

Northwest Pony Club Region
April 10, 2022
Council meeting conducted via zoom

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm by Julie Mowbray, RS

Clubs Present: RS (Julie Mowbray), Treasurer (Jennifer Sweet), Secretary (Sarah Doyle), Emerald Hills (Angela Filer), Equitese (Emmeline Hopkins), Cascade Reins (Clare Chapple), Whidbey Island (Sonja Ringsrud), Rainier (Jennifer Brenes), Kathryn Bouchard, Jean Guthrie, Narrows (Erika Martinson), Mount Peak (Nancy Katzer), Emily Edison, Kulshan Ridge (Erin Furda), Chehalis Valley (Alishia Hornburg), RIC (Christy Nolting), Briarwood (Haley King), Hilander (Donna Longacre), Tami Perna, Carbon River (Shannon Seldal), Sunset Valley (Donna Mitchell), French Creek (Sheryl Bracken), Baywood (Rachel Akins), Assistant-RIC (Laura Hammond)

18 Clubs and Leaders Present, Quorum Present.

Julie introduced and welcomed the newest Riding Center in the Region, Gamble Creek Stables.

Review & Vote on Minutes: **Sonja Ringsrud moved to approve the minutes as written for Regional meeting dated November 6, 2021. The motion was seconded by Donna Longacre. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carries.**

Treasurers Report: \$42,367.05 in the bank. There is a new center, Gamble Creek, and Jennifer is in receipt of \$450 of regional dues that will be deposited this week. There are still clubs that have not paid regional dues for 2022. Jennifer will reach out to them next week and copy Julie on the email.

RIC Report: Christy Nolting went through the calendar to let DCs know of events coming up. Laura Hammond is the RIC assistant and has been wonderful to work with. There are 8 people signed up for virtual HA prep. Still have C1 and C2 virtual preps to come. Mounted prep will be at Washington State Horse Park. Inland Empire is looking at ½ eligible members participating in the mounted prep. We currently only have 2 sign ups from NW region. They did call off an examiner to break even. Christy has been in touch with the Horse Park and they are very cautious about EHV-1 and they are doing everything they can to make it a positive experience. The examiners are extremely skilled and friendly. The RIC always sets space aside for upper-level members to be guaranteed a spot, that is now over, so if clubs have C2 or C1 candidates that want to get in front of a national examiner, they can sign up.

Christy and Laura have been having trouble securing an examiner for HA prep. There is a ½ day HB prep on June 18th. Important reminder: Candidates need to sign up 12 weeks in advance for test or there is a late fee.

Christy said virtual offerings have been really successful this year. Please email or call Christy if you have any feedback. In-person prep events have been lower in attendance. Laura put together a lunging/bandaging clinic with 8 sign-ups. The Region wants to have our members attend these clinics as much as possible since this is an area that has a high failure rate.

Clubs putting together instructional events for candidates should work with RIC. Christy reminded us that any upper-level members that send a video in of their riding to the national office will get free feedback from a national examiner.

Club level testing evaluations should be sent to Christy or Laura. They are talking about offering an online option for submitting evaluations. Jennifer said the national office did have an online option, but it still wasn't utilized by clubs. Julie said we really do need the I/O evaluation. DCs could take a picture of the evaluation and text/email to Laura Hammond.

Donna Longacre likes to monitor the preps for what they are teaching and expectations at certain levels since they can often change. Do we ever allow DCs or instructors to attend preps as a silent auditor? Christy thinks that is a great idea for DCs to attend and would embrace having them join. Christy also said that instructors would likely be happy to send the presentation to DCs. If you are a leader as well as a member prepping, Laura said that she would expect them to pay.

Donna Mitchell asked about where you can sign up for national exams. You can sign up online and pay online.

VRS, Report- Upper-level Testing:

Angela Filer gave an update on UL Testing. Upper-level eventing will take place at Washington Horse Park- Aug. 15-18; The testing offered will be B-eventing, B-dressage, C3-eventing, C3-dressage. The region didn't have enough

sign-ups to do an HB. Oregon may put in for an HB eventing. The drop-dead date for candidates to sign-up for the test is May 23rd.

VRS, Report Rallies/Championships:

French Creek did a great job hosting quiz rally! Great attendance! Emily Edison gave some stats from quiz rally. The rally had 66 competitors, 18 teams, 5 novice D, 12 Junior D, 1 senior D, 30 people qualified for champs. Julie got to see a lot of happy faces. We need to bring some C's to future quiz rallies to keep them competitive! Sarah will post qualifiers to the website.

D SJ rally was held in Enumclaw with 5 teams. The HM portion provided lots of learning opportunities. Rio Mowbray was the chief and everyone loved her!

SJ Rally date will be the third weekend in October. Likely October 21-23.

HMO Report: Alishia Hornburg gave an overview of the HMO role. Alishia and the Region just put on HM seminar. We have really exciting ideas for next year. From November-January, she works on getting instructors for the seminar. She also hires chief HM judges and staffs the regional rallies. We are in need of trained assistant HM instructors- please send anyone passionate about HM to Alishia to get them trained up for HM at rallies. She really wants to develop another big, nice list of volunteers for HM. She likes volunteers to work a ½ day. Anyone who shows good people skills (kids and adults).

Dressage Rally on May 20th, Janet Carr is coming down from Canada as the Chief HMO. For Tet Rally on June 4th, Alishia Hornburg will be the Chief.

If there are clubs wanting to host a D rally, please contact Alishia to let her know who would be the interim chief for the rally. She can also help you bring in someone who is on a regional list. This will be very important in scoring. We want consistency.

Julie says the region is really needing and wanting UL members to be involved. They can contact Alishia or Julie and it is a great opportunity to get them engaged and dedicated to the program.

Election of NW Regional Nominating Committee:

The committee as selected: Jessica Bran (Olympus), Anna Swanberg (Ranahan), Sonja Ringsrud (WI PC)
A motion was made by Donna Mitchell to accept the slate as presented. Motion was seconded by Donna Longacre. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carries.

New Business:

- **Dressage Rally update:** Meghan Hartness will try to get the dressage rally out this weekend or early next week. She was waiting on confirmation of judges.
- Donna Longacre asked if there is a C2 test in the works? Julie is not aware. DCs can let Christy and Laura know if they are hosting one so they can pass it on to Donna Longacre. To do a C2, make sure we have good quality examiners that know the standards. C2 can be done at the club level. Erika Martinson is doing a C2, you are welcome to email her and she can keep clubs in the loop as she has a testing weekend more solid (first (6) or second (13) Saturday in August @ Grand Farm in Vaughn). The region is willing to help put energy toward Erika's C2 testing. Alishia reminded Erika that there is a recommended limited amount of participation for C2. Her recommendation is do one full-day testing on Saturday and one full-day testing on Sunday. Christy mentioned that the website has information on how to put testings together and is willing to send it to Erika.
- **Reminder:** Local examiners are now required to have background checks and SafeSport. Julie, Christy and Laura can get a list to DCs so that we know who has a background check and SafeSport.

Donna Mitchell moved to Adjourn the meeting at 5:57 PM. Motion seconded by Donna Longacre. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Doyle, NW Region Secretary