

Northwest Pony Club Region
November 6, 2021
Annual meeting conducted via zoom

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am by Julie Mowbray, RS

Clubs Present: Bainbridge Island (Olivia Tobin), Baywood (Rachel Akins), Carbon River (Shannon Seldal), Cascade Reins (Claire Chappel), Chehalis Valley (Alishia Hornburg), Emerald Hills (Angela Filer), Equitese (Emmeline Hopkins), French Creek (Cheryl Bracken), Hilander (Donna Longacre, Shirley Noble), Kulshan Ridge (Kimberly Cobb, Heather Tiszai), Lincoln Creek (Lynn Mahoney), Maplewood (Megan Hartness), Misty Mountain (Jennifer Smith, Wendy Hsue), Mount Peak (Tami Perna-Prather), Narrows (Erika Martinson), Olympus (Patricia Haley), Peninsula (Donna Cemulini), Ranahan (Anna Swanberg), San Juan County (Lee McEnery), Skagit Valley (Alice Hansen), Sunset Valley (Trisha Hurtado), Warm Beach Horsemanship (Lisa Tremain), Woodbrook Hunt (Melissa Humphrey, Ellen Leckrone), Jennifer Sweet, Julie Mowbray, Jordan Beckingham, Gabby England, Laura Hammond.

23 Clubs Present, Quorum Present.

Review & Vote on Minutes: **Kim Cobb moved to approve the minutes as written for Regional meeting dated February 13, 2021. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Bracken. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carries.**

State of the Region: Julie Mowbray gave a brief overview of the year. The Show Jump rally went well. We had 20 teams which was a good showing. San Juan for the first time in 14 years had an all San Juan team and won. Julie asked that all the clubs finish up their year-end requirements and if anyone needs help contact Julie directly.

RIC Report:

Jordan Beckingham reported on the UL tests conducted in August 2021. The HB at Grand Farms, had 6 candidates, 1 full, and 5 retests. The full HB has to retest one section and the 5 retests passed.

Mounted UL testing was conducted at the Washington State Horse Park. C3 - 1 passed, 1 - retest, 1 DNMS and 1 B DNMS.

Jordan also gave the following dates for future events:

Dec. 4, 2022 - Standards and Certs with Asia Thayer

Jan. 8, 2022 - UL orientation - All those thinking about taking an upper level test should come

Survey - The RIC will be sending out a survey soon to DC's and potential candidates to find out interest in the region. She asked everyone to please watch for the survey and fill it out.

Upper-level Testing:

Angela Filer gave the proposed dates for the 2022 upper level mounted and HB exams. All dates will be determined by Nationals acceptance.

Mounted August 15-18: Washington State Horse Park

HB Grand Farms TBD: Possible date Aug 5-7

Angela also gave a brief report on the 2021 tests. The candidates all liked the Horse Park and said that the whole test was very relaxed.

Erika Martinson and Narrows PC were thanked for their hard work organizing the HB.

Financial Review:

Jennifer Sweet sent out all the financial reports ahead of the meeting. Jennifer gave a brief explanation saying that we were ahead of budget. The budget was then reviewed. There was a question on a line item for the Horse Management camp. Because of covid the HM camp did not happen in 2020. Donna Longacre asked if the region would consider offering stimulus money to clubs putting on D rallies. It was discussed that if the clubs knew that they could come to the region for financial help if needed, that they might be more willing to put on a rally. Julie Mowbray explained that the board would help the clubs with a budget so that they can hopefully break even. That rallies were not traditionally a money maker. But that clubs could come to the board individually for financial help if needed. It was suggested that a new line item be added to the Regional budget of \$500.00, under rallies specifically for clubs putting on rallies.

Jennifer Sweet made the motion to accept the Budget as modified with a line item of \$500 for rallies put on by clubs. Motion was seconded by Donna Longacre. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carries.

2022 Calendar & club commitments:

Julie asked that the clubs commit to help at some of the Regional activities. Some examples were put on a quiz rally, D rally, drive examiners, IO National exam, hospitality at rallies. We had several clubs sign-up for jobs on the chat.

