

MidSouth Region USPC Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by RS Lisa Bechtol. Following the agenda:

1. Attendance:

Representatives were present from the following clubs: Bluegrass, Boskydell, Covered Bridge, Davis Creek, Keeneland, Long Run, Middle Tennessee, Stillwater, Stones River, Tennessee Valley II, Walnut Creek, and West Tennessee.

Representatives were present from the following Riding Centers: Ariatti, Greenacres, and Tracy Equestrian.

Absent were any representatives from Cedar Hills, Cedar Knob, Chattanooga, Huntsville, Miami Valley, Sunny Side, Leg Up, Morning Star and Stargazey's.

Executive Committee members present were: Lisa Bechtol, Sue Colliver, Becky Logsdon, Jan Whitehouse, Sharon Leonard, Allison Deaton, Peggi Bindner, Kathleen Magsam, Laura Smith.

2. Approve minutes from Annual Meeting held on November 4, 2023. A motion was made by Angela Ariatti and seconded by Laura Smith to approve the minutes. The motion passed.
3. Brief introductions were made by the executive committee members to help put faces to names.
4. Sharon Leonard gave the Treasurer's report which has not changed significantly since November, 2023. Primary expenses were for convention registration and travel for some executive committee members who traveled to Reno, and who registered to do the virtual, online attendance.
 - a. She reports that she moved \$\$ from a money market account to a CD and the region earned \$1067 over the course of 9 months. We have \$125,000 in the checking account at this time. 2024 regional Dues collected to date total just over \$9,000.
 - b. As the new Regional Supervisor, Lisa Bechtol needs to be added as a signer to the regional banking account. A motion was made, and seconded to do this. The motion passed and is officially recorded here in the minutes for Sharon Leonard to take to the bank when she makes the request for the addition of Lisa Bechtol's name as an official signer for the MidSouth Region USPC account.
 - c. There are two sponsors so far for the Open Horse Trial.
 - d. The 2024 budget was approved at the November regional council meeting.

- e. Jan Whitehouse told us we might have more entries for the OHT (our major fundraiser) because there will be no MayDaze or Champagne Run competitions in 2024. Because of that, the MidSouth OHT will be the last opportunity for riders to qualify for the AECs in our area VIII.
5. Reminders:
 - a. Leader's lounge at Quiz – will be a casual, stop in and meet others and ask questions, networking opportunity for those who are coming to Quiz. It is anticipated to be available from 10a to 1p, but since this is the first time it's been offered, we will find out.
 - b. Virtual Examiners Seminar will be **on Sunday, February 25th**. This is open to all local and regional level instructors and examiners and is being presented by the Examiner's Committee of the Instruction Council. This begins as the National Examiner's yearly educational meeting on Friday and Saturday and has been opened to everyone else on Sunday. Please encourage your club and center instructors and examiners to attend. It will be recorded.
 - c. Quiz rally – we are excited to try out our new venue on Saturday, March 2nd. We will have visitors from Heartland Region joining us – they are sending 4 teams of competitors. All together we have 45 teams, which is the highest number we've had since 2018.
 - d. PLEASE tell any competitors from your club or center who are planning to attend that we will not allow Smart Watches (or cell phones) in the competition phases.
 - e. Show Jumping rally at PWP in April – the entries open on February 24th. There are only 32 stalls at PWP so entries will be limited, and if necessary feed and tack will be in trailers. No one will have to strip stalls (MTPC will cover the cost of having that done) since they know riders will need to get home because of school the next day. Entry fees are \$185 per rider and \$55 per stable manager. Details can be found on the MidSouth Facebook page.
 6. New business:
 - a. Krista Degitz asked the group to think about where Games Rally should be held later this year. There may be some options and open to us in Ohio and Indiana in addition to the Greilings' farm.
 7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm by Lisa Bechtol. The next regional meeting will be on March 2nd during Quiz Rally in Lexington, KY.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Logsdon, VRS

Approved 3/2/24