

VIRGINIA REGION PONY CLUB Regional Council Meeting

November 10, 2012; Warrenton Visitor's Center; 9:00 a.m – 2:45 p.m.

Call to Order, Introductions, Quorum

Present:

Appendix A. VRPC Regional Council Attendance.

VRPC RS - Maggie Compton; **VRPC RS-E/HB Prep Coord** - Victoria Fox; **VRPC RS-A** - Jennifer York; **VRPC RIC** - Jennifer Mosle (also MOC JtDC); **VRPC HMO** - Brian Smith; **VRPC Sec** - Cady Soukup;

BRHPC DC Anne Williams; **BRHPC C Coord.** Terri T Catlett

CWPC DC Jennifer Carpenter;

CFPC DC Jennifer Fedorchak;

DRHPC DC Dana Lesesne;

DRPC DC Susan Murdock; **DRPC Rally Coord** Barb Suidikas;

DVPC DC Traci Sandberg; **DVPC JDC** Brian Sandberg;

GGPC DC Diane Fanta;

LHPC DC Margaret Good; **LHPC JDC** Michelle Johns; **LHPC Treas** Lisa Woods

MOCPC DC David Quanbeck; **MOCPC** Debra Stehly;

MBFPCRC ACA Staci Kapinos **MBFPCFC** Cindy Shelberg **MBFPCRC** Carolyn Lorenzen

ODHPC DC Debbie Welch;

RBPC JDC Nicole Gnozzio **RBPC DC** Leslie Pitcher; **RBPC VRPC Youth Council** Samantha Pitcher; **RBPC VRPC Youth Council** Katherine Pitcher;

SARC Admin Pamela Smith; **SARC Parent** Susan Fisher

USPC Nominations Committee Mary Ann Turner (*Appendix A. Attendance.*)

Quorum established: 13 PC/RC represented, 6 VRPC officers present.

Proposed VRPC Council Agenda

Appendix B. Original VRPC Council Meeting Agenda.

1. VRS Activities Report

Jennifer York

3-Year Rally Spreadsheet: Jennifer York presented a spreadsheet for Rally participation by Rally, Fee, number of Entries, Expenses, and Profit/Loss for 2010, 2011, 2012 and estimates for 2013 (*Appendix C*). There is one typo in the fee for Eventing Rally in 2012 - \$100 (rather than the \$50 shown in the spreadsheet). Participation is down – total 550 in 2010, 510 in 2011, to 386 in 2012. Some participation level fall-off is expected the year after Festival, but the numbers seem more dramatic .

Maggie Compton noted that VRPC did use money allotted for Rallies. Jennifer York suggests the fees. Generally the VRPC Fall Council Meeting can nail down the Quiz Rally fee, but works on the rest of the Rally Fees at the February meeting. By the end of 2012, we will know how well the budget worked out. It could be that we can continue with the same 2012 Rally fees in 2013.

Jennifer York commented that the membership has stayed the same, but Rally participation has gone down. General discussion ensued as the Council meeting participants reported what they were

seeing in their clubs that resulted in fewer rally participants in 2012. Maggie Compton stated that VRPC did not have to break even on the rallies – this year, the Rallies were given \$2000.

Further discussion on the fees for various rallies – Debra Stehly reported that California region Show Jump rally fees are as high as \$250, and Eventing as high as \$300. Jennifer York said that other regions typically have a \$30 fee for Quiz Rally. There is food for the officials, hospitality, fee for the facility, and much more. Clubs are also working harder to coordinate ratings together rather than running them on their own. Maggie Compton said that there are a lot of requests from other PC Regions inquiring as to ratings dates – she refers them to the VRPC Web Site.

PROPOSED

Anne Williams moved and Leslie Pitcher seconded:

VRPC keeps the 2013 Quiz Rally Fee as \$15

Unanimous approval to keep 2013 Quiz Rally Fee at \$15.

2. VRS Education Report

Vickie Fox

Upper Level Prep. Vickie Fox presented a summary page of the upper level preparatory sessions (*Appendix D*). There were 45 participants in HB sessions, 22 participants in the HB Mock Test, 28 participants in the SJ Clinic.

