

Northwest Pony club Region  
February 13, 2021  
Meeting conducted via zoom

*Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM by Julie Mowbray, RS*

**Clubs Present:** *Cascade Reins, Emerald Hills, Equitese, Narrows, Olympus, Peninula, Rainier, San Juan County, Warm Beach Horsemanship, Chehalis Valley, Skagit Valley, Gaby England, Julie Mowbray, Jennifer Sweet, Whidbey Island- **A quorum is present.***

Review & Vote on Minutes (prepared and emailed in advance)- Sarah Doyle

**Motion was made to approve the minutes from November 7, 2020, with a correction that the regional dues should be changed to \$25 for new members in 2021. Motion made by Jennifer Sweet, seconded by Angela Filer. All in favor, none opposed.**

- Election of Region Treasurer

**Motion was made to elect Jennifer Sweet as Region Treasurer for 2021. Motion made by Angela Filer, seconded by Patrick Eaton. All in favor, none opposed.**

- Treasurer's Report- Elected Officer

The region currently has \$34,668.34 in the bank. Of that, \$5,353.12 is in the championship Fund, \$1,648 Jean Moyer Foundation, \$503.07 in the Youth Fund. Anticipates that she will have all the tax and year end documents closed up for 2020 and will be moving into 2021.

- RIC Report- Jordan Beckingham

March 13<sup>th</sup> is the Standards and Certifications seminar with Asia Thayer. The goal of this seminar is to educate all trainers who wants to be an examiner to know the standards expected for each level. Still working to determine time. Anticipates a 4-hour zoom meeting.

Jordan strongly encourages clubs to fill out their examiner/candidate evaluations. These are important so that she knows how the certification and examiner performed, especially if there is a dispute. She encourages clubs to copy test sheets and keep a binder of these test sheets, then give the candidate original. You do not need to send the RIC the test sheets. These certification forms are under the documents/forms tab on the Northwest Region website. They will be updated on the NW region website with her current address [Northwest Forms & Information \(ponyclub.org\)](http://Northwest Forms & Information (ponyclub.org)).

- UL Testing Update- Angela Filer

Angela put in for the UL riding portion. It will take place August 2-5th at the Washington Horse Park in Cle Elum, WA so that riders can spread out for COVID safety. It has been accepted by Nationals. HB will take place August 13-15 @ Grand Farms in Vaughn, Washington. This has not yet been accepted by Nationals.

- HMO Report- Alishia Hornburg

Alishia is working on doing a virtual HM Seminar (4 hours). Has topics in mind from the 2021 Virtual Equine Symposium. She is talking to the national office about getting access to those sessions. She is anticipating that it will take place during the last weekend in March or the first weekend in April. Alishia will send the date and information to Sarah Doyle to add to the NW region calendar.

Alishia let us know that Nationals has opened the 2021 Virtual Symposium so that you can register, if you hadn't in January. The videos and sessions are now available to watch freely.

She wanted to make DCs aware that a lot of HM is available on the Pony Club website (Pony Club Connects and Lesson Plans). Pathway: [Member Resources for Horse Management - The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.](#)

- Rallies/Championships/Festival 2021- Gabby England

Virtual Rides for show jump and dressage will not be accepted as exception rides. For Championships, they are going back to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to qualify. The two qualifiers for NW region members are Showjump or Tet Rally. Qualified members are already on the list and will be notified for championships in May. If members want to get an exception to go to Champs, they need to go to the DC and the DC will bring it forward to the RS. To get information on how to qualify, [Procedure for Requesting Exceptions, Substitutions and Comparable Events.pdf \(ponyclub.org\)](#). Make Gaby aware of any members interested in going to Championships.

A club can host a small rally as an opportunity for clubs to qualify. Resource for hosting a rally, [Layout 1 \(ponyclub.org\)](#). At the very bottom, it has the recommendations and qualifications for COVID19 to hold a rally. If a club wants to hold a rally, they need to contact Gaby England (VRS) and Alishia Hornburg (HMO). \*\*Need to have a chief HM judge to hold a rally, contact Alishia to provide you with a list of chiefs. Even non-qualifying rallies need to know how to score and the HM Handbook.

Ellen is looking to set-up a qualifying Tet Rally. Gaby and Ellen are working to see if that is a possibility.

Donida and Evergreen showgrounds were the possibilities- we need 15 teams to make a rally pencil out. Tentative idea of a Showjump Rally in October 23/24. Awaiting pricing at Evergreen fairgrounds from Megan Hartness.

Oregon and Inland Empire have in-person rallies on their calendars (limited to 50 people).

- Election of Nominating Committee

-Nancy Katzer, Mt. Peak PC  
-Shannon Seldal, Carbon River PC  
-Erick Martinson, Narrows PC

**Motion was made by to approve the nominating committee by Patrick Eaton, as proposed. Motion was seconded by Angela Filer. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carries.**

- New Business

Northwest Region has a new facebook market page. Christy Loe is the facebook moderator for the region. If you want to get on the page [\(2\) NW Region Pony Club Sales | Facebook](#). Considering using Instagram as a platform to reach out to members. Handle is @nwponyclub.

Youth board trying to form a small group of members to plan youth summit for the Fall. If you have upper level members (HB and above) and 16 years and old. Julie Mowbray will pass emails on to the chairs.

***Motion was made by Angela Filer to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Alishia Hornburg. All in favor. Meeting was concluded at 6:22 pm.***

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Doyle*