

**Great Lakes Region
Fall Regional Council Meeting
November 7, 2021
Virtual "Zoom" Meeting**



Welcome & Kickoff

- GLRPC RS, Wendy Willford called the Fall GLRPC meeting to order at exactly
 - 8:45am, Sunday, November 7, 2021
- Roll call and voting members captured (attendance monitored throughout the meeting)

Alysia Apley*	Amy Koepke*	Linda Short-Lowe*	Candace Tavormina*
Amanda Butcher*	Heather Kolar	Kata Siegel*	Melissa Topp
Linda Cooper	Megan Levine*	Heather Simpson*	Wendy Willford*
Tammy Dring	Sharlee Lowe*	Stacy Smith	Ginger Wisseman*
Heather Galbraith*	Alex McKinley*	Monica Spiers	Lorraine Witkowski*
Julie Graber	Kerry McKinley*	Brenda Tomlinson*	Jenifer Wolf*
Kim Heaman*	Mary Orlando*	Aubrey Staller*	Stacy Anderson*
Cindy Hogan*	Katie Reece*	Melissa Straus	Melynda Ziehm*
Darla Jackson	Abby Shie		

FALL 2021 GLRPC Regional Council Agenda

- **Motion:** Mary O. made a motion to approve the 2021 Fall GLRPC RC agenda. Melynda Z. seconded
 - **Motion Passed unanimously**

Spring 2021 RC Minutes

- **Motion:** Ginger W. made a motion to approve the 2021 Spring GLRPC RC minutes. Brenda T. seconded
 - **Motion Passed unanimously**

Regional Officers' Reports

- **2021 RS Report**
 - Wendy provided a delightful overview of regional highlights for '21 and into '22. Snapshots below.

<p>All things considered, it's been a solid year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 214 members – 190 in clubs, 24 in centers • up 20% over last year's fall meeting • 14 clubs and 4 centers • Several new club/center inquiries this year with ongoing follow up • Some thriving, some surviving • Survey says! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Meeting – USPC Equine Symposium & Convention (Virtual) USPC Quiz Rally (virtual) Spring Meeting (virtual) Regional Zone meetings (virtual) Rallies!!! back-to-back-to-back (in-person!) USPC Festival (in-person!)
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<p>What's new for 22?</p>	<p>USPC "New for 22"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective January 1st - Background Checks and SafeSport Training for Adult Members (over 21 and over 18 respectively) to maintain membership • Eventually in 2022 - Background Checks and SafeSport Training for Instructors and Other Volunteers • Volunteer/Sponsor Management via Club/Center Profile • Virtual Distance D-1 Certification still available • National Testing Feedback / Virtual Skill Prep still available • 2022 Championships Eligibility – EV Rallies no longer require USEF licensed TD • Office 365 platform access for DCs/CAs and EB members • Calendar updates in real-time (or close to it!) • E-everything doesn't have to mean virtual (sign-up, payments, social media, communication) • Regional Zones vs Buddy System
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- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Please see **Treasurer's Report** for GLRPC Treasurer, Melynda Ziehm's 2021 summary
 - **Action: any clubs with remaining financial paperwork**, payments, please get to Melynda ASAP before year end
 - 2022 Member Dues: Early January Melynda will provide an invoice to each club; late fee if not paid by Feb 15
 - \$40/member for 2022 (renewing and new); no club fee (set in Spring GLRPC)
 - Paypal 2022: changing GLRPC paypal account to flat 2.50% fee; Thanks Melynda for your analysis!!
 - Treasurer Review/Collaboration Mtng: Melynda will schedule for all treasurers; critical for new treasurers and great review for renewing Club treasurers

- **2021 HMO Report – Alysia Apley, Stacy Wonsey-Anderson**
 - Please see **2021 HMO Report** for GLRPC HMO, Alysia Apley and Stacy Wonsey-Anderson 2021 summary
 - Alicia gave a delightful summary of the 2021 events and HM highlights
 - Recap Top Learnings from 2021 – Continue moving Forward:
 - ✓ Pocket Guides for AHMJ's were a hit and helped tremendously
 - ✓ Black Shirts w/ Bright "ASSISTANT HORSE MANAGEMENT JUDGE" – helped ID AHMJ's during rallies very fast/easy for participants
 - ✓ CHMJ to have an 'Assistant to the Chief' was extremely helpful to CHMJ and greatly appreciated
 - ✓ One day Rallies: the evening before - 'First checks' and some of the equipment checks
 - ✓ Rally Sign-up Timeslots for Teams --- Rally Kit checks were very helpful and the teams were in synch when AHMJ would check rally kits and greatly appreciated

