

VIRGINIA REGION PONY CLUBS  
Regional Council Meeting  
February 13, 2016  
Warrenton Visitor Center

IN ATTENDANCE	
Regional Supervisor	Carrie Camp (DRHPC)
Vice - Regional Supervisor, Activities	Lisa Woods (LHPC – Jt. DC)
Vice - Regional Supervisor, Administration	Absent
Treasurer	Carolyn Lorenzen
Secretary	Anne Williams (BRHPC - DC)
RIC	Cathy Frederickson (BRHPC)
HMO	Vicki Fox
Regional Communications	Cindy Shelberg
BRHPC	Proxy through Anne Williams, DC
CFPC	Gina Nelson
CWPC	Jennifer Carpenter, DC Erin White, Joint DC Angela Cooney, Joint DC Laura Cooley, Treasurer
DRHPC	Gale Winfree, DC
DRPC	Absent
DVPC	Traci Sandberg, DC
GGPC	Diane Fanta, DC
LHPC	Margaret Good, DC Michelle Johns, Joint DC Lisa Woods, Champs Coordinator
MBFRC	Tori Hutchinson, CA
MOCPC	Lori Freeman, DC Krystal Wilson Campbell, Jt-DC
ODHPC	Michelle Arnold, Secretary
RBPC	Melissa LaVallee, Treasurer
RCPC	Absent
SARC	Pamela Smith, CA

**Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions – *Carrie Camp, RS*
  - a. Carrie Camp called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. A quorum was established.
  
- II. Annual Meeting Report – *Carrie Camp, RS*
  - a. “Take- Aways” from Annual Meeting:
    - i. Horse Management – *Vicki Fox, HMO*
      1. There will now be a new rulebook every year.

2. Vicki Fox would like to see a Regional HM Team which would be made up of representatives from each club. Each representative would act as a conduit to the HMO reporting about HM happenings at the local club level.
3. Fox reminded everyone to do the concussion, heat, and safety trainings. Fox recommends that everyone do them so there are many people trained at rallies.
4. Fox would like to enhance the HM webpage. If you have any ideas, please email them to [foxfamily@aol.com](mailto:foxfamily@aol.com). Fox will set up an HMO address later.
5. Camp added that USPC would like to see an increase in HM scores so there may be some changes coming. We will follow whatever the current rules are.

ii. Training – *Jennifer Carpenter, DC of CWPC*

1. Jennifer Carpenter was pleased to report USPC's commitment to officer training. USPC has funded a program to send Jennifer Sweet from USPC to train officers in regions. Camp added that that initiative will be generated by USPC, not the Region.

iii. Regional Management – *Carrie Camp, RS*

1. Camp noted that the annual meeting inspired her to call more meetings throughout the year (as opposed to the two (2) we currently have).
2. Camp hopes that more meetings will provide more opportunities for rally analysis and to review policies that are created. Camp hopes these meetings could be confined to 2-3 hours. These could also involve leadership training. Some ideas:
  - a. Have clubs host them to make travel easier;
  - b. Phone or video conference calls;
  - c. Have a moderator at each meeting.
3. Camp asked each club to email her with possible locations if they were to host.

III. Review of November 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes

- a. MOTION: Krystal Campbell Wilson moved to approve the November 7, 2015, Meeting Minutes as submitted. Cathy Frederickson duly seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

IV. Membership Report – *Carolyn Lorenzen for Dawn Bellinger and Aldona Petraitis*

- a. Every year we start off with about 100 members and we end the year with about 350 members.

