

2016 BSR REGIONAL FALL MINUTES

October 22, 2016 10:00 AM-2:38 PM Quality Inn, Butte, MT

10:00 A.M. - Call to order

Present: Sarah Stanton, Leslie Harison, Mattie Auch, Linda Auch, Rhonda Bergland, Todd Kimsey, Lisa Johnson, Lisa Kelly, Leslie Nalls, Jude Monson, Tahra Roberts, Emily Brester, Gayle Kingston, Becca Scoric, Melissa Main, Kelsey Hammond, Tiffany Corson, Val Risano

Old business

~ **Minutes from Spring Minutes of June 24th** (Linda)

Emily made motion to accept the minutes as read. Leslie Nalls seconded. Motion passes.

~ **Review/summary regional activities since April 2016:**

~ **2017 Camp:** Mattie Shared RIC report (see attached) She added that Warfield would be accommodating for a 2017 camp, and said we could hold a camp right after the June 24th-25th Arrowhead Trials.

Lisa added that there was negative feedback from her club as far as the organization of camp. From a fee perspective, it would be tough to sell a higher fee. National Examiner fees were discussed. Mattie said they vary with instructors, but fees vary from \$400 - \$500 per day. Leslie Nalls said she heard that there were safety issues. Leslie Harrison stated that some kids were up late and perhaps we need to have deadlines.

Future Ideas for camp success:

1. Separating little and older ones for cohesiveness.
2. Youth Board could have a designated spot to meet and give them a sense of identity.
3. Having DI's with an adult to fill camp quota.
4. Having unmounted meetings at a specific place.
5. Having a D Camp within a camp. Todd said this would work if it was at either the beginning or the end of the week.

Preps & Senior Retreat: It was held at Lolo. Kids made shipping bandages and it was based on getting to know each other.

Upper Level Prep at Leslie Nalls farm: There were unmounted and mounted meetings. Natalie seemed to be accepted by all. It was affordable because she drove over and stayed with family.

Spring Rally at White Aspen (Emily) It was a non-qualifying rally in May. A few other clubs participated. Alaine Elcorn volunteered her time. There were five teams of D Level. One team was C Level.

Mega Rally at Stanton Farm Todd said we suffered from a lack of volunteers and numbers. He thought kids had a good rally and some kids qualified. Judging was fair. Twelve kids qualified in various disciplines. Intermountain sent a few kids, but emails weren't getting through perhaps from overage of data being sent. Lisa Kelly said she thought it was the best it could be under the

circumstances. Todd said it was very stressful, however, and we needed more representation there.

Sarah added that the good news is that it weeded out who was ready, and they did get to ride with one of the judges who will be at festival. Leslie Nalls thought we may need to scale back as the BSR is small and we might not have the numbers. It did raise the bar and helped to prepare the kids for Championships.

License Plates: Leslie shared the example of the Pony Club license plate and stated that it is available until the end of next year. There was some confusion with the example of the original with the artist rendering. They are twelve dollars. The money goes to the Horse Park and we get \$2 for every plate. She asked that we keep promoting it.

Discussion about traveling to Kentucky. Melissa stated that she knows people along the way, and could help us with contacts.

Regional Certification in June and September: Mattie reported that there were two C Certifications; one at camp and one in Sept. in Missoula.

Members certifying were:

Taylor: C2 HSE; Kate T: C1, SJ and C1 HM; Bradley: C1 jump; Debbie: C1 HM & C1 HSE; Morgan: C1 Jumping, C1 Flat, C2 HM; Cassidy: C2 trad; Tory C2 trad; Olav: C2 Jump and Flat

After discussion, it was decided two examiners should be present for all C Certifications to ensure we have consistency throughout the region. Tahra said HM probably only required one examiner.

Youth Board: Schulyer reported that there are exciting things to work on in 2017. They are looking for calendar items to help with and to represent the community as well. They are open to suggestions and want everyone to let them know how they can help. Discussion ensued that it would be helpful if they helped with camp, or even match an older member with a younger member...like a mentor program. Becca said it was frustrating to be in charge of four younger PCers and attempt to get her own things done were difficult. It was suggested that they may get a reduction in fee if they mentored the younger ones at their camp.

