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Great Lakes Region Spring Regional Council Meeting

Minutes for March 17, 2024

Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City, MI

Attendees	
Participants	All Regional Officers, DCs, and CAs are expected to attend. Other club officers and sponsors are also welcome.

8:00	Welcome & Introductions; Attendance Recognition of new DCs/CAs (Jen Wolf) Brief mention of Robert's Rules of Order (Amy Fidler)
8:10	Approval of Spring 2024 RC Agenda motion amendment to put Mason on. Amy, Ginger Approval of Fall 2023 RC Minutes motion amendment Wendy Melynda
8:15	<u>Regional Officers' Reports</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Regional Supervisor (Jen Wolf)</u> <p>Thank you to our new secretaries, treasurers. 128 members. Compare to 166 last March; slowly climbing.</p> <p>Club/Center roles for 2024. Several roles adjusted. Eventing rally timing to be adjusted when we understand how the champs 2026 competition qualifications are handled. Silent auction for the convention— need to have a broader ask than Traverse City (but can tap into Northern Michigan and place more broadly)</p> <p>Insurance Reminders. Kim Question about insurance—if a horse is involved (at a barn), need insurance. Nonmember policy is a small additional as needed for participants, not instructors. More details on the policy forthcoming. New Carrier— Add location, Add Activities. Jen will follow up with the documents next newsletter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Treasurer (Melynda Ziehm)</u> <p>Our bank account \$23, 607.13. Budgeted a loss of \$83 so we did better than anticipated. Budgeted loss due to being a festival/champs year. Keep sending dues to the region to Melynda so she doesn't have to chase us down. Add budgets to CFRS to make budget to actual report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Regional Instruction Coordinator (Kerry McKinley)</u>

	<p>Remember—all tests need to be on 2024 test sheets. Can follow HM all the way through. Examiners need to understand Western disciplines. Use the NE Feedback link (for C2 and above)</p> <p>Spring clinic & Spring Testing— Location Manistee at Fjern Fields (reserve your hotel now; onsite rustic camping free) Sidenote: in stations at Quiz, discussion and ability to articulate was a good challenge. Get the parents rolled into the teaching Recording forthcoming! Everyone (including members) should view. Seeking new examiners... ! Kerry will update the examiner list and share with leaders. Question—is there a way to share the ratings? Reach out to clubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Horse Management Organizer</u> (Ginger Wisseman) <p>Strong horse management presence in your club sets USPC apart from the other equestrian organizations and keeps people engaged. Ingrain safe habits. Set you up to be able to speak to vets, trainers, and better conversations with professionals in a way that gives credence.</p> <p>Read the manuals. Especially great for new parents. Remember to use the website + Pony Club IQ 2023 Safety Manual (additional resource) We are one of the top HM regions in the country! Kim H would like Ginger to make a YouTube video to share the HMO report virtually to celebrate HM. Demonstrating competence and confidence is priceless. This not a drop & go sport because parents need to learn, but the purpose is to develop capable leaders.</p>
<p>9:15</p>	<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent Auction (Stephanie Bugai, TBPC) \$2623 silent + live auction \$5025 = \$7648 + Mason’s \$750 for Intl. Quiz Team! Justin did an excellent job drumming up support— \$8398 total (!) Looking ahead to Convention— vacations are popular opportunities for live auctions (expect—coming to a fundraiser and expect to spend money) Sierra Pacific Traverse City is desirable) • Quiz Art & Poetry Contest (Candy Tavormina, FWPC) 15 years and over 7 entries from 4 members 7 entries from 5 members 9 entries from 6 members Maybe look at it a little differently—offering ribbons as prizes Put a check box into the registration so that people feel more obligated. Model horse + barn stall (Category) Club activity section. Hype up a theme? Photograph and continue to share online + in awards slideshow
<p>9:30</p>	<p><u>2024 Activity Reports or Budget Proposals</u></p>

- **Annual Meeting – Activity Report (Melynda Ziehm, PPC)**

Kept within budget!

Our Heartland guests realized the caliber of our quiz.

Candy comment— our region is very capable and it shows

- **Mock Quiz – Club Activity Report (Tammy Dring, MHIIPC)**

Drop in Tammy's email.