- b. A question was posed as to why USPC takes so long to process memberships. Carolyn Lorenzen did not know the answer, but reminded the Council that it's probably only one or two people processing applications at USPC. She reported that by March 2016, the USPC website will be completely finished and functioning which should help.
  - c. Lorenzen reminded the Council that the website requires Chrome or Mozilla Firefox and to always call Cindy Shelberg or Aldona Petraitis if you need help.
- V. 2016 Calendar – *See Attachment "A"*
- a. National Certification dates have been approved. No specialty certifications right now. Consult with neighboring regions.
- VI. Activities Report – *Lisa Woods, Vice RS – Activities*
- a. Lisa Woods referred the Council to review the minutes from the Rally Organizers Meeting.
- VII. RIC Report – *Cathy Frederickson – RIC*
- a. *See Attachment "B"*
  - b. Cathy Frederickson raised the question if it was a conflict of interest for members of the RIC Committee to hire themselves (as National Examiners) to teach Regional preps. Camp stated that she feels comfortable with it because they are only paid to teach, not to be on the RIC Committee. The Council, by consensus, agreed.
  - c. Lori Freeman offered to provide a COI form for Regional Records.
  - d. Cathy made a plea for the Council to submit nominees for the Academy of Achievement and National Youth Congress. Each Region can submit two (2) nominees.
  - e. Reminders:
    - i. Once upper level members make the commitment to take a National test, remember that it is the member who gets the certificate. You have to educate and then let the candidates be who they will be. They need to "bump their noses a bit" and gain the certifications at their own rate.
    - ii. If we keep the kids motivated, the tests will be worthwhile. They really do open a lot of doors.
    - iii. Sign up on the website for spring activities.
    - iv. February 28<sup>th</sup> is the "Demystifying National Tests" Seminar. It's for everyone – parents, instructors and candidates.
    - v. There are new HB cards which are slightly different.
    - vi. There are new re-test standards online.
    - vii. There is a new HA standard in 2016.

- f. Frederickson suggested that at least one prep be mandatory for a candidate taking a national test. She notes that usually the candidates who have never been before a National Examiner are the ones who don't do as well.
- g. Specialty tests have a high failure rate right now. Frederickson suggests that C2 Specialty tests have a NE conduct the test which begs the question of whether the Region should be offering it.

VIII. HMO Report – *Vicki Fox, HMO*

- a. Vicki Fox reported that she is compiling a database for AHMJ's made up of graduate members. She asks that clubs send her names. HM will still request volunteers from those who sign up, but they will be supplemental to those in the database.
- b. Fox would like to see Impartial Observers at all rallies this year to assist with HM.
- c. Fox reported the new payment policy for AHMJ's that was decided upon at the Rally Organizers Meeting earlier in the day: Non-members, \$40/day and no mileage; Current Pony Club Members, \$0.35/mile up to \$40 day and no daily fee.
- d. 2016 Champs will be at Trion. There are not a lot of places to stay and not many hotels nearby. Consensus of the Council is for the Region to book rooms and we'll fill them first come, first serve so have your campers ready. Fox will look into a tractor trailer to transport if it's needed.

IX. Budget – *Carolyn Lorenzen, Treasurer*

- a. *See Attachment "C"*
- b. Carolyn Lorenzen reported that overall the budget looks good.
- c. Lorenzen noted that in 2015, we budgeted to spend about \$10,000, but we only ended up spending about \$400. It is noteworthy, however that we made about \$10,000 at the Annual Meeting.
- d. Notes on the Budget:
  - i. Rallies: We spent about \$9,000, which was over budget, and participation was low, we had over-qualified judges, high expenses. We should be breaking even and certainly not making money on rallies. We are here to supplement the activities of kids.
  - ii. National Certifications: We voted to give kids a \$50 subsidy for their first National Test, but it's not reflected in the Budget. Will amend.
- e. Annual Meeting: By consensus, the Council agreed that the Region will pay \$650 per Regional Council Officer to attend Annual Meeting.
- f. International Exchange: \$150 will go towards the USPC Fund for International Exchanges.
- g. Request from CWPC – *See Attachment "D"*

- i. CWPC is seeking funds for the Prince Phillip Cup. It would be a violation of our 501(c)(3) status to give directly but CWPC could auction off Rolex tickets that were given by the Region. Cathy Fredrickson moved to allow that to occur. Erin White duly seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.
- h. PayPal
  - i. Because of the fees (~\$2 per transaction) we lost \$1,500 last year. We will now add \$2 to every entry, etc. to cover the fee.
- i. Preps – prices are listed on the budget.
- j. Polocrosse & Games Rallies
  - i. In 2016, the Region did not charge an out of Region fee for those rallies.
  - ii. Erin White moved that in 2017, there is no out of Region fee for Polocrosse and Games. Angie Cooney seconded the motion.
    - 1. Discussion: White noted that these disciplines do not have high expenses and an increase in fees would discourage attendance. However, Virginia Region attendees were in the minority of those who competed in 2015 (15 out of Region and 12 in Region). The motion went to a vote and did not carry. There was substantial confusion as to who was remaining and eligible to vote.
  - iii. It was then noted that perhaps all Pony Club members pay the in-Region rate, but non-USPC pay the out of Region rate. Therefore, Jennifer Carpenter moved for USPC members to pay \$62 and non-USPC members pay \$87. Gina Nelson seconded the motion. Motion went to a vote and carried.

X. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Williams (BRHPC), Regional Secretary

Virginia Region Pony Clubs  
Rally Planning Meeting  
9 am - 11:30 am  
&  
Regional Council Meeting  
Saturday, February 13, 2016  
1 pm to 4 pm  
Warrenton Visitors Center  
33 North Calhoun Street, Warrenton, VA

**AGENDA**

**9 - 11:30am: Rally Planning**

This meeting is for all Rally Hosting Club DCs/CAs and their Rally Secretaries and Organizers. This is a planning meeting/training for all rally organizers.

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Expectations, rules and guidelines when planning a rally
- Discuss Rally Invites and Process
- 2016 Rally Schedule/Venues/Clubs
- Discuss planning status and key dates for each Rally
- Identify Rally resources (Chiefs, TDs, Judges, etc) and appropriate fees
- Next Steps and Action Items

**1 - 4pm: General Regional Council Meeting**

Regional Council to discuss and finalize plans for 2016. DCs/CAs are expected to attend the Regional Council Meeting from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Club leaders (joint-DCs/CAs, Treasurers, Secretaries, etc) are encouraged to attend, and all VRPC members are welcome to attend, but not required. Agenda:

- Around the Room Introductions
- Annual Meeting Report - we will also include new information from AM throughout the meeting
- Approval of 11/2015 Minutes
- Membership Status Report
- 2016 Calendar
- VRS Activities Report
- RIC Report
- HMO Report
- 2016 Champs Plans
- Treasurer Report - Update Budget if Necessary
- RS/Administration Report
- Identify 2017 Nominating Committee
- Open Forum/Best Practices

# Attachment A

VRPC 2016 Calendar - v3 02/13/2016

Sat, Jan 2		Sun, Apr 3	Morven Spring HT
Sun, Jan 3		Sat, Apr 9	Games/Polocrosse Fun Day, CWPE HM Seminar?
Sat, Jan 9		Sun, Apr 10	
Sun, Jan 10	Gymnastics Clinic BRHPC	Sat, Apr 16	DRHPC HT
Sat, Jan 16		Sun, Apr 17	Polocrosse Rally, Great Meadow CWPE Upper Level Mounted Prep
Sun, Jan 17	Gymnastics Clinic BRHPC	Sat, Apr 23	
Sat, Jan 23		Sun, Apr 24	
Sun, Jan 24		Sat, Apr 30	LHPC HT
Sat, Jan 30		Sun, May 1	LHPC HT
Sun, Jan 31	Gymnastics Clinic BRHPC	Sat, May 7	VRPC Dressage Rally at DRHPC
Thu, Feb 4 - Sat, Feb 6	USPC Annual Meeting, Orlando	Sun, May 8	VRPC Dressage Rally at DRHPC
Sun, Feb 7	USPC Annual Meeting, Orlando	Sat, May 14	
Sat, Feb 13	VRPC Regional Council Mtg.	Sun, May 15	Upper Level Mt. Prep.
Sun, Feb 14		Sat, May 21	CWPC Polocrosse Clinic
Sat, Feb 20	Horseless Rally SRPCRC	Sun, May 22	Polocrosse Rally at Great Meadow, The Plains
Sun, Feb 21	RBPC Open Ground School	Sat, May 28	Memorial Day Weekend
Sat, Feb 27	Quiz Rally, The Falls Church RBPC	Sun, May 29	Memorial Day Weekend
Sun, Feb 28	Upper Level Prep Demystified	Sat, Jun 4	VRPC Show Jump Rally at Morven Park, Leesburg
Sat, Mar 5	USPC HM National Seminar	Sun, Jun 5	VRPC Show Jump Rally at Morven Park, Leesburg
Sun, Mar 6	USPC HM National Seminar	Sat, Jun 11	MOCPC HT
Sat, Mar 12		Sun, Jun 12	MOCPC HT
Sun, Mar 13	CT Frying Pan Park, RBPC	Sat, Jun 18	VRPC Eventing Rally at Glenwood MOEPE ODHPC
Sat, Mar 19	*Spring Break	Sun, Jun 19	VRPC Eventing Rally at Glenwood MOCPC
Sun, Mar 20	*Spring Break	Wed, Jun 22	Upper Level Prep ✓
Sat, Mar 26	*Spring Break Games/Polocrosse Fun Day - CWPE	<del>Sat, Jun 25</del>	<del>??D3-Rally? ODHPC</del>
Sun, Mar 27	*Spring Break	Sat, Jul 2	
Sat, Apr 2	Morven Spring HT	Sun, Jul 3	

\*Note Spring Break for Loudoun, Prince William, Fairfax, Arlington, Fauquier counties March 21-25;  
DOES NOT Cover all Schools in our region.

