

November 8, 2020

Virtual Meeting (Zoom Platform)



Attendees	
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Wendy Willford, GLRPC RS, called the Fall RC meeting to order at 8:57am EST on Sunday, November 8, 2020.

Agenda:

MOTION: Lorri Witkowski made a motion to approve the agenda as distributed and noted on Regional Website ([Fall 2020 RC Agenda](#)); Brenda Tomlinson seconded; All voting GLRPC members approved

Spring Minutes:

MOTION: Ginger Wisseman made a motion to approve Spring 2020 Regional Council meeting minutes as written ([Spring 2020 RC Minutes](#)); Melynda Ziehm seconded; All voting GLRPC members approved

Regional Officer Report Outs

Regional Supervisor's Report:

- Wendy shared out our membership count, clubs, center and newly forming riding centers. Also shared the great activities we were able to complete as a region despite Covid.
- Wendy also stressed the importance for us as regional leaders to complete all safety requirements – it's for our members.
 - **ACTION: All regional and club/center leaders** please complete required safety training by Dec 31, 2020
- Discussion around club/center emails; Heidi Miller shared the benefits having a club/center specific email – not just individual.
 - **ACTION: Club leadership** please reach out to Lorri Witkowski if you are interested in setting up club specific emails, website.

Regional Treasurer's Report:

- Please see the [Treasurer's Report](#) and [2020 BvA](#)
- Melynda Ziehm shared out key highlights and details, including transitioning to a fiscal year end date of 12/31. Also discussed how we may be able to obtain a financial return with the region's Fifth Third checking balance, but staying within a low risk profile. Melynda to provide recommended financial vehicles during early 2021 regional board meetings.

Horse Management Organizer Report:

- Please see the [2020 HMO Report](#)
- Alysia Apley shared out highlights for the year on HMO activities. The virtual HMO contest was a very positive experience and garnered national accolades with some of the videos!!

Regional Instruction Coordinator Report:

- Please see the [2020 RIC Report](#)
- Kerry McKinley shared out the highlights; a wealth of information, knowledge within the hyperlink RIC report above.

Regional Testing Coordinator Report:

- Please see the [2020 RTC Report](#)
- Brenda Staat-Tomlinson shared out highlights and stressed the importance if you need help, please chat with Brenda.
 - Reach out to the examiners personally – call is optimal. Many are not on FB and watching email. Please reach out to the examiners personally.
 - [Listing of Examiners](#) on our GLRPC Website; Brenda will refresh for 2021, please don't hesitate to reach out to Brenda
 - **ACTION: DC's** please place your scheduled testing onto the testing calendar Brenda share's hyperlink
 - **ACTION: DC's** to send certification sheets to Brenda; this information is critical to guiding our regional instruction coordinator on important educational needs.

Old Business

2020 Quiz Rally Report

- Julie provided an update from our March 2020; please see the 2020 [Quiz Rally](#) activity report
- Candy Tavormina asked if the region would like to do a virtual art/poetry contest.

Standards and Certifications Virtual Clinic

- Kerry shared out details and emphasized the exceptional value Asia T. provided while doing the clinic virtually.
- Please see the attached [Virtual Standards and Certification Clinic](#) Kerry provided.

National Certification Achievements

- Hannah Fountain – C3 Eventing Heidi will give the region's gift to Hannah; Hannah did a fantastic job representing the GLR in Racine, WI!!
Great job Hannah!!!

2020 Club Activities – Best Practices/Open Forum

- Fox Wood:
 - Had more mounted meetings than prior years; members staying very active and joining forces with Dream Big
- Silver Snaffles:
 - "Super Clinic" was fun and lots of learning; instructors well received. Highly recommend using these instructors for future clinics. Reach out to Julie for more details.
 - Thanks to Metamora and Orchard Hills for helping out.
- Highland Hills:
 - Alysia Apley shared the zoom meeting approach with teaching each other and helping out. Setup up a Google folder to store/share files.
 - Great way to get the teaching hours requirement for the UL certification requirements; reaching out to Kerry M is very helpful.

2020 Club Activities – Best Practices/Open Forum (cont)

- Metamora Hunt:
 - Mary Orlando thanks the region for the COVID materials (signage, masks, etc) Didn't miss a glitch – moved right into Zoom meetings (members did this).
 - Fund raiser horse trial went very well --- and MANY of our members found 'refuge' out in the barn with horses.
- Dream Big:
 - Aubrey Staller shared out that there have been more weekly riding meetings and working towards their ratings. Up to eight members now doubling in size!
 - Trying out a mini quiz rally with club members
 - Surprise visit over to Fox Wood.

