

REGIONAL BOARD MEETING August 1, 2016
Location: Aspen Farm

In Attendance: Cathie Farr, Alishia Hornburg, Julie Mowbray, Ann Shideler, Tricia Stewart Black, Jennifer Sweet

Meeting called to order 10:14am by Julie

Treasurers Report- Cathie

Budget is on track for this year--have not lost money as much as we thought – many events under budget:

Prep clinic on budget (helped that we had only 1 clinic this year, not two).

Champs 2016 budget was not spent.

It was decided to help cover the entry for champs. \$100 each will be sent to the two NW participants who went to Champs: Tanner Kooistra and Anna Horner.

Still have bills to pay for Upper Level Camp, but should be close to budget.

YOUTH BOARD Julie

Jordan Beckingham is acting as advisor and member this year.

The group is planning for 2017 and working on the following:

1. Working with Ann on a collection of videos for standards and certs to replace demonstration riders.
2. Desire is to attract 1-2 new members
3. The youth Board would like to enable a way to give special

recognition for upper level members who pass their certifications. One possibility is recognition during a rally when many of the parents and pony clubbers are in attendance (before awards?).

4. Conference call with Jordan and the NWRB possibilities are Aug: 3,4,11,12, 15-19, 25, and 26. Tricia will follow up on this.
5. Badge program – another area where the Youth Board could have an impact.

New Business:

Discussion about the need for upper level prep/camp for members who are testing. Importance was stressed that members who are testing should be seen by and have feedback from a National Examiner before testing.

From the National Office standpoint, it is ok to require "reasonable" prep. Board will consider requiring first time C3 candidates to be seen by a national examiner. Such a change would need to go in our Policies, and would need to be voted on by DC's (at Annual Meeting).

Could alternatively consider a checklist to be submitted to Ann, instead of a requirement for a formal prep.

Ann stressed the importance of attendance for anyone considering National Certifications of the Upper level Orientation. This meeting will occur again early in 2017 to help those members with planning.

Looking for someone to take on the D jump rally- Therese Coad is not going to organize a D SJ rally this year. Hoping another club will step up. Maybe narrows or peninsula?

Upper level testing/camp:

Ann would like to reserve aspen for camp next year.

Can we get upper level testing for 1 week later at caber next year?
May not be possible, as it is too close to the late August Caber HT.

Update on Skagit Valley PC:

April Henry will act as DC. Treasurer and Secretary positions are also covered. There will be 6 members to start.

HMO Report Alishia

HM CAMP at Miracle Ranch update: looking at the first weekend in April (1-2) 2017.

HM camp will include EBTH rally with horse management - looking to possibly incorporate the Youth Board for horse management at the rally.

Ideas for evening activities: Games night instead of movie night.
Socks on goats, catch chickens, rock wall, etc..

Entry form needs to be out earlier this year than last year to help members prepare.

The plan is to have entry form available at our Annual Meeting.
Looking at having online registration.

Alishia would like to discuss helping procure CHMJ's for rallies at the Annual Meeting.

Alishia is working on getting CHMJ for Tet rally and sj rally.
The Region may be able to contribute money to help pay for CHMJ for Tet rally.

Alishia reported that Regions are being asked by national to only have any given CHMJ every 3 years.

Online Registration:

We need to add in PayPal fee.

Ann would like to know what numbers are signing up for activities to help her be prepared.

RIC Report Ann

Camp and prep update:

Region can only reasonably do one prep.

Donida is a large enough facility to accommodate preps, so it is good to stay with that. Also fairly centrally located. Ann discussed considering earlier date before national testing deadline.

Should we offer an HA next year?

Needs to come out in November.

There are only about 4 offered each year in the US.

Discussion about how to incorporate HA testers?

Possibly include in a prep or HM camp.

Our HA's felt Oregon was too expensive for preps so did not attend.

Another idea would be, at Donida during the upper level prep, maybe have Gwen give a seminar on how to present s horse (for show in hand). As a prep for HA's.

More idea for upper level camp offer:

Teach to teach

Lesson planning

Have a very small club bring in their d's and the upper level kids that are here would get teach to teach.

Lunging

Confirmation

Leg dissection

DC retreat

Similar format as 2016.

Same location - Inn at Gig Harbor - Cathie will check on it

Date: Feb 11-12

Survey monkey that Ann sent out was positive on having a 2-day seminar instead of 1.

Evening maybe do dinner and games at the same time instead of breaking up for dinner on your own.

Other New Business

Next year is Festival in Kentucky

Need to promote champs

We need to discuss it at the Annual meeting

Would be ideal to have a meeting before champs for participants.

Could have meetings at the rallies to discuss champs.

Julie will send out champs meeting information each month to include: deadlines, how to sign up for rallies, etc..

Would be good to have kids come to annual meeting to speak on champs to help spread the word.

All Board Members need to have their Budget plans finished long before annual meeting on November 5.

Meeting adjourned 12:17pm