- **2021 RIC Report – Kerry McKinley**
 - Please see **2021 RIC Report** for GLRPC RIC, Kerry McKinley 2021 summary
 - Kerry gave a very thorough and helpful overview how to enhance our GLRPC educational opportunities for our members. Please continue to closely partner with Kerry.
 - **ACTON: Club leaders organizing education or testing**, please be sure to check out the 'orange' section of the **2021 RIC Report**--- excellent information, guidance. Again, please reach out to Kerry or Brenda Staat-Tomlinson (RTC) if questions.
 - **ACTION: Club leaders**, to enhance educational opportunities and to meet your instructional calendar requirements, please cc/add Kerry (RIC@GLRPonyClub.org) to all club member communications – meetings, educational opportunities.
 - CONGRATULATIONS!! Members who completed USPC National Testing
 - B – Jordan Riske, HVPC
 - C3 Lauren Lewis, HVPC
 - HB Finley Siegel, HHPC
 - **ACTION: Club leaders**, please reach out to neighboring clubs for educational opportunities.

- **2021 RTC Report – Brenda Staat-Tomlinson**
 - Brenda provided a nice overview and highlighted some excellent communication best practices, helpful tools.
 - Certification Tracker: Amazing tool to track certifications going on in the region; potential to join forces or a club member would like to test, potential if space, can join other club
 - Brenda will be updating, overhauling the forms
 - To enhance leveraging our amazing GLRPC website, for email communication, adding the [GLRPC Website www.greatlakes.ponyclub.org](http://www.greatlakes.ponyclub.org) to the top or our closing signature
 - Securing Club Testing Certifier: Send personal email, not a 'mass email', to the Testing Certifier. Then the Testing Certifier will be more likely to respond vs feeling 'someone else' will respond.

Old Business

- **Eventing Rally – MHIIPC (Mary Orlando / Melynda Ziehm)**
 - Mary O provided an overview. Seven participants, three members going to USPC festival championships!! Small rally, but accomplished goal and ready for 2022!!
 - Monica shared the budgeted loss was slightly more (\$459.83) (budgeted at \$415 loss) and tight. Loss would have been even loss or not occurred if a few more participants. Looking forward to 2022!!

- **SJ Rally – KCSPC (Katie Reece / Melynda Ziehm)**
 - Katie gave an overview ~39 riders w/ 10 stable managers and leveraged Katie's new facilities. Six qualifying riders at the 2'6" level
 - Net loss of \$126.48, but very close to breaking even. Targeting a gain of \$62
- **Dressage Rally – OHPC (Kerry McKinley / Melynda Ziehm)**
 - Kerry gave a nice overview with 26 riders with handful of stable managers. Several qualifying riders. New facility, Lone Tree Stables, are very willing to work with GLRPC – esp for UL clinics or true one day rally (haul in/out same day, work from trailer); improvements with facility (better parking plan, more stabling needed for haul in the night before, day of less stressful with some checks before)
 - Budgeted loss of \$330, actual Gain of \$315.39
- **Tetrathlon Camp and Tet Rally– PPC (Ginger Wiseman)**
 - Ginger gave a nice overview; 15 participants at Tet Camp even able to swim at local HS; leveraged stalls for rally tack stalls with onsite running and air pistol shooting. Beautiful weather and great participation!!
 - For an official TetRally, only seven participants were able to attend and PPC couldn't afford to take the loss for an official, qualifying rally. Targeting to work into 2022!!
- **Virtual Champs "Camps" Meetings – GLR (Linda Short-Lowe / Kerry McKinley)**
 - Linda gave a nice overview of the champs preparation. Being virtual allowed parents and leaders also attend / learn and prepare for championships.
 - Linda recommends also having an in-person, more 'social' event for members to 'gel' and get to know each other better. Not instructional, but more social.
- **Championships / Festival – GLR (Linda Short-Lowe / Wendy Willford / Kerry McKinley)**
 - Linda shared out a 'Huge Thank You!' for everyone that helped make our regional participation successful! Thanks!!!
 - Thirty one applications, twenty-eight members participated in five different disciplines
 - Budgeted a loss – conscious regional commitment and investment in our members participation at \$4,380. Actual investment spend was \$2,084.45.
 - Fourteen first through third place results for our members – Way to go GLR!!!
 - Wendy gave an overview of Festival participation for the educational portions. HVPC, especially brought more members just for the D Educational.
- **C1 / C2 Testing – GLR (Brenda Staat-Tomlinson / Kerry McKinley / Linda Short-Lowe)**
 - Kerry shared the Fall C1/C2 testing is a great time. Might be that we keep the C1/C2 in the Fall, esp October. Target to keep consistent. Location was amazing.
 - Thanks to Metamora for additional volunteers and providing lunch.
 - Thanks to Linda for helping organize the day.
- **D Derby Rally – SSPC (Julie Graber)**
 - Julie gave an overview on the new D Derby location. Stalls, feedroom and tackroom for each team with plenty of room for more participants. Plenty of warm up space and areas to practice pony club skills.