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Wed, Jul 6	Upper Level Prep		
Sat, Jul 9	Great Meadow Intl CIC3	Sat, Oct 8	D1/D2 Rally SAPCRC
Sun, Jul 10	Great Meadow Intl CIC3	Sun, Oct 9	BRHPC Paper Chase
Fri, Jul 15	H-B Certification		
Sat, Jul 16	H-B Certification	Sat, Oct 15	
Sun, Jul 17	H-B Certification	Sun, Oct 16	
Wed Jul 20	Upper Level Prep		
Sat, Jul 23		Sat, Oct 22	
Sun, Jul 24		Sun, Oct 23	
Wed, Jul 27 -	USPC Champs, Tyron	Sat, Oct 29	Games Rally
Sat, Jul 30	International Equestrian Center, Mills Spring, NC		
Sun, Jul 31	USPC Champs, Location TBD	Sun, Oct 30	
Fri, Aug 5	Nat'l Certifications C-3/B		
Sat, Aug 6	Nat'l Certifications C-3/B	Sat, Nov 5	Regional Council Meeting
Sun, Aug 7	Nat'l Certifications C-3/B	Sun, Nov 6	
Sat, Aug 13	MOC CT	Sat, Nov 12	
Sun, Aug 14		Sun, Nov 13	
Sat, Aug 20		Sat, Nov 19	
Sun, Aug 21		Sun, Nov 20	
Sat, Aug 27	LHPC HT	Sat, Nov 26	
Sun, Aug 28	LHPC HT	Sun, Nov 27	
Sat, Sep 3		Sat, Dec 3	
Sun, Sep 4		Sun, Dec 4	
Sat, Sep 10	Tet Rally, Glenwood Park	Sat, Dec 10	
Sun, Sep 11	Tet Rally, Glenwood/WARF	Sun, Dec 11	
Sat, Sep 17	SAPCRC Bluemont Fair	Sat, Dec 17	
Sun, Sep 18	SAPCRC Bluemont Fair	Sun, Dec 18	
Sat, Sep 24	RBPC Combined Test	Sat, Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Sun, Sep 25		Sun, Dec 25	Christmas
Sat, Oct 1	Morven Park HT	Sat, Dec 31	
Sun, Oct 2	Morven Park HT	Sun, Jan 1	New Years' Eve

Things to add:



# Attachment B

RIC Report for Virginia Regional Council  
February 13th 2016

Feb 2016 Annual Meeting Report  
National Youth Congress and Academy of Achievement

Spring Activities

Upper Level Testing Demystified Sunday Feb 28th, John Barton Payne Bld. Warrenton

Mounted Preps April 17th, May15th, June22nd, July 6th and 20th  
Unmounted Preps TBA

Inter Regional Relationship ODR, Capital, Maryland

National Tests approved. HB July15-17 at Jarvandi Farm  
C3, B Traditional Aug 5-7 at Glenwood Park

What are the club needs? Survey?

Develop larger Instructor and Facility list.

Any interest in a Youth Board? Who will mentor?

Standards and Certification clinic in the fall?

RIC Committee

Cathy Frederickson, Mary Schwentker, Paula Horne, Carolyn Lorenzen, Nicole Gnozzio, Jocelyn Cole,  
Kris Gerald

# Attachment C

## Membership Figures:

Year	#	Dues
2008	361	\$20
2009	368	\$20
2010	347	\$20
2011	351	\$20
2012	347	\$20
2013	347	\$20
2014	347	\$20
2015	328	\$20

## Account Balances:

	Checking	PayPal	Total
12/30/2007	\$29,933.77		
12/30/2008	\$24,892.57		
12/30/2009	\$24,853.87		
12/30/2010	\$14,167.46		
12/30/2011	\$31,804.07		
12/30/2012	\$31,711.25		
12/30/2013	\$28,118.34		
12/30/2014	\$22,705.62	\$9,659.51	\$32,365.13
12/30/2015	\$20,157.81	\$12,614.34	\$32,772.15