Regional Website: Schulyer stated that the youth board should be made up of D3 or higher certifications or ages 13-21. Leslie asked for more communication to hear about the goals and asked that things get posted on the website. Sarah said it did go out to the DC's. Katrina and Schulyer are our web masters. We have a new website and is housed through ponyclub.org. It hyperlinks everything and will launch soon. January 10th is the deadline to put in intent for certification. Send any events to Schulyer. They will post pictures etc.

Club/Center yearly summaries

Five Valleys - Leslie stated that they upped their game are trying to do HM year around and have a mounted/unmounted each day they meet.

There were six participants for Jr. Pony Club. Three participants took part in Sr. Retreat.

Fundraisers included Pint Night and bake sale.

They had members attend Sr. Retreat, regional camp, Tom Ordway Clinic, Mega Rally mini D Camp, and Megan Holloway Clinic.

Certifications include quite a few D's and a few C's. Ratings fee adjusted this year: They standardized it and charge D1-\$25 D2 \$35...having the fee schedule go up \$10 each time. Minimum is 25 to do a partial course.

\$75 for Trad. C Certifications at camp from Regional. \$25 for each portion.

Storm Castle: Leslie reported that they do unmounted through the winter, mostly every other week. Fundraisers include grocery bagging and a jump show. They took part in Sr. Retreat, and had a boot camp to get them up and going in the spring. One of the fun unmounted meetings was a fashion show, complete with potluck and dressing up appropriately and inappropriately. They also took part in a Tom Ordway Clinic and sent a team to White Aspen and participated in quiz rally. Mounted lessons were every Wed. morning. Unmounted and mounted will take place in the fall, along with a year end party with awards & gifts

Palouise Hills

The club has 14 total members with potential of new members and new trainers. The goal is to establish monthly and unmounted meetings each month, with the hope for the new year to have more mounted lessons.

They had three D Certifications and two upper level Certs.

Fundraiser: They made \$2000 in profit with the Holiday Swags charging \$20 per swag. Have up to 100 orders already. It takes every parent and all the members to make this happen. They worked at Stanton Farms Horse Trials and cleaned stalls. Palouse participated in Sr. Retreat, and were in charge of Mega Room for Quiz, Camp West - 10 members, Mega Rally- organized and had two qualified for Festival.

Glacier

Three kids participated in Mega Rally

Put HM year round. Found it disconnects when there wasn't the face-to-face meetings, therefore they meet once a month even in summer. Mounted meetings take place every week in the summer and every other week in the fall and winter.

Two took part in upper level prep. There is a shift with three C members. They have a big push for fundraising as they prepare for Kentucky since three qualified for Championships. They have a Go-Fund-Me set up.

Some of the meetings included learning about fire extinguishers, a visit to the Vet, and a Parent Rally. They have a sleep over at the end of the season. They lost two members, but are picking up two members.

Hellgate PC

Landowners place is for sale and have to make a new plan, two instructors who have history in Pony Club. Two older PC instructors are acting as consultants. With new horses things are moving slowly. With unmounted lessons, the little kids are having fun. Older members participated in Sr. Retreat. Participation in quiz, camp. They have no UM in summer. Members also helped with the Camp Jump. Jude stated that they like the mentorship with Five Valleys, and it solidified their knowledge. Swag fundraiser made \$700 last year, but taking a break this year. No Certs this year.

White Aspen

They now have 43 Members!

Kathy Fredricksen came in March for a clinic. Activities include a D3 Certifications, Rally in May, and camp at the end of June with a visiting instructor. Emily said she liked the instructor and she pushed the members.

Ten kids went to Championships for Quiz and got to watch, where they rented a huge house. They had a pancake breakfast where they made \$2000. The kids served and talked about Pony Club.

Beartooth

Linda reported that Beartooth started with 6 members and grew to 20 members, although some of the horsemasters aren't active. Two D Level certifications were held. With the warmer weather they are riding more into the fall. Unmounted meetings take place Jan-April and November and mounted meeting April -November The Club participated in Quiz, Mega Rally, Camp and our club camp. Fundraising included selling concessions at Warfield, coupon books, two Girl Scout Horsin' Around workshops earning about \$2400 in profit. A Halloween party and Christmas party will be held in the fall.