There are more details in the Appendix report. Of the VRPC candidates for upper level certifications, a good number were able to rate up. There were also participants from other Regions (some for retesting) who were not as successful as VRPC members. Numbers for participants and retesters from other PC Regions were not available.

Dana Lesesne reported that the Upper Level Prep was super productive for their members, and everyone passed their prep level after camp. She strongly encourages upper level PC member participation in upper level prep camps.

HB Prep Sessions: Vickie Fox reported that there were 45 participants total, they had great presenters (they're trying hard to get the same ones again, they were so good).

2012 December Morven Park Mounted Upper Level Prep: currently scheduled for Dec 26-27, trying to move it to Dec 27-28 or Dec 28-29 so as not to conflict with family Christmas Day plans. They recommend at least strong C-1 level riders. There will be jumping, no cross country, dressage, longeing, bandaging practice. Riders can stable their horses there – the mid-week fee is \$20 a night, the weekend fee is \$40 a night. It's a good preparation for the C3 test. It will be indoors so it is not weather dependent.

Mock HB Test: Scheduled for 2013 March 16

USPC Retest Center for October Ratings. For the past several years, VRPC has hosted a National Ratings Test in October – it has been very popular, but it is a great deal of hard work. In September, VRPC was told that there would be 40 participants but when October 15 comes around, after paying for flights and fees for examiners, most of the participants from other Regions dropped out. USPC charges a fee and pays for the examiners airfare and fee. VRPC charges a fee and pays for hotel, local transportation, and food for the examiners, food for the candidates, and the facility fee. USPC collects its fee up front, but VRPC has to ask for it after the candidates are assigned to our test. We ask for it in advance, but almost never get it until the day of the test. Those who withdraw don't pay the region fee, but we are still stuck with all the same expenses, resulting in financial loss for the region. We typically only have 2 or 3 VRPC candidates at the October rating.

A long, free-wheeling discussion commenced concerning how best to handle the existing October Ratings and its requirements and/or to move away from hosting the October Ratings. There are other Regions that may be able to host a ratings event, or there are other possible venues in VRPC area (other than Morven Park) that might be able to handle the ratings without the heavy fees and logistics required. In October 2012, 26 riders showed up for the test with at least 13 more who needed to retest one or more portions of the full rating – and there were few VRPC riders (3). At the last minute, they needed IO's and much more to be able to handle the tests. Riders are assigned to the test from all over the East Coast.

Carolyn Lorenzen suggested negotiating with nearby Regions (Capitol, Maryland) to see if any of them might be willing to host the October ratings. She also suggested that we talk with the USPC concerning both hosting the test and a way to get the fees. October is a popular time for retesting (current retesting must be done the same year as the original test) but also a very difficult time for older upper-level riders who are away at college, and who are unable to keep up with their riding. Carolyn is willing to take the leadership role in starting these discussions.

Mary Ann Turner suggested that we decide whatever VRPC needs to get from USPC, write it all up, and give it or send it to the USPC officials at the annual meeting (several: Head of Testing, President, Head of Instruction, more) so that after the National Meeting they can go home and read it. Otherwise, they will forget.

Proposed Clinics for 2013. Looking at the testing sections that are hard to pass, VRPC would like to host clinics on longing and bandaging – even go to a facility and request the use of their horses for a clinic. Debra Stehly will ask Marian Theros about her facility as a possible location for a clinic. Another high-fail area is switch riding, looking into a switch-riding clinic. There is also a need for a 'How to Teach' clinic – for both mounted and unmounted lessons. The HB sessions begin January 12. The Show Jumping Clinic will be April 13.

3. Regional Youth Council Report

Samantha Pitcher gave the Regional Youth Council Report:

Proposed By Laws

Eligibility – 2 representatives plus 1 alternate from each Pony Club / Riding Center (suggested at least 13 years old).

Officers – Chair – Samantha Pitcher; Co-Chair of Volunteers; Co-Chair for Social Activities; Co-Chair for Fundraising; Secretary; Treasurer.

They are geographically diverse so meetings have been hard. They started a Google Group and a Facebook page; quite a few are in contact with each other via email, web page interactions, and phone calls.

Elections are planned for the spring, to go for 1 year (so they do not lose officers to college).