- **Quiz Rally – Rough financial report (Jen Wolf, TBPC)**

Gain of \$2700 (in addition to the silent/live auction.)

Thank you to our amazing donors.

- **Western Discipline Discovery and Trail Ride 9/14-15**

(Ginger Wisseman, PPC)

Encourage members to try something new! Do not have to have western saddle to participate. Obstacles—bridge, gate, mailbox, obstacles, western dressage, and gymkhana (similar to barrel racing and pole bending but many more patterns). Not competitive. Trail ride to the beach? No budget yet. Will have to provide own horse.

- **Mega Rally - GLRPC (budget proposal) 6/22-23**

Dressage & Western Dressage (Sat), Show Jumping (Sun), Tetrathlon? Supported by GLR, multiple clubs specifically RLPC and HHPC.

Dressage Sat. Show Jumping Sun. Tet concurrent IF there is interest.

Tack & feed stalls or trailers. With it being a festival year, anticipate a pop up tent/trailer. Wyn farm has about 50 stalls. Show jumping will be held in the back arenas.

PAUSE FOR JLC meeting and break until Return at 10:45

Why mega rally? Festival year! Want to make sure champs qualifications are straightforward.

Key players: Carolyn + Rose Lake chairing dressage (find judge, set up arena & staffing. Host HM Judge?)

Chief is hired. Flying from St. Louis. Cindy Medina.

Kim Heaman SJ Chair. Find judge. Course designer. Set up arena (with support) -- if anyone is interested in taking over the show jumping. Apprentice needed to step up for next year.

Kerry facilities and coordination w/ Holly.

HM Portion, judges, scoring. Judges.

Hospitality support—additional clubs.

Amy K registration

Fundraising?

Food Truck?

Budget--

Proposal—reference the current budget

Competitor tax of \$10

Combination entry (2 days) \$170

Dressage only / SJ - \$100

Musical Ride add \$15

Stable Manger \$25

with a rough 40 person entry income is \$6490

	<p>Expenses, chief (\$150/day 2.5 days, \$450 flight, meals) Expect dressage judge fee \$350, mileage .35c/mile (need 2 judges) SJ Judge similar budget \$750 for food / 25 meals to cover TD fee EMT \$600 Facility fee \$2350 \$20 Hospitality gifts Variable expenses (ribbons \$5.50 each) General office supplies etc</p> <p>Loss of \$92</p> <p>Motion to accept or amend by Kim. Motion to amend by Kim Discussion Stable dollar amount in the bank account; can keep the entry fee lower in order to incentivize participation.</p> <p>Amy note- when is heartland dressage rally? Motion Brenna, Lori PSecond. Vote: None opposed.</p>
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<p>10:45</p>	<p>15-minute break (check out of rooms if needed)</p>
<p>10:30</p>	<p><u>Committee Report — JLC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JLC Officer Introductions and Report <p>Introductions. Secretary report. Treasurer report: Successful \$169 treat bar \$1718 account balance</p> <p>Feedback Quiz Rally Really liked dance. Stations to be more inclusive for whole team (1-2 members doing all the work; how to engage the younger members?) Start barn for the Cs sooner and Cs earlier to do written test at a different phase.</p> <p>Feedback – group question in the stall—question may have been tweaked without the word (only) and hay bag for a shorter horse/shorter water buckets (pony) Mega room—C level stuff was really cool.</p> <p>Camp May 4 • Cedar Creek Crossing in Kingsley Michigan (Mounted/Unmounted) Tie dye tshirt for Mega Rally</p> <p>Champs—super excited about. Opening Ceremony matching shirts and fun Tentative dates—ice cream social / fundraiser at champs/festival bonfire/bbq fun night Convention keynote speaker ideas—Sharon Wright, Alexa Thompson Public comment—remind text message chain</p>