New business

1 - Treasurer report (Rhonda) Thanks to Debbie Barcus. She doesn't charge for food for Quiz we came out well.

2 - Proposed Budget (Sarah and Rhonda): Based on what we are getting this year. We took a big hit at camp with Rebecca Farm charging double. There isn't much wiggle room for big losses. Discussion regarding "selling" Pony Club and having regional fund raising. Ex. Golfing, find a facility to work with. Cleaning stalls at horse parks.

Discussion regarding \$2700 allotted for Championships and how we will we divvy that up. There was a motion to divide it equally among those that are going to Championships.

Championships: Lisa suggested at least getting Big Sky Region shirts. Leslie said she thought it would be good to have that in the policies. Discussion about how many teams we could send. The Goldbook 2016 rules state that we can send one team, per region, per discipline, per level. We will leave the total of fundraising at \$200 per club. Leslie Nalls made the motion. Jude 2nded - Motion passed

3 - Peer Audit due Todd made a motion and Rhonda 2nded, Emily will ask as she has a few people who might do it for us.

4 - Report of Nominating Committee

Leslie Nalls - Sent a survey out and received over 30 back.

Understand needs of region and regional resources, objective and tried to make it all inclusive.

RS: Todd Kimsey

VRS: Emily Brewster

VRS: Wendy Lavoni

Treasurer: Susie Duff

Secretary: Linda Auch

Ric and Co Ric: Melissa Maine and Mattie Auch

Regional Ratings - Jamie Middleton

Horse Management Officer- Taraha & Lisa Johnson

Championships - Lisa Kelly

Melissa introduced herself. She has been involved in PC for 20 years, and was RIC for Sunshine Region for 4 years doing instructional programs.

Other Jobs that would assist our region

Regional Camps, Facebook Media, Rallies, Regional Fundraising

Social Media - Schulyer

Youth Board Advisor - Becca and Val

Leslie Nalls made a motion for BSR to pay for Corporate Membership fee if the Club doesn't pay. Rhonda seconded. Motion passed.

Lisa Kelley, Jude 2nd -Make a motion that BSR Council allows Linda Auch, Emily Brester and Wendy Livoni to hold region and club offices concurrently.

5 - Regional Appointees

- Youth Board Advisor: Becca Skoric

Web Master Schulyer

- National Youth Congress:

6 - BSR Policies: VPRA approved. There was discussion about the changes we had made. Sarah shared that she had communicated with the National Office and they approved of the policies that she had sent out and that were in our hands. Most of the changes our region wanted were kept and moved to the Guidelines. Some things were redundant and removed. After discussion, a motion was made by Todd to approve the policies as written Val 2nd. Motion passed

Lisa suggested adding "as funds allow." For #12 and #14

We will remove #15 in the Guidelines and Leslie Nalls will talk to Patty Clark as to her intent.

Guidelines: Lisa Kelly and Rhonda 2nd motion to accept changes in the guideline. Motion passed.

Changes Accept BSR YB with changes Todd motioned and Becca 2nd Motion passed.

7 - USPC Annual Giving Campaign

After discussions, it was noted that we probably haven't donated for a while.

Lisa moved that given our 2016 financial distress, we couldn't give this year, Todd 2nd

8 - Scheduling/Regional Calendar

• Senior Retreat: 8th grade and above. Last year it was held at the end of Feb. The Youth Board said 2 ½ days with HB. President's Day Weekend. Feb. 17-19th. A survey will go out.

- Upper Level Prep - March and then decide UM

- Upper Level Prep - Mounted May 13th

- Senior Retreat

• Leadership Workshop/Spring meeting: USPC will bring someone in for that, mainly just the flight in. Dates that work: Emily will check into it.

Perhaps Butte.

- Standards and Certification - Do it in conjunction with camp probably on the 2nd day.

- Regional Quiz Rally - April 8th, Five Valleys will host and venue will be Bozeman:

- WARC Rally - May 27-28 Dressage & Show Jumping

- Polo Crosse Rally Aug 11 & 12
- Camp - Warfield 4-5 day, June 26-30
- Champs/USPC Festival July 17th-24th

2:38 P.M. - Todd made the motion to adjourn, Lisa 2nd, Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Auch - Region Secretary