There are plans for increasing regional opportunities for fox hunting, teaching clinics so younger members can bring their horses to be taught by older members, for longeing and bandaging clinics.

Maggie Compton strongly suggested that they work closely with Vickie Fox, RS-Education to accomplish their goals for clinics. She also noted that they have a budget, which is a VRPC line item (\$220) plus the outcome of the 2012 Quiz Rally Silent Auction.

Jennifer Carpenter would like to be provided contact information as it is a struggle to get young people to teach, as stable managers, and as lower-level instructors for summer camp. She sent out

emails and called young members and had one response. Susan Murdoch wanted to know if Jennifer Carpenter had contacted the members directly, and she replied that it was mostly a request through VRPC.

Samantha Pitcher said that the next challenge was to get members to the VRPC Council meeting 2013 February 19th. Maggie Compton requested that the DCs/Clubs and Riding Centers provide the names of the representatives from each club to the RS prior to the meeting by mid-January 2013.

Mary Ann Turner stated that the USPC National Youth Board requires a 2-year term of their members. The Regional Youth Board may not want that level of commitment. At the National level, they do not want all the members to be new every year as it reduces what they can accomplish.

There was a discussion of representatives from one club who move to another club – generally, a Regional Youth Council representative is representing the club, not the individual rider. If a rider moves to another club, they will need to become a representative from the new club.

Jennifer Carpenter would like the RYB to maintain a contact list of older members who are at college or otherwise not as active as they were previously. She would like to bring in more young adults as volunteers in the window after college graduation but before marriage commitments.

4. HMO Report

Brian Smith

2012 started slow with no HM Seminar (cancelled for lack of participation), a very small Horseless Rally. However, he has brought in new (Provisional) Chiefs, which is good news.

HM at Rallies: The year's Rallies went well – good competitors, good horse care, good PC member performance. Having HM volunteers on every entry form has been excellent. It's brought in fresh blood. He would like to see more PC graduates and older PC members also work HM at Rallies. They are great to work with, but they seem to have evaporated this year.

Jennifer Carpenter pointed out that this is another thing for which she would like to have a contact list of PC graduates to get them to participate more in PC events.

HM Background Check, Safety Training: Deb Stehly asked whether Background Checks are required for HM participants. Brian Smith replied that they are not required yet, but they will be required. Diane Fanta asked about Safety Training for volunteers. Maggie Compton replied that it was also not required yet. Carolyn Lorenzen asked if anyone had been tasked with developing a database of PC graduates in the Region? They are likely getting the USPC quarterly newsletter, so it shouldn't be too hard to find them. Diane Fanta asked if PC graduates would be adequate as IO's. Leslie Pitcher replied that – to speak on behalf of the older PC members – they were very busy and we shouldn't assume that they would be available for events as needed.

HM Assistance from PC Graduates: Mary Ann Turner stated that the USPC does have a database of members but it is not easy to get the information out of it. If a club knows of graduates in the Region – and it's at the club level that they keep in better contact with their members – it's a great idea to ask them directly.

Maggie Compton suggested that every club could make a list of their graduates and their contact information. Carolyn Lorenzen said she would be willing to put the list together. Mary Ann Turner responded that she can ask the USPC to run a list of the graduates in the Region for which they have records.

Safety Training USPC: Debbie Welch asked about Safety Training – when is it due? Where is it done? How does one sign up for it? Carolyn Lorenzo pointed out that there is a link on the USPC

web site – you must have a login to get to it and the link will show in the profile. Maggie Compton reminded everyone that as of November 15, everyone must log in to the USPC web site to get information.

Brian Smith said that the HM Rulebook is also available on the VRPC web site – one must have a password to get them (contact Brian if needed). He also has hard copies available if needed.

Jennifer Carpenter recommended that the HM Seminar be held prior to the Quiz Rally to help members prepare. Deferred to calendar discussion.