	<p>Need 3x more treats for the treat bar.</p>
<p>11:06</p>	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Leadership Calls Scheduled for first Monday. Watch for Links. Omit the word leadership to promote participation? • Monthly RS Newsletters Communicate really well to Lorri to get the website updated. Lori Page will support. Forward the monthly letters on from the newsletters if it's sent everywhere. • Rally Organizing Committee • Fundraising Opportunity at Hunter's Run Metamora MI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Donation for providing Derby Volunteers – Maximum 15 Volunteers ○ 2024 Opportunity: May 12th and July 13th Hunters's Run. Do we have enough volunteers? Monies go back to the clubs that send the volunteers. Metamora Hunt II Pony Club. May 12:: HH 1, Foxwood 3, Rose Lake I, MH II IV<-- commit to May 12 Hunter's Run Evetn July 13: MH II IV, RL maybe? HV maybe? Jen moved. Candy Second. • Leadership Retreat for GLR Board – Budget Proposal proposed amendment to the budget \$60/per person vs. \$44.5 -> \$640 motion to pass amended budget by jen. susy w. second. call a vote: all. No opposed. Motion passed. • Clinic - Memorial Day weekend May 25-27 location TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Saturday - Testing opportunity C1 – C2 ○ Sunday - Longing lessons & Clinic rides for D3 – A members ○ Monday – Longing lessons & Clinic rides for D3 – A members
<p>11:21</p>	<p><u>Additional New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Member Dues for 2025 (must be approved every spring) - currently \$40 per member. Invoices are emailed to each club by Jan 15th. A late fee may apply for payments received after Feb 15th. Jen move. Candy Second. Discussion? All in favor? All. No opposed. • Congratulations to Mason Konesky (HHPC / HVPC) for being selected for the International Quiz Team in July 2024 Voting Item: Region making a monetary donation with \$100 to put money towards Mason's expenses. Proposed \$100 regional sponsorship. Have to raise \$5k as a team. Individually participate is \$1200. Discussion—fantastic idea. Invaluable to our region. Ammend the motion. Swag, \$200, waive the \$25 fee. Brenna second. Melynda pay back the \$200. Amy moved to support. All in favor. None opposed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USPC Scholarships & UL opportunities - check out the USPC website • New USPC website is on the horizon – watch your email for its launch in 2024 • 2025 USPC Convention (Co-Chairs - Kerry McKinley and/or Wendy Willford) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grand Traverse Resort & Spa January 22- 26th ○ Plan to attend & volunteer ○ Workshops, Speakers, Leadership, Banquet, Dance, Keynote Speaker ○ Silent Auction & Trade Fair ○ Shop Pony Club ○ Make connections with PC leaders & members from all over the entire country. ○ Gain a bigger & better understanding about Pony Club <p>Kerry will share the slideshow with leadership. Sign up genius is there—but communicate and get the buzz at the club level. Anything convention related, workshops, tradeshow. All proceeds come directly to the region from live/silent auction. We get 10% of up to 18,000 and \$ beyond. We should be getting \$3k or more—\$10,000 come into the region is phenomenal (Even protecting the vendors). Support from Lakeshore especially during the event. Many of the committee chairs have been determined. First Wed @pm April 3. Two areas still need: registration Metamora? We can be mindful of our volunteers priority to still attend and benefit from the convention in the volunteer timeline. Using google drive. Shop pony club is another place with revenue share (spiritwear ideas—we get kicked back cost-plus). -- Can we use local businesses for some of the swag? Only 20% of the membership have been there before. We are counting on 50% of the membership. Is this cost prohibitive? Can traverse bay host members to avoid cost of the hotel? Get super creative about getting most of the members going. How can we support people going?</p> <p>Save the date, more info to come. July 1 workshop proposal deadline. Get everyone to the April 3 meeting. 2024 Convention Resources— offset the cost. Sierra Pacific came as a volunteer and got registered. Sets the year up to be ready to do pony club. Beneficial. Support what convention is all about. Kerry 2025 Workshop Application is live.</p>
12:00	<p><u>Championships 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festival Website - everything you need to know can be found here • USPC eligibility requirements and regional intention process (Jen Wolf, TBPC) • Championships 2024 budget proposal (Melynda, PPC) <p>New C4 Belt being created? + Matching lanyards? Motion: Jen Second Lori No opposition.</p>

<p>11:54</p>	<p><u>Nominating Committee 2024 GLR Board Roles & Responsibilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Committee for 2025 Regional Officers (Jen Wolf) Stephanie B, Casey Field, Kim Heaman. Motion: Jen Second: Ginger Vote? No opposition. • Nominations from the floor
<p>12:30</p>	<p>Announcements & Adjournment Brenna move to adjourn. Lori Seconded. No opposition.</p>

Green items are voting items