

New York/Upper Connecticut Regional Meeting  
Saturday September 17, 2005  
Post University/Waterbury, Conn.

**Attendance:** Debbie Welles(RS), Geoff Brown(VRS), Ev Brown(VRS/SVPC), Liz Doering(VRS), Holly Ely(Treasurer), Bonnie Korn(Secretary/RRPC), Martha Ruff(RFPC), Eric Lehman(SGPC), Rit Huxley(SGPC), Kitty Stalsburg(CVPC), Lindsay Greene(BPC), Teal Atkinson(MPC), Doris Dunn(RRPC), Doug Capozzalo(GAPC), Christine Segala(GPC), Jeri O'Keefe(GPC), Laura Clark(GPC), Natalie Epstein(OCPC), Clai Sommers(OCPC), Roxanne Blaze(GRPC)

Meeting called to order by Debbie Welles 9:04.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Doris Dunn second by Lindsey Greene.

**Treasurers Report:** Championships reimbursements to be sent out soon.

Regional Rally balanced out overall.

U/L Clinics: Region covered most of the costs.

C3 Prep: Regional Subsidized

B Test: A wash

A Test: To be discussed later in agenda.

Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Kitty Stalsburg second by Geoff Brown.

**RIC Report:** None Available

**HMO Report:** None Available

**VRS Report:** To be included in Regional Rally Wrap-ups.

**Old Business:**

Championships--All kids that attended Nationals did well. Results were reported on the website .

Some Suggestions for our Regional Rallies-- 1. For National intent, set course similar to what they will see at Nationals, and have them ride in the sand ring twice. 2. Address bit issues. 3. *Dressage Kurs-* Kids need to know specifications of what movements are required in the kurs. This is their responsibility, and they may be required to ride a kur at the Regional level if they have National Intent.

General Regional Rally Info-- Each person needs to have a person in charge of collecting and sending paperwork to secretary's of the designated rallies i.e. Metro Region does not accept the rider if there is incomplete paperwork/signatures.

There was a bill sent this year for incomplete/late paperwork. However this was sent in an untimely fashion. It was agreed that the fees will remain in place for valid reasons. Starting next rally season, fees will be collected AT THE TIME OF THE RALLY or the child will not ride. Missing paperwork will also be enforced in this manner. Fees will be increased to \$10 per incomplete/missing item. The team will be notified by the Secretary of the appropriate rally. No late entries accepted. A coggins needs to be sent until the new current year is supplied. Motion by Bonnie Korn with second by Roxanne Blaze.

AHMJ--is not a volunteer position it is a JOB.

2 riders = 2 volunteers names to be sent.

If a HM is needed, please put it out on the digest. HM's will be required for all qualifying Rallies.

It was suggested that the closing date be expanded to 3 weeks out to help with the layover deadlines.

*Duplicate Chaperones*-- Only one chaperone per team, but may be shared duty for multiple days to cover all shifts.

### **New Business:**

#### UL Testing Results--

5 new C3's

1 new B

1 new HA

Because the A test had dropped to below the 4 minimum a ghost fee needed to be imposed of \$225/per candidate. Motion for Region to pay this fee -Agreed- Motion by Geoff Brown second by Rit Huxley.

C3 Testings-- C3 will now be a National Testing with dates being set by Nationals. Regions can request examiners. This comes as a preparation for specialty ratings. Deadlines will be Jan. for a testing before July 31 and June for Aug. - Dec 31 testings.

UL Prep Clinic-- was an excellent prep

#### Important Rally Dates Set:

Jan. 7 -- Instructors Clinic (Snow Date Jan 8)-Mandatory for all C3/B/HA candidates-

April 2 -- Regional Quiz Rally

May 20/21 -- UL Prep **OR** June 3/4 -- UL Prep

June 11 -- Regional Show Jumping

June 25 -- Regional Dressage

June 26/27 -- Regional Eventing

Combined Regional Games Rally date to be set with NJ Region shortly

### **New Club Assignments for Rallies**

Quiz -- Glastonbury/Shetucket Valley

Housing/Stalls -- Lakeville

Show Jumping -- Mystic/CVPC

Scoring Eventing -- Millbrook

Dressage --Ridge Riders/Southlands

Eventing Stadium -- Kent

Eventing Dressage -- Mad River

Eventing X-C -- Berkshire/Sleeping Giant

Co-Org Eventing -- Old Chatham/Granby

Lunches/Fence Judges -- Running Fox

Increased age limits for members-- as of Jan 1, 2006 the age of USPC extended from 21 to 25. Once you are listed as a graduate you will not be allowed to rejoin. This will be a 3 year trial. Recent grads will be grandfathered in.

**Leadership Conference**-- Nov 11-13

Attendance is mandatory for every club by DC or Jt DC.  
Crown Plaza, Albany/Western NY Region and Western New England Regions. Sat. night dinner included. HMO/DC--Room paid for thru National Office.  
Format- Regional Skit.

If a club does not send a DC or Jt DC they will be placed on provisional status for 1 year (everything they do will need to be approved by RS)

Fri.-Register/Intro/Ice Breaker

Sat 8-5 -- Instruction/Breakout Sessions/USPC past-present-future/DC-RS authority/Instruction/DC Retreat/Paperwork/Knowledge/Understanding

7-9 Dinner/Skits

Sun- Instruction/Evaluation

--Sat lunch not included in fee--

Fee-approx \$190/weekend-shared occupancy. Clubs should consider sponsoring there Jt DCs to attend.

There will be a Regional Annual meeting that weekend-either 5-7 or 9-? Vote for Region to pick up officers who will want to go- Motion approved by Roxanne Blaze and second by Laura Clark.

Instructors Clinic-- set for weekend of Jan 7/8 to accommodate kids who will be away at college other times. Will look into using Post. This will be mandatory for C3 Candidates and above.

Hurricane Katrina-- donation of \$500 to USPC Disaster Relief fund to be used for clubs of USPC--Request that individual clubs make additional donations. Motion to accept making donation for specific horse care by Rit Huxley and second by Roxanne Blaze.

The Region--

The region is looking for someone to update the Regional website. Glastonbury may have someone interested.

Garrison will probably disband this year. There are only 4 sponsors.

Radios--need more radios for rallies-(minimum of 20) --need to buy at least 10 more--motion to buy made by Roxanne Blaze and second by Bonnie Korn.

Motion to adjourn by Roxanne Blaze and second by Geoff Brown, meeting adjourned at 12:30pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Bonnie Korn -- Secretary