Northwest Regional Board Meeting

September 24, 2017

Panera Bread, Tacoma Mall

Meeting called to order: 2:38pm

**Attending:** Gabi England, Alishia Hornburg, Julie Mowbray, Ann Shideler, Jennifer Sweet, Tricia Stewart Black

**Secretary’s Report:**

Minutes from previous meeting were sent out by email. Published on NW website.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Cathie at EI.

Discussed need to budget more this year for Championships.

**RIC Report:**

Upper level meeting will take place January 6, 2018 at Federal Way Library.

Standards & Certs will be done at HM camp at Miracle Ranch during the “Mega Weekend” February 24-25.

The plan is to have two different groups for Standards & Certs: D1-C2 and HB-A.

This year the goal is to have two preps instead of one prep and 1 camp for upper level members. Looking to have the first prep in April at Woodbrook stables (same location as last year), and second prep either the 14th or 21st of July.

HB & HA prep need club to sponsor – likely Skagit Valley.

Upper level riding examination dates are complicated this year by Championships West, which will be occurring August 6-12. Considering Labor Day weekend (Sept 1-2 2018). Discussed asking Oregon Region if they would be interested in taking on the dressage specialty test, as they have good access to Deavonwood.

HB Test – considering early in July or Late August for the examination. Location possibly Meadowgate Farm in Stanwood.

Logo Contest is ongoing.

Report on upper level tests: HB – All but 2 candidates passed, 2 must retake portion(s), HA – 2 passed, 1 unknown, C3 traditional – all passed, 1 must retake lunging, B – 2 candidates, neither passed, A – 1 withdrew due to horse lameness, 1 passed but needs to retake flat switch ride.

**HMO Report:**

Brian will be the HM judge for SJ rally October 21-22.

There are 22 teams entered as of today.

HM Seminar at Miracle Ranch is February 24-25. Working on a budget.

**Old Business:**

There was some confusion with the HB exam in terms of having a club to help. Next year need to plan ahead and make certain there is a club already set up and ready to help. Might be a way to link those who sign up for taking the HB test to parent volunteers.

Cost of local certifications was discussed. Best for clubs to be very clear before hiring an examiner what the total cost will be.

Discussion about the desirability of online payments for all regional activities. This is an ongoing issue. Considerations include fees that are sometimes associated with the service (PayPal).

**New Business:**

Calendar for 2018 known dates:

January 6 – Upper level exams information meeting Federal Way Public Library 12-3

January 24-28 – USPC Annual Meeting in Louisville Kentucky

February 24-25 – HM Camp/EBTH/Leadership Meeting (DC Retreat)/Standards & Certifications

March 10, 2018 – Quiz Rally

Need firm dates by Annual Meeting for other events.

Julie and Ann will be visiting a farm in the Rochester area that is looking to become a Riding Center, this Friday.

Need to get NYC delegate application out to the clubs. Delegate will be announced at the Annual meeting on November 4.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:09pm