5. Champs Procedures/Duties/Updates

Carolyn Lorenzen (outgoing Champs Coordinator)

Handouts: There are 4 pages of handouts (Appendix 5): 2012 VRPC at USPC Championships in Lexington, VA, July 26-29. There were 25 riding competitors, 25 horses, 3 Quiz competitors, 4 stable managers, 2 coaches (lower than 2011) representing 8 Clubs and 1 Riding Center. There were competitors in Dressage, Eventing, Games, Quiz, Show Jumping, and Tetrathlon. Most teams were scrambled (except for Beginner Novice Eventing, Novice Eventing, Junior Games, Tetrathlon teams). VRPC successfully manned the USPC Information Tent. Details of who won which events is in Appendix 5, pp 3-4.

VRPC ordered new saddle pads for Dressage – they were very nice with both USPC and VRPC logos. There was discussion about the saddle pads, who did them, how to obtain them for 2013, pricing, more. Recommend ordering more saddle pads for 2013, possibly selling logo saddle pads. Lisa Woods is the Champs Coordinator for 2013. A spreadsheet of items, condition, numbers and Identification for the Champs items provided in Appendix 5, p.2,

Recommendations for 2013: a fun social event (timing is tough!); have someone coordinate all the schedules to keep at the VRPC tent and to hand to the VRPC photographer.

The total income for Champs was \$20,026.00. The total expenses were \$19,565.81 (some coaching expenses were defrayed by participants from other Regions who provided unexpected coach reimbursement to VRPC). The Profit was \$460.19.

Mary Ann Turner reminded everyone that the Champs in 2013 will be from July 24-28 in Lexington, VA. It's a good idea to make reservations soon, and to make them by name rather than by Pony Club, as there was confusion last year about other Pony Clubs taking rooms assigned to VRPC pony clubs. They do have hotels assigned by region.

6. VRPC Web Site

Dawn Bellinger (not present, report read by Maggie Compton)

Dawn Bellinger wants to encourage everyone to look and use the new VRPC web site. It is no longer hosted by USPC, so there are many new things that are being and that can be done with it. The new hosting site is more flexible. Please take the time to make suggestions to Dawn Bellinger for improvements/edits if needed.

There are from 400-600 unique visitors each month. VRPC gets requests from other Regions for club-level tests as well as national-level tests, it's easy to refer them to the web site. However, clubs and riding centers need to put their information on the VRPC web site so it is accurate.

Debra Stehly said that she spend quite a lot of time on other Pony Club Region and Pony Club web sites. The Mid South Region has a nice site. Every rally invitation is posted online and can be filled out online. It would be nice to have online forms for VRPC. Debra would be happy to help Dawn

design online forms. The region has set up payment via PayPal, is looking into the ways to accept payment for rallies in a way that does not require PayPal.

Leslie Pitcher stated that paying dues online is a mess this year.

Mary Ann Turner noted that it's best – especially for out-of-region users – to have What, When, and a specific Contact for questions.

Debra Stehly wanted to know about Show Jump Rallies and their schedules and how they would be presented online. Maggie Compton encouraged her to contact Dawn Bellinger directly.

7. Approval of Minutes of February 2012 meeting

Appendix 3. Accepted Minutes of Feb 12, 2012 meeting

Leslie Pitcher moved, Dana Lesesne seconded acceptance of 2012 Feb 12 meeting minutes as written. Unanimous vote to accept minutes.

11:20 Lunch break.

8. RIC Report

Jenn Mosle

Standards & Ratings. Plan an early (winter/spring) session at Frying Pan park in March, teaching plus the Horseless Rally for younger participants.

Ratings Clinic Resources. We are seeing 'decent' use of online reporting for tests. Six clubs have reported (there are 10 clubs and 2 riding centers). There is a tab on the VRPC web site to report on the tester, the venue, how the test worked out. We are getting tons of calls related to testing. Four clubs put down when they had tests. However, the feedback is that it's frustrating to schedule testing, get participants, and then get dropouts. If there is any way to keep the numbers up, give us good ideas. The web site allows you to sort by dates so you can see where tests happen and when. It makes it easier to share testing with other groups.

