



MidSouth Region of the U. S. Pony Clubs, Inc.
Minutes of the Spring Meeting of the Regional Council

5:30-6:30 pm March 5, 2011
Marriott Cool Springs, Franklin TN

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by RS Nancy Smith at 5:32 pm.

2. Secretarial Report

Secretary – Allison Deaton took roll call of clubs and riding centers present. 22 of 28 clubs were present and 3 of 5 riding centers were present. Each representative present was asked to introduce themselves, state their club, and position. Board members were asked to introduce themselves. Minutes of the November 2010 Regional meetings were emailed with the Annual Meeting announcement. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer – Sharon Leonard presented the treasurer's report and presented copies to those present. At the present time we have \$60,793 in the bank and \$16,520 in fixed assets for a total of \$77,313. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

4. New Business

a. Regional Issues

1. **Policy Revisions** - Nancy attached the proposed changes to the policy highlighted and the changes were discussed. One of the main changes was the fee for not attending one of the 3 HM seminars and the fact that a member may enter more than one Championships. A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes. No one was opposed.

2. **Member Recruitment, Fundraising, Horsemasters** – attached to the meeting handouts were some handouts for the promotion of pony club. *Share the Passion* detailed ways to share pony club with prospective and former members. The Silent Auction held at the Annual Meeting with remnants offered at our Quiz meeting was wildly successful and helped make up for not having the Horse Trial in 2010. Horsemasters will be allowed to enter in Championships in 3 disciplines this year.

3. **Budget** - Budget was presented and discussed with projected income of \$161,000 and projected expenses of \$155,000. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as planned.

4. **Calendar / Website** - Nancy discussed some modifications that were being made to the website and how the calendar was being streamlined and color coded.

b. Horse Management Issues

1. **Recruitment of AHMJ's**

2. **HM Seminars** – last year 3 Horse management seminars were offered. Once again this year the region plans to hold 3 seminars. The 1st being held on May 15th at Majestic Farms. It is entitled "Through the Eyes of a Chief"

c. Ratings & Preps

1. **National Ratings / Preps Calendar** - Karine Gordy discussed the strong recommendation of preps. Be sure to see updated website/calendar for dates. Karine

discussed how she would be willing to be an extra set of eyes for upper level candidates as long as they realized in doing so she was not acting as a National Examiner at the time.

2. **Ratings Examiner and Instructor Directory Updates** - Sue discussed the work being done on the directory and the importance of evaluating the Examiner. Two new forms were introduced and will be used to gather information for the directory. The 2011 Directory will only include the names of individuals who have attended a Standards and Ratings Clinic since 2009.

3. **Standards and Ratings Clinic - May 14th** will be held at Majestic Farms (formerly known as Paxton Farm). This clinic will offer Video Analysis of the Standards of Proficiency for Club Level Ratings along with D2 thru C2 demonstration riders to further illustrate the Standards. Jump clinic with Deb Wilson, Instructor, will be held on the 15th.

d. **Club Level RIC Survey** - Peggi had asked Club DC's and Riding Centers CA's to complete a survey. 8 clubs and 3 riding centers responded. The one reoccurring request was for resources for preps and testings. Currently the regional has one trunk available and may consider additional trunks. Peggi has loads of information available and is willing to share, just ask and supply postage and copying expense. Peggi also provided everyone in attendance with a longeing video.

e. **Rallies**

1. Games March 26 Anni Sec/Org
2. Everything But The Horse April 3 Jessy Sec/Org
3. Polocrosse May 28 Dalles, Sec/Org
4. Tetrathlon June 18/19 Sally and Trainee Dec/Org
5. Dressage June 21/22 Allison Sec/Org
6. Show Jumping June 21/22 Lisa Sec/Org
7. D1 Eventing June 22/23 Pat Sec/Org
8. D2/D3 Eventing June 22-24 Peppi Butler, Sec/Org
9. C Eventing June 24-26 Deborah & Jan Sec Cindi Org
10. Horse Trial June 24-26 Shelly Sec/Org

5. **End of Meeting – door prize drawings** - Nancy held drawings for 2 sets of Rolex Tickets.