## Difference Budget vs Actual

### 2015 Plan

### 2015 Actual

## Revenues:

	2015 Plan	2015 Actual	Difference
Membership Dues	\$7,000.00	\$6,699.00	(\$301.00)
Horsemasters Dues	\$60.00	\$0.00	(\$60.00)
Fund Raising	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
Annual Meeting Auction	\$0.00	\$10,456.00	\$10,456.00
<b>TOTAL Revenue:</b>	<b>\$7,560.00</b>	<b>\$17,315.00</b>	<b>\$9,755.00</b>

## Expenses:

	2015 Plan	2015 Actual	Difference
Administration			
Audit	\$150.00	\$0.00	(\$150.00)
Bank Fee	\$10.00	\$9.00	(\$1.00)
Membership (corp d	\$394.00	\$200.00	(\$194.00)
Regional Meetings	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$150.00	\$210.00	\$60.00
Website/Software	\$1,500.00	\$1,174.99	(\$325.01)
Advertising	\$300.00	\$0.00	(\$300.00)
Annual Meeting	\$4,500.00	\$879.00	(\$3,621.00)
Assets/Equipment	\$500.00	\$421.00	(\$79.00)
Saddle Pads	\$500.00	\$424.00	(\$76.00)
Awards/Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Charity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Prix Award	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
NYC	\$450.00	\$150.00	(\$300.00)
Int'l Exchange	\$300.00	\$0.00	(\$300.00)
Awards	\$150.00	\$127.00	(\$23.00)
Championships	\$0.00	\$855.00	\$855.00
Horse Management	\$400.00	\$47.00	(\$353.00)
Horsemasters	\$60.00	\$0.00	(\$60.00)
Insurance	\$250.00	\$320.00	\$70.00
Junior Board (restricted)	\$220.00	\$0.00	(\$220.00)
Seminars & Training	\$450.00	\$0.00	(\$450.00)
Nat'l Certifications	\$500.00	\$2,089.00	\$1,589.00
Rallies	\$3,000.00	\$9,490.00	\$6,490.00
Clinics	\$500.00	\$546.00	\$46.00
Upper Level Preps	\$2,500.00	\$607.00	(\$1,893.00)
Annual Meeting Hosting	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
<b>TOTAL Expenses:</b>	<b>\$18,484.00</b>	<b>\$17,748.99</b>	<b>(\$433.99)</b>
difference	<b>(\$10,924.00)</b>	<b>(\$433.99)</b>	

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**Adopted  
2016  
Budget**

**Revenues:**

	2015 Actual	Adopted 2016 Budget
Membership Dues	\$6,699.00	\$7,000.00
Horsemasters Dues	\$0.00	\$100.00
Fund Raising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$160.00	\$0.00
Annual Meeting Auction	\$10,456.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL Revenue:</b>	<b>\$17,315.00</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>

**Expenses:**

	2015 Actual	Adopted 2016 Budget
<b>Administration</b>		
Audit	\$0.00	\$150.00
Bank Fee	\$9.00	\$10.00
Membership (corp dues/bkgr)	\$200.00	\$350.00
Regional Meetings	\$200.00	\$200.00
Supplies	\$210.00	\$150.00
Website/Software	\$1,174.99	\$500.00
<b>Advertising</b>		
Annual Meeting	\$879.00	\$6,600.00
<b>Assets/Equipment</b>		
Saddle Pads	\$424.00	\$500.00
<b>Awards/Donations</b>		
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Grand Prix Award	\$0.00	\$0.00
NYC	\$150.00	\$500.00
Int'l Exchange	\$0.00	\$600.00
Awards	\$127.00	\$150.00
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Horsemasters	\$0.00	\$100.00
Insurance	\$320.00	\$250.00
Junior Board (restricted)	\$0.00	\$440.00
Seminars & Training	\$0.00	\$450.00
Nat'l Certifications	\$2,089.00	\$1,500.00
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<b>TOTAL Expenses:</b>	<b>\$17,748.99</b>	<b>\$22,150.00</b>
difference	(\$433.99)	(\$15,050.00)