Maggie Compton pointed out that we often get questions about testing from other PC regions. Jenn Mosle encouraged every group to put down their testing dates even if they don't have an assigned tester yet. Pamela Smith wanted to know which were the most sought-after tests? Jenn Mosle replied that it was the D3-C1 levels (as reflected in numbers in the membership report). She also cautioned that the PC member's parent must not be the impartial observer (IO) for a test. Groups need to have true IO's, a qualified tester, and the member(s) taking the test for every legitimate test. Jennifer Carpenter wanted to know what the information questions were about the test. Jenn Mosle said that it was on the form, there are comments sections, a longer form than before. It doesn't take too long to fill it out – perhaps 15 minutes or less? There is the Name of the member being tested, the name of the examiner, where and when the test occurred, how long it took to do the test. Do not submit old tests – just new ones! You can leave sections blank if needed. The information is NOT open to the public, you must contact Jenn Mosle to get the more sensitive information on a need-to-know basis. Maggie Compton pointed out that as the Region's demographics change, it becomes imperative for more groups to cooperate in testing and events. She said that we submitted the testing to USPC, which turns around and gives it to the Region, then submitted to Dawn Bellinger for the roster.

9. VRPC Nominating Committee – New VRPC 2013 Officers

Anne Williams (DC, BRHPC), Debra Stehly (MOC), Jennifer Carpenter (DC, CWPC)

Proposed 2013 VRPC Officers:

Regional Supervisor Carolyn Lorenzen;
Secretary Maggie Compton;
Treasurer Valerie Page;
RS-Education Victoria Fox;
RS-Activities Debra Stehly;
RIC Jennifer Mosle
HMO Brain Smith;

Council vote: Unanimous vote to accept slate as presented.

10. Membership

Dawn Bellinger (not present, report read by Maggie Compton)

Appendix 7. 2012 VRPC Membership Report, Nov 10, 2012 November

Members: VRPC currently has 346 members in 10 clubs and 2 Riding Centers. Membership ages range from 5 to 24, with the largest population between 10-13. Ratings vary from Unrated to A with the largest group between D3 and C1.

Electronic Membership Forms: 2012 has been a transition year from paper to online/electronic forms. There will be separate VRPC web site logins for Regional Officers and club/riding center DCs.

Please remember to check the VRPC web site regularly!

Dawn expects the Club/Riding Center DCs to keep all information current on the VRPC web site. Email Dawn to learn how to correct and update it.

Diane Fanta wanted to know if members renewed online, does VRPC get the information and fees? Maggie Compton was not sure if VRPC gets the information or how it's done. She hopes USPC still continues to provide paper copies of membership forms to VRPC, or possibly will forward online forms & fees. VRPC needs to have region dues from each member.

Participation in Rallies is down – discussion of how membership ages break out in several clubs/riding centers. Discussion of rally timing during the year – the Dressage Rally numbers are way down, perhaps because it happens on Memorial Day weekend. It was pointed out that the rally has been on that same weekend for several years, and 2012 is the first year with such a poor turnout. If the region were to change the date to the Fall (Memorial Day weekend is the only weekend available at Morven Park) and possibly another venue (several possibilities were discussed), it would be necessary to have 2 Dressage Rallies in one year so members can Qualify for Champs.

It was suggested that we have a 2-Day Qualifying Rally and a 1-Day Non-Qualifying Rally so that there can be more participation at lower levels, and participants do not have quite so much 'down time' between rides. Jennifer Fedorchak suggested the Rosemont facility in Fredericksburg as a suitable venue. Maggie Compton pointed out that there is no group near Fredericksburg that could help with the logistics. Pamela Smith suggested Upperville as a possibility. Maggie Compton noted that the ideal interval is at least 3 weeks between rallies. We cannot go past May-June for Qualifying rallies as the qualification cut off date is usually around July 4. Carolyn Lorenzen took

on the task of researching the current Morven Park contract and its changes, and looking at a change of date/venue for 2014.

11. Calendar Updates

Appendix 9: Proposed Draft 2013 VRPC Calendar.

