level pc'ers get prepared and evaluated for possible ratings in the future.

### **Quiz** –

Date: March 14

Location: to be determined

Organizer: Robyn Rawle (Beverwyck PC)

1. Classroom-CPC
2. Written test- Battenkill PC
3. Barn- Beverwyck PC
4. Megaroom – Lyn Wallace (ALPC)
5. Scoring- Cathy Mc Guinness (PPCC)
6. Stations- open and not needed

### **Dressage** – (to be combined with SJ)

Date: May 30-31

Location: GMHA

Organizer: CPC

1. Secretary: Martha Benoit
2. Grounds and food booth: Sarah Findlay w/ GMHA
3. Dressage arena- Sarah Findlay w/GMHA
4. Scoring: CPC

### **Show Jumping** – (to be combined with Dressage Rally)

Date: May 30-31

Location: GMHA

1. Organizer and Scoring: PPPC (as long as it remains at GMHA)

### **Combined Training** –

Date: not August

Location: at Joanne Lawton?? Denise McCord will check into this more

### **Region Camp** – not discussed

### **Tet Rally** –

Date: July ?

Location: Saratoga Area

1. Organizer: Battenkill will work on it
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## Special Session with GMHA

Sarah Findlay arranged to have two members of the GMHA facilities come to our meeting to discuss the possibilities of using the wonderful GMHA facilities. About 5 years ago was the last time we have been able to access these incredible grounds and we are eager to see if there might be possibilities to do so again. Specifically there is interest in combining rallies (time and money saver) as well as having clinics with XC available for upper level pc'ers. GMHA could be the place!

New GMHA Manager, Kerry Manor and Micki Perry, associate and former A pony clubber came and listened to our needs and gave us their options. 2009 calendar is pretty booked but two times are still available: May 30-31 and Aug 14-16. Catch: only time XC would be available is Aug 14-15. There is no camping on grounds but local accommodations of all varieties and prices can be obtained from them. A cost sheet for renting different parts of the facility was given to the RS. Rental includes set-up of dressage arenas, jumping courses etc. (Yeah!). Most agreed while expensive, rent was not outrageous and certainly the time savings significant. Both Kerry and Micki indicated that rental costs are negotiable depending on details and how much we need to use and how much we need their time and help. We tentatively booked both time slots for rallies in May and Clinic in August (see minutes for details).

Booking for 2010 will be easier, but not available until at least this summer.

Sarah Findlay has agreed to be the liaison between GMHA and our region.

**GMHA could use some volunteers!** Especially needed are volunteers for their big event July31-Aug 2. Anyone interested in helping should contact GMHA at 802-457-1509. A work day for PC Region is also a possibility.

## 2009 New Business

items in blue were not discussed –time ran out

d. Discussion of 2009 Ratings

National and Regional

e. Region T-shirt and Pins – coord and make an order available to region members (Region Procurement Coord?)

f. Region Resource List; Resources for Ratings; judging; instruction; etc (Ratings Coord; HMO, RIC?)

g. Discussion of Annual National meeting in Greenville, NC January 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

h. Set Date for Spring Meeting: Sunday March 29, 12n-4pm

Based on the activities decided on today, region officers with input from event coordinators will create a 2009 Budget and publish it to the region.

Motion to adjourn made by S. Carreker-voigt and seconded by Denise Film at 4:30 p.m.

Discussion

All in favor:

Yes

No

Abstain

**Motion:**

Pass

Fail