Junior Leadership Council Report out:

- Junior Leadership members met from 9-10:45 am and shared out to the region at 11am
- 2021 Officers: Kat Hogan, President; Miriam Graber, Vice President; Moriah Orlando, Secretary; Hannah Willford, Treasurer; Brenna will stay involved as President Advisor; Brittany will stay involved as JLC Liaison
- Interested in offering an essay scholarship to members in 2021, will put proposal together for Spring RC Meeting

New Business

- **2021 Regional Member Dues Discussion**
 - Discussion:
 - Opportunity to incent and rewards our regional members
 - Melynda assured everyone that for 2021 ONLY we have excess funds in the region to help keep our regional membership (\$20 savings to RENEWING 178 members)
 - Wendy shared that there is a plan for fundraising in 2021.
 - Wendy shared the national USPC dues are \$110 plus regional and club dues if pay by Nov 15.
 - ACTION: DC's please communicate that renewing members have a LOYALTY discount
 - MOTION: Candy made a motion to change our 2021 dues from \$40 to \$30 for all members. Mary Orlando seconded the motion.
 - Maria Selner shared out that COVID has been difficult for members to pay dues (pay cuts, unemployment); one of the hardest years to pay dues
 - VOTE: Not Pass - 14 no, 10 yes
 - MOTION: Kata Siegel made a motion to have the 2021 regional dues reduced to \$20 for all renewing members prior to May 2021; Seconded by Brenda Tomlinson
 - VOTE: PASS 16 Yes, 7 no, 1 abstain
- **2021 Leadership Requirements Discussion**
 - Initial Discussion:
 - Offering a region-level or a club-level zoom session to help give volunteers/officers a leg up to sign-on and start taking the training
 - Creating an incentive for those clubs that have all volunteers/officers who have completed by Dec '31
 - MOTION: Lorri Witkowski made a motion to provide any club that meets all the officer requirements, safe sport and background check by Jan 1 receive \$50 to reimburse club. Candy Tavormina seconded motion.
 - Discussion: club can spend the \$50 as it finds appropriate for the coaches
 - VOTE: PASS 23 Yes, 1 No

Apprentice fees at the Club/Center Testing Discussion

- **MOTION:** Lorri Witkowski motions that apprentices in 2021 will be reimbursed half day \$25, full day \$50 and mileage up to \$25. Candy Tavormina seconded motion.
 - Discussion:
 - Sharlee shared for the Apprentice to speak with the certification organizer and ask for more mileage; especially those apprentice driving a distance
 - Setting up apprentice should be driven by the region – RTC; but need the DC to get the main examiner.
 - **VOTE: Pass** unanimous Yes

- **2021 Calendar of Events & Club/Center Roles**
 - Please see the [2021 Calendar of Events](#) in meeting materials.
 - Additional target dates (not final):
 - Mock Quiz – target Kingsbury Metamora on February 20
 - SJRally – target Memorial Day weekend at Katie Reece’s
 - Dressage Rally – target May 22 or June 5
 - EBTHRally – target weekend of May 8
 - Eventing Rally – link in with a TEAM horse trial event prior to Champs app deadline

 - [2021 Annual Meeting](#) Jan 27-31, ‘21
 - Discussion
 - Reimbursement occurs in 2020; decide within club who will be attending; if you want to be reimbursed the \$95/designated club leader --- must send to Melynda by Dec 15
 - **MOTION:** Joseph Belotte motion to approve budget as proposed; Jill Byard seconded
 - **VOTE: PASS** 20 Yes, 0 no

 - **Club DC/Leadership Connection/Collaboration Calls (RS/RTC)**
 - Target every six weeks to have a zoom call with DC’s participating and sharing best practices, ideas, areas ; One DC or EB member takes a topic to help lead the conversation and leadership of meetings rotates to different DC’s

 - **Quiz Rally / Spring RC Meeting (SSPC)**
 - Amy Koepke shared [the proposed budget](#); parallels 2020 Spring Quiz Rally budget
 - Target to place guidelines to address a refund due to COVID or quarantining requirements; key to write/address ahead of time and place in the rally paperwork
 - **MOTION:** Joseph Belote made a motion to approve budget as proposed with the acknowledgement of full refund for those who need to quarantine due to Covid/quarantine requirements; Ginger Wisseman seconded.
 - **VOTE: PASS** 20 yes; 0 No

- **Omnibus / Fundraising plans (CMPC)**
 - Omnibus will be completely information only; no love ads or business advertisements
 - Fundraising --- 'yard-type' sign
 - Businesses, with logos
 - "Love ads" to club, trainer or member
 - NOTE: any banners already created, potential to get refunded to put up
 - Stacy volunteers to organize, print and offer to bring all signs to the rallies as Stacy is an HMO for the region
 - Target approximately \$2,000 for the fundraising
 - Stacy working through the costs/pricing
 - **ACTION: Wendy** will reach out to Lorri W about potentially thanking our sponsors on the website.

2021 Budget

- Melynda reviewed the proposed **2021 Budget (USPC Annual Fund)**
 - Omnibus printing is not part of the budget; if need printed – that will be a cost due to the club
 - **MOTION:** Brenda Tomlinson motioned to accept the 2021 budget as proposed. Mary Orlando seconded
 - **VOTE: PASS** unanimous (20 Yes, 0 No)

2021 Officers

- Monica Spiers led the nominating committee with the officer slate staying the same except:
 - Jennifer Wolf joining as a Vice RS with Sharlee Lowe
 - Note: Lorri Witkowski will still stay with the region as our technical liaison
 - **MOTION:** Jill motioned to accept the officer slate as Monica Spiers proposed; Mary Orlando has seconded.
 - Wendy asked if any nominations from the floor: none offered up
 - **VOTE: PASS** unanimous vote (20 Yes, 0 no)
- Appointed officers to include:
 - Brenda Staat: RTC
 - Linda Short-Lowe: Club, Champs Liaison
 - Lorri Witkowski: Technical Liaison
 - Britt Weber - JLC Liaison

No Additional Business or Announcements from the Floor

Meeting adjourned at 1:52pm EST