February 16: HM Seminar

February 24: Quiz Rally - Feb 24

March 9: HB Prep

March 23: Frying Pan Park – Horseless Rally/Standards & Ratings

March 30-31: Horse Trials at Morven Park – volunteers needed

April 13: Show Jumping Clinic at Morven Park

May 4-5: Frying Pan Park ?Hunter Derby? Event

May 18-19 & August 2-4: HB Test (request from USPC)

Hunter Derby Event Discussion: Traci Sandberg to head up the logistics and planning– hopes are for an event attractive enough so publicity to the region’s hunter barns would bring in new members. Day 1 could be a Hunter equitation clinic with space for outside riders. Day 2 for Pony Club riders and coaches. There is a problem of physically constructing a course as it would require tractors to set up. Frying Pan has a new, enthusiastic Equestrian Director (Nick) who seems to be on board with new types of events to bring in a new population. Tell Jenn York to keep the date, request a contract from Nick.

Rosemont facility in Fredericksburg: may be available for an April 6-7 event, but it needs to be examined and logistics worked out.

Other Calendar Discussions: Other events and priorities (longeing and bandaging clinics, getting outside assistance for setting up courses, more), are to be discussed and researched in preparation for the February 2013 Regional Council Meeting, at which the full 2013 calendar will be presented and voted upon.

12. Treasurer’s Report

Appendix 11. VRPC 2013 Preliminary Proposed Budget

Valerie Page (not present, report handed out & read by Maggie Compton)

2013 Draft Budget. The budget is a ‘talking budget’ rather than a proposed budget. It will be updated and finalized at the end of 2012, and the full 2013 proposed budget will be presented at the Regional Council Meeting in February.

Additions & Corrections: Add Assets & Equipment \$500 (for saddle pads for Champs); the Silent Auction receipts from the 2013 Quiz Rally go to the Regional Youth Board.

Fee for Administration have gone up a bit: increased to \$1000 for administration costs; \$300 for Advertising; \$4000 for 4 people to go to the USPC Annual Meeting to account for checked baggage (which did not used to be necessary). There are new assets that were above what was originally budgeted – new radios and equipment for the Tetrathlon Rally. There was an unexpected profit from Champs.

Have not sorted out all fees, for example the Glenwood facility donation is a Rally expense, but it has not been figured out where it goes quite yet, nor has it been paid yet.

The Champs Grand Prix award, given as an incentive for upper level riders in the Prelim team, is \$500. There was no Prelim team this year. Discussion of award in February 2013.

Regional Youth Board

PROPOSED

Jennifer Mosle moved & Nicole Gnozzio seconded

The Regional Youth Board will be the organizer and the beneficiary of the Quiz Rally Silent Auction fundraiser.

Vote: Most voted for the motion, Jennifer Carpenter opposed the motion.

Discussion: Jennifer Carpenter stated that most young people need parents as advisors/guides. We have asked them to do specific things that have not been done. They still need handholding.

Jennifer Fedorchak volunteered to be the Regional Youth Board Advisor for 2013.

The RYB will be responsible for organizing the Silent Auction at the 2013 Quiz Rally. They will need to plan to be at meetings held at the same time as Regional Council meetings. They must document their activities, their responsibilities. Jenn Mosle noted that the RYB members are motivated, excited by possibilities, but there is little follow-through.

Maggie Compton would like to see the RYB do something – a Region party, a clinic, an information booth, possibly at the Frying Pan Park Hunter event to which the public has been invited. They have \$1000 for 2013 – they could even recruit new members. With the volunteering of Jennifer Fedorchak as RYB advisor, a consensus accepting the motion was reached.

Audit. Carolyn Lorenzen wants to present getting a professional audit as a priority. Maggie Compton noted that it's best to have an audit whenever the Regional Supervisor or the Treasurer change; it is now a good time for an audit. There was a discussion of where to go and who to ask to find out the best way to get an audit. Carolyn Lorenzen agreed to pursue getting this done.

Games Trailer. Casanova-Warrenton PC had been granted \$500 in 2012 towards the purchase of a Games Trailer for equipment for the Games Rally. Instead of CWPC purchasing a trailer, the Carpenter family arranged to purchase and maintain the trailer. Jennifer Carpenter agreed to return the \$500 to the region. CWPC will request reimbursement fees for trailer rental for those times it is needed. In 2012, it was used at the Games Rally, the Presidents Cup, and the Rolex event.

13. National Youth Congress

USPC National Youth Congress. Katie Lorenzen was approved as the VRPC representative. VRPC is able to send 4 representatives to the USPC annual meeting. The USPC 2013 annual meeting will be in Westminster (Denver), CO from January 22-27.

