

VIRGINIA REGION PONY CLUBS
Regional Council Meeting
February 7, 2015
Warrenton Visitor Center

IN ATTENDANCE	
Regional Supervisor	Carolyn Lorenzen (LHPC)
Vice - Regional Supervisor, Activities	Erin White (CWPC)
Vice - Regional Supervisor, Administration	Not Present (Dawn Bellinger)
Treasurer	Vicki Golden (RBPC)
Secretary	Anne Williams (BRHPC)
RIC	Kris Gerald (DVPC)
HMO	Brian Smith
BRHPC	Mary Schwentker, Joint DC
CFPC	Gina Nelson, DC Laura Cooley, Treasurer
CWPC	Jennifer Carpenter, DC
DRHPC	Carrie Camp, DC Ginger Edwards, Treasurer Gale Winfree, Joint DC
DRPC	Pam Kadlubek, Joint DC
DVPC	
GGPC	Diane Fanta, DC
LHPC	Margaret Good, DC Michelle Johns, Joint DC Lisa Woods, Joint DC & Regional Champs Coordinator
MBFRC	Staci Kapinos, Assistant Center Administrator
MOCP	Debra Stehly, DC Krystal Wilson, Joint DC
ODHPC	Michelle Arnold, Secretary
RBPC	Missy LaVallee, Treasurer Leslie Wallington, Joint DC Nicole Gnozzio, DC
RCPC	
SARC	Pamela Smith, Center Administrator
OTHERS	Kada Wright, PCHMJ

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions – *Carolyn Lorenzen*
 - a. Carolyn Lorenzen, RS called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. A quorum was established.

- II. Report from National Youth Congress Representative - *Erin White for Madeline White*
 - a. Madeline summarized the candidates' activities and what she personally gained from her experience at the Annual Meeting.
 - b. Erin White will put the report with Madeline's contact information on the website.
 - c. Carolyn Lorenzen the Council that National Youth Congress benefits our members and reminded the Council that the Region provides financial support for the candidates.

- III. Annual Meeting Report – *Carolyn Lorenzen*
 - a. Carolyn Lorenzen thanked everyone who supported the Annual Meeting. The meeting was a success and the proceeds from the Silent Auction were \$20,000 which is split evenly between Capital and Virginia Regions, leaving us with \$10,000 for the Virginia Region. T-shirt sales created a profit, so we didn't lose any money by hosting the meeting. There will be more funds used for members who attended the meeting, so the Council should see more money spent there once the final figures are calculated.
 - b. “Take-Aways” from Annual Meeting
 - i. Trainers should encourage their students have pony club goals and competition goals. This should help kids feel that they don't have to choose between pony club and other types of competition.
 - ii. Long term planning for clubs and the Region (handout distributed) - USPC has a vision for what the values of pony club are. Carolyn Lorenzen encouraged members to revisit the goals and mission statements of USPC to help lend some clarity to what the clubs are working toward.
 - iii. Financial Topics that every leader should master (handout distributed) – This information is not just for your Treasurer, but also for the DCS's. It's imperative that we stay in compliance with the 501(c)(3) status.
 - iv. Council members shared their experiences from Annual Meeting.

- IV. Review of November 8, 2014 Minutes
 - a. MOTION: Erin White moved to approve the November 8, 2014 Minutes as submitted. Staci Kapinos seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

- V. Officer Reports
 - a. Membership – *Carolyn Lorenzen for Aldona Petraitis & Dawn Bellinger*
 - i. Carolyn Lorenzen distributed the Region's membership numbers by club and asked the Council to review the same for any discrepancies with their own records. The Region currently has 319 members, 247 of whom are youth members.