**2016 Rally Fee Structure: Prep & Clinic Fee Structure for 2016:**

Quiz & Hor:	\$15	HB Prep \$25/session or \$50/all
D1	\$30	1 day \$75
D2 D3	\$30	2 day \$150
Tet	\$60	
Games	\$60	
2 day	\$120	

add \$25/dt for Non Member or Out of Region

# Attachment D



annewilliams81 &lt;annewilliams81@gmail.com&gt;

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**VRPC PPC Team**

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Virginia Carpenter <vaprince12@gmail.com>  
To: Anne Williams <annewilliams81@gmail.com>  
Cc: Carolyn Lorenzen <cslorenzen@aol.com>

Sun, Feb 28, 2016 at 10:41 AM

Dear Mrs. Williams,

Here's the letter I sent to the region for you to include in the minutes of the board meeting. The team thanks the board for considering the request and for the ROLEX tickets if the are offered by USPC.

Virginia Carpenter  
(703)508-1472  
& We Got Game! VRPC team, Grace, Ronald, Rachael, Scott Jr

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Virginia Carpenter <vaprince12@gmail.com>  
**Date:** January 30, 2016 at 11:40:53 AM EST  
**To:** carriecamp@fairfieldfarm.com  
**Cc:** vrpctreasurer@gmail.com, millwoodequestrian@gmail.com, annewilliams81@gmail.com, lisawoods65@gmail.com, bellingerdr@gmail.com, cshelberg@gmail.com, kelly.vidunas@oracle.com, jennijnbg@gmail.com, Ronald Borta III <rtborta@yahoo.com>, Grace Hecker <grace.hecker@yahoo.com>, Karen Hecker <karen.l.hecker.civ@mail.mil>  
**Subject:** VRPC PPC Team

Dear Mrs. Camp,

I US mailed this response to Mrs. Lorenzen's inquiry about supporting our Virginia Region Prince Phillip Cup team. Please consider our request at the next VRPC board meeting.

Thank your for inquiring about how the VRPC board can support Virginia Region Pony Clubs mounted games team, *We Got Game!*, traveling to Kentucky Horse Park in April of 2016 to participate in United States Pony Club Prince Phillip Cup. Please share our request with the board.

This mounted games exhibition competition takes place during the Rolex 3-Day. Prince Phillip Cup competitors age 10 to 15 have proven themselves as skilled riders in mounted relay races, horse management, and teamwork. By placing first at USPC Championships 2015 in Junior Games, *We Got Game!* earned the honor of representing the Virginia Region to the world equestrian stage. We've been preparing with practices, mini camps and competitions to be on top of our game.

We Got Game! is seeking sponsors to help pay for team expenses totaling about \$1370.00. That amount does not include each rider family's travel, trailering, and hotel expenses and the modest \$150.00 Kentucky Horse Park entry fee already paid to USPC Activities Services Director.

At our first mini camp January 1-2, 2016, we planned and started decorating the 15 rider gift bags that the PPC competitors exchange at the opening pizza party at the USPC national office, home of the engraved silver Prince Philip Cup. Art teacher and We Got Game! mom, Katie Bailey, is leading the creation of 2016 PPC commemorative fired bisque plates (\$160.00) that we are hand painting at our next mini-camp date in March for the gift bags. We have also made USA painted batons. Virginia peanuts and team photo item will complete the Virginia theme gifts. A 16th gift bag is given to the high profile eventing rider on our team at Friday's Celebrity Round: Competition Round 1 of 3.

Coach travel and hotel expenses, and coaching fee is about \$650.00. Team jackets are costing about \$100.00 each including the 5 embroidered logos; Prince Phillip Cup featuring UK and US flags, USPC, team name, region and rider names.

Please consider funding our trip in any amount. A Go Fund Me account has been set up and can be found at: <https://www.gofundme.com/wegotgame>

Donations by check can be mailed to my address and made out to Jennifer Carpenter, a team parent representative. Donations to specific USPC teams are not tax deductible and cannot be made to clubs.

We Got Game! is looking forward to educating VRPC members about Prince Philip Cup at upcoming region events with our display and by selling horse treats with PPC tags. PPC, Presidents Cup, and international exchanges are some of the earned lifetime experiences that make Pony Club worth continuing to pursue. We hope to inspire others and be engraved on the Prince Philip Cup for 2016.

Thank you for considering,

*We Got Game!* Virginia Carpenter, Grace Hecker, Ronald Borta, Scott Carpenter Jr, and Rachael Bailey

Virginia Carpenter  
703-508-1472  
Live, Love, Ride