14. USPC Information

USPC Mission Statement. Membership fees pay only 60% of activities, so it is imperative that members donate to the annual fund. When USPC receives a grant proposal, they look at how many of the club/riding center adults/parents donate to the national organization as one of the factors in granting the request.

USPC Scholarships. Mary Ann Turner encouraged older PC members to take advantage of USPC scholarships. They are not being used. They are not entirely only for horse-related studies. Further information is available on the USPC web site. Deadline to apply is March 31.

15. Thank you!

Jennifer York will no longer be the Regional Supervisor for Activities. Many thanks to Jenn for her hard work over the past 3 years to create very successful Rally programs.

Maggie Compton is stepping down after 4 years as Regional Supervisor, although she will continue to serve as the Secretary. Thank you for all your hard work at every possible level Maggie!

Cady Soukup will no longer be the Secretary. Thank you Cady! Maggie Compton will take over the position as she also acts as advisor to Carolyn Lorenzen, the new RS.

Adjourn

Virginia Region Pony Club

Regional Council Meeting

November 10, 2012

AGENDA

8:45 a.m. Registration

Deposit club reports and dues in file

9:00 a.m. Call to Order

Introductions, establish quorum

Review February 2012 meeting minutes (by email), approve

Regional Reports:

Membership: online options

Vice RS Activities: rallies, comparison of last 3 years, fees, proposals for 2013

Vice RS Instruction: national certifications, clinics, mounted preps, HB Preps

RIC: club ratings, instructors, raters, proposals for 2013

HMO: staffing, recruiting, training, club education, proposals for 2013

Champs: attendance, proposals for 2013

Web site: updates to web site, proposals for 2013

RS/Administration: membership, drop in participation- what it means for 2013,
proposals for 2013

Treasurer's Report

New Business

Budget 2013

NYC representative confirmed

Report from Regional Youth Board

Calendar 2013

Clubs: camps, HT, CT, fundraisers (sign up sheets)

Region: rallies, HB Preps, certifications (should we keep the Oct test?), meetings,
preps(proposals for 2013)

USPC: Annual meeting, Denver (Westminster), CO, January 22-27, 2013;

Champs July 24-27, 2013, Virginia

Nominating Committee Report, election of new officers

Volunteer Obligations: Morven Park Horse Trials

Announcements:USPC value and annual fund donations

Awards

Open Forum: club best practices, PR for clubs and region

Adjourn

Proposed for Discussion: VRPC 2012 CALENDAR**January**

5-6
 12 HB Prep
 19 HB Prep
 23-27 USPC Annual Meeting -CO

February

2 HB Prep
9 VRPC Regional Council Meeting
16 HM Seminar
24 QUIZ RALLY, Middleburg

March

2 HB Prep
 9 HB Prep
 16 Mock HB; CWPC Alley Cat Games
23 Horseless Rally/Stds&Certs Clinic?
 30-31 Morven Park Horse Trials (*volunteers*)

April

6
 13 Show Jump Clinic
 20 BRHPC HT
 27-28 LHPC HT

May

4-5 Hunter Derby @ Frying Pan Pk?
11-12 SHOW JUMP RALLY
 18-19 HB Test??
25-26 DRESSAGE RALLY, Morven

June

1-2 XC clinic
 8-9 DRPC HT
15-16 EVENTING /D3 RALLY Glenwood
22 D1-D2 RALLY

July

6-7
 14 Champs Prep
 16-18 Upper Level Mini Camp?
24-27 USPC Champs, Lexington, VA

August

3-4 HB Test,
 10-11 C3/B Test, Glenwood ??
 17 (*Tet Rally?*)
 24-25 DRPC HT
 31 LHPC HT

September

1 LHPC HT
 8
 14
21-22 TETRATHLON RALLY?
 28-29 Middleburg HT

October

4-6 Morven Park HT (*volunteers*)
12-13 C3/B/A Test Morven Park?
 19
26 GAMES RALLY Great Meadow

November

2
9 VRPC Regional Council Meeting
 16
 23
 30

December

1
 7
 14
 21
 28-29 Upper Level Prep, Morven Park