- b. New Website Review
 - i. At the Rally Organizers meeting earlier in the day, the consensus of those in attendance is that clubs are disappointed that they cannot register their members for rallies. The new procedure requires individual parents or members to register themselves which takes registration out of the hands of the DCs or Rally Coordinators in the club. Clubs would prefer to have the ability to register their members.
 - ii. Lisa Woods noted that there should be a deadline to submit rally results because she is getting them much later than the rally and would prefer to have them posted sooner for Champs purposes.
- c. Activities – *Erin White*
 - i. Old Business
 - 1. Polocrosse Rally - This rally was discussed in November as being on the same weekend as DRHPC's fundraiser. Because the DRHPC event is on Saturday and this rally would be on Sunday, there is no longer a conflict.
 - 2. MOTION - Debra Stehly moved that the region co-host the rally with Capital Region on April 19th. Mary Schwentker seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.
 - ii. D3 Rally - ODHPC has offered to host the D3 Rally on June 20th. Again, the D3 Rally poses a challenge for the Council as it doesn't quite fit when it is combined with the Eventing or D1/D2 Rallies. The consensus of the Council was to keep the D3 Rally separate at this time.
- d. RIC – *Kris Gerald*
 - i. 2015 is off to a good start. The HB preps are going well and have been well-attended. The last one is tomorrow. It is becoming apparent that some of the skills that are tested at the D2/D3 levels but then aren't tested until some time later are often missing because the skill isn't continued to be taught. To help remedy this, Kris distributed a sheet outlining the skills that are tested from D1 thru A for clubs to give instructors so they can easily see what the kids need to know so they practice those skills throughout their pony club careers.
 - ii. Standards & Certifications Clinic will be held on March 7th from 5-10 p.m. at the John Barton Payne Building featuring door prizes, refreshments, and Kevin Bowie as the clinician. Clubs are strongly encouraged to send their instructors to this seminar.
 - iii. Kris Gerald reminded clubs to try and use a local National Examiner to conduct C2 tests to help bridge the gap between the C2 and C3.

- iv. Clubs are also encouraged to share the dates of their certifications with the other clubs in the Region in case there are kids in other clubs who would like to join that test.
- v. Virginia Region is hosting an HB test on June 27th.
- vi. The original national riding test for our Region in August was declined by USPC because Carolina Region is doing one that weekend. The Council prefers the alternative dates suggested of August 15-16, Aug 22-23 and then Sept 5-6.
- e. HMO – *Brian Smith*
 - i. There will be a new HM Rulebook in 2015.
 - ii. The HM Seminar is coming up in March. Brian Smith encouraged any youth member to submit a teaching topic to present, and also parents to do the same if they have something to present related to pony club.
 - iii. There will be HM Trainings this year. The first was completed in January and was well-received.
- f. Champs – *Lisa Woods, Champs Coordinator*
 - i. The hotel for Champs has been booked
 - ii. The Region will be more strict about exemptions this year.
 - iii. Lisa Woods requested help from the Council with the following:
 1. Organizing the pizza party
 2. Ordering polo shirts and saddlepads
 3. Coach “handler” to help make sure they are fed and taken care of during competition
 4. Having a photographer before the opening ceremony
 5. Organizing the prep picnic meeting (venue, food, and team building games)
- g. Regional Supervisor – *Carolyn Lorenzen*
 - i. Carolyn Lorenzen asked for a volunteer to lead the Youth Board. She noted that the kids have some great ideas, but need a leader and mentor.

VI. Call for Nominating Committee

- a. The following Council members were voted to comprise of the Nominating Committee for 2015:
 - i. Lisa Woods
 - ii. Carrie Camp
 - iii. Tracy Sandberg

VII. Open Forum

- a. Jennifer Carpenter would like to have a Grant Committee formed

- b. Anne Williams would like to know what each club is doing for fees and payments. Survey to be circulated.
- c. Update on Charitable Solicitation – It was suggested that if clubs are receiving less than \$5,000 in donations from the public then you do not need to register.

VIII. Adjourn

- a. On motion to adjourn made by Krystal Wilson, which was duly seconded by Staci Kapinos, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Williams (BRHPC), Regional Secretary