

Midsouth Regional Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2023

7:00 pm EST

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm EST.

- I. Roll Call: Allison took roll call of the clubs present on zoom. There were 12 clubs and 5 riding centers represented. Currently we have 19 clubs and 10 centers. A motion was made seconded to approve the minutes from the 2023 Spring Regional Council Meeting. Motion passed.
- II. Treasurers report-Sharon presented the treasurer's report. Our balance as of 10-28-2023 was \$ 1164,644.52 with total assets of \$117,3149.15. Revenue for 2023 as of 11-03-2023 was \$206,124.63 with expenses of 1948,75.95 for a Net Income of \$11,248.67. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.
- III. Old Business
 - a) Update on Open Horse Trial -ran smooth, numbers were down a bit but that is consistent across all events.
 - b) Volunteers- we used the USEA app for volunteers and all secretaries thought that was great.
 - c) HM news -Rallies ran smoothly, we had great HM staff. Check website for ways to incorporate HM into mounted meetings. HM staff are willing to travel to teach.
 - d) Lisa gave a report of D Rally. Numbers were good. There was discussion on some events that occurred at Rally.
 - e) Allison reported on Dressage Rally. Number of teams was down; volunteers were slow in being secured but ran smoothly. Great help from Kelly in scoring.
 - f) Show Jumping Rally went well.
 - g) North and South Camps both went well and had 2 folks from other regions join us.
 - h) Riding with a NE went well except for one in Cincinnati where the NE was not well received by riders.
 - i) Member Tastings – HB testing went well with all members passing. Upper-level riding went well with about a 70% pass rate.

IV. New Business

- a) Budget was proposed and discussed. A tentative budget was passed.
- b) Regional Dues are due 11/15 and are \$25 and with late fee \$30 after 11/15. There is an early bird discount until the 15th.
- c) Year-end reports are due by November 15. Please note the change in Administrative Fee to \$150.
- d) Discussion on future riding with an NE or possible centralized prep.
- e) North and South Camp were discussed and plan on continuing.
- f) Qualifying Show Jumping Rally in Nashville by Middle TN Pony Club was discussed for April 7th. After discussion a motion was made and seconded and voted yes to approve.
- g) Newsletter is being enjoyed and voted to continue sending the Midsouth Newsletter.
- h) Quiz signups will start soon. Date is March 2 in Lexington, KY. Dance is back. Teams of adults can compete.
- i) Modules- officers make sure you are getting your background checks, Safesport and all training modules completed. Please make sure all sites are covered by insurance. All riding centers need to have their Cross-Country courses certified. Adult members need Safesport and Background checks to be members in good standing.
- j) Rally dates will be on the website. Rachel Rosendaul will be handling the ribbons. HM awards will be returning.
- k) Voted to postpone the Standards and Rating Clinic until after the new standard are finished.
- l) Discussion on changing the Qualifying rally to a 2-day rally as opposed to a 3-day rally. Uncertain if this can work due to Training and up riding Friday/Saturday and Novice and below riding Saturday/Sunday. Decided to keep the same for now.
- m) Annual Fund - Midsouth was leading the drive and have fallen behind. Clubs please try and make a donation when doing year end reports. It was voted that Midsouth would donate \$500.
- n) USPC Convention will be held in Reno January 24-28, 2024.

- o) USPC Festival will now occur every other year in Lexington July 21-23 with Championships being July 15-19.
- p) Thanks were bestowed of all those who helped this year.
- q) Election of officers: Slate was presented, requested nominations from the floor, Votes were texted to Allison for slate. Motion made, seconded, and passed.

Slate as Presented:

RS	Lisa Bechtol
VRS	Sue Colliver
	Becky Logsdon
	Jessyca Wojtkiewicz
	Jan Whitehouse
Secretary	Allison Deaton
Treasurer	Sharon Leonard
RIC	Peggi Bindner
	Kathleen Magsam
HMO	Clare Burkhart
	Laura Smith

V. Adjournment- meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Approved 2/22/24 Zoom meeting