Megan Harness mentioned that she would be glad to help any club that wanted to put on the quiz rally. The venue was discussed. It was suggested that maybe there would be two, a south and a north quiz rally. It was also suggested that a location somewhere in the middle of the region would be more convenient. No decisions were made.

National Youth Congress:

Julie Mowbray announced that the 2022 National Youth Congress delegate for the Northwest Region will be Olivia Timmerman. She gave a short explanation of what the Delegate will be doing at the convention on Jan 26-30. Julie also outlined the requirements to become a National Youth Congress delegate so DC's could think about possible future candidates in their clubs.

HMO Report:

The Region is trying to facilitate a Horse Management seminar again this year. The seminar has been held at Miracle ranch in the past but they have not responded for this year's availability. Alishia Hornburg explained that the weekend is a chance for every certification to learn new HM skills as well as education classes for Region leadership. Alternative venues and options were discussed, Panhandle camp, multiple smaller venues north and south, no decisions were made.

Rallies/Championships:

Gabby England gave a brief explanation of Champs and Festival.

For the Show Jump rally, we had a great turnout of 20 teams. She announced that the 2022 Dressage rally is being worked on and the possible venue will be Donida on April 23-24 or maybe May 21,22. She will keep everyone posted. There will be a D dressage rally in conjunction with the Qualifying Dressage rally like the previous rally.

Show Jump Rally for 2022 is tentatively scheduled for Oct 21-23 2022.

Ellen Leckrone announced that the Tet Rally is being scheduled for June 4.

Gabrielle again asked that all the clubs think about putting on a D rally of any kind or a quiz rally.

It was mentioned that members can participate and qualify in Rallies hosted by other regions for example Oregon and Inland Empire. Julie also mentioned that if you are Qualifying, the other regions do not forward the results to Julie so it is the responsibility of the member to get that information to her.

Safe Sport, ™ Training/Leadership requirements:

There was a long discussion about Instructor/volunteer requirements. As of Jan 1, 2022 all Instructors and volunteers will be required to get a Background check and take the Safe Sport modules. It was generally decided that this was for Instructors and volunteers that worked with the members on a regular basis.

This new requirement will also be required of members 21 years of age and older. Those members 18 to 20 years of age will not be required to have a background check but will need to complete the Safe Sport modules.

Julie Mowbray then explained that Nationals should send out an email to all members who need these requirements.

She also explained how to request from Nationals an email be sent to their Instructors and Volunteers to complete the requirements or upload proof of completion.

On your profile page there is a link "Manage Volunteer".

There was a concern that Instructors may be hesitant. It was pointed out that the reason for these new rules is the safety of the youth. It was also brought to everyone's attention that after your instructor/volunteer goes through this process they will have access to all of the Pony Club resources on the Pony Club website. This might be an incentive.

Election of NW Regional leaders:

Erika Martinson, representing the 2021 Nominating committee, presented the slate of officers to the DC's as follows. RS - Julie Mowbray, VRS - Angela Filer, VRS - Shannon Siedel, Treasure - Jennifer Sweet, Secretary - Sarah Doyle, HMO - Alisha Hornburg, RIC - Christy Nolting

A motion was made by Ellen Leckrone to accept the slate as presented. Motion was seconded by Kim Cobb. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carries.

Exceptions:

Julie Mowbray explained that an exception had to be voted on for Angela Filer and Shannon Siedel because they are also DC's.

Ellen Leckrone made a motion to make an exception for Angela Filer and Shannon Siedel. The motion was seconded by Sheryl Bracken. All in favor, none opposed. Motion was approved

New Business:

-Pony Club may host the 2022 Annual Meeting.

- The question was asked if the Annual Meeting would again be held by zoom. Everyone liked zoom. It was then suggested that the meeting may be done half and half. Those wanting to come in person and those wanting to attend by zoom. No final decisions were made.

- Regional Dues are required to be paid by the end of this year.
- The question was asked if the board was planning on attending the Convention in January and who would be going. Those required to go are the RS, VRS's, Treasurer, HMO, RIC and National Youth Congress Delegate.

Donna Longacre moved to Adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Sheryl Bracken. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Filer, NW Region Vice RS