GLRPC JLC Committee Update

- Treasurer Report: Hannah Willford shared JLC account has \$548.08
- Two \$250 JLC/GLR scholarship: Two winners (C+ level and D level) of \$250
- Everything but the Horse Rally May 8th TBPC
 - Teams took a quiz and made own video showed their kits and turn out.
 - Better if it could be done in person; but good way for doing it virtually
- Everything HM Trailer Rally SSPC May 1st
 - More helpful earlier in year for things that could be done inside; lots occurred in May
 - Good prep for introducing kids to the concept of rally without too much stress
- Mounted UL Clinic with Bunny Hendricks May 7-9
 - Multiple locations was fabulous

- Preparing for Rally = Zoom Mtng May 11th
 - Lot of attendance; many new members; excellent learning about rally prep
- UL-Zooms Brenna and Sharlee
 - Sharlyee and Brenna were fabulous!! Great topics; do it again -would be appreciated
- Eventing Rally Hunters Runn May 22nd
 - Optimal to have with another GLRPC event
 - Was really small; people want to go to event rally but the timing was difficult for some
 - Great facility; great organizers
- Showjumping Rally K Colfer Sporthorses Riding Center May 29th
 - Assistant to the CHMJ was a fantastic opportunity
 - Arena and jumps were great; walking jump course night before would have been helpful
 - More stabling, tent stabling would have been preferred
- HM clinic with Maggie Howley May 30th at Colfer Sporthorse June 1st at Miricle Ranch
 - Maggie covered Champs preparation; very helpful
- Dressage Rally Lone Tree Stables June 5th
 - Need better speaker system set up for musical freestyles
 - Stall checks and kit checks were done the night before – very helpful
 - Not have hybrid Barn & Trailer rally setup; select either ALL at trailer or All stalls; not both
- Tetrathlon Camp Pierport PC, Manistee MI June 12-13th
 - Ginger was very accommodating; Shooting was great; running was good with trails
 - Instructor gave swim lesson -- really liked the instructor
 - Mini HM stations were good for younger kids
- D event derby Silver Snaffles, Columbia City July 9-10
 - SS would put it on again but would want more C level helpers; JLC will support again
- 2021 Festival Ice Cream Social
 - Expenses - \$76; \$145 in cash donations
- Educational D-Zooms (SEE GLRPC Website for [JLC Educational Videos](#))
 - Nice to have another opportunity to teach -- good to get teaching hours
 - Great to have more participation -- getting the word out; direct communication w/ clubs
- Metamora Hunt II Pony Club and Dave Emmons Event Hunters Run August 21-22nd
 - Metamora did a great job putting it on; Brought in tent stabling
- Regional C1/C2 testing Dryden MI October 17th
 - Ran smoothly; Lovely facility!!
- Fundraising opportunities
 - Tack cleaning fundraiser
 - Alumni everything but the horse rally Fundraiser (adults/alum do rally w/ stick horses)
- 2022 GLRPC JLC Officers:
 - JLC President – Miriam Graber JLC Vp - Hannah Fountain
 - JLC Treasurer – Hannah Willford JLC Secretary – Moriah

National Certification Achievements (Wendy Willford)

- CONGRATULATIONS!!
- Each member will receive a congratulatory gift certificate at 'Shop Ponyclub'. Nice work Team!!!!

B EVENTING

Jordan Riske, Huron Valley Pony Club



C+ EVENTING

Lauren Lewis, Huron Valley Pony Club



HB

Finley Siegel, Highland Hills Pony Club



New Business

2022 Calendar of Events (Wendy Willford)

- Wendy shared the 2022 current calendar. Please note this is a LIVING DOCUMENT, to see the latest, please go to the [GLRPC Website www.greatlakes.ponyclub.org](http://www.greatlakes.ponyclub.org) (*key to LOGIN w/ USPC credential to view all links/materials*)
- **2022 Annual Meeting with budget approval**
 - Wendy shared the target budget, noting the costs USPC helps cover with the region. Region works hard to contain the expenses.
 - The annual meeting is a key way for our regional leadership to stay connected to the best practices across other regions and with other PC regions. To bring back the best education, opportunities for our members. Also, great way to connect and meet with CHMJ – to have a great rally experience for our regional members.
 - Targeting an overall investment of \$4,565
 - **MOTION:** Candy T. motioned to approve the budget as presented; Brenda T seconded motion.
 - **Motion Passed unanimously!!**
- **Quiz Rally / Spring RC Meeting with budget approval**
 - Julie G (SSPC) shared details for Potawatomi Inn, potential costs, timing a few weeks later, March 18 arrival, March 19 Quiz rally and March 20 Spring meeting.
 - Keep 2022 at the Potawatomi Inn, but for future years to look at other venues and partner with potential new club taking over Quiz Rally.
 - **MOTION:** Ginger W made a motion to accept the uncertainty of the Quiz Rally, allow the Quiz rally team to take a loss of no more than \$500; Julie seconded motion
 - **Motion withdrawn:** After discussions – Ginger withdrew the motion and review proposed budget with potential increases to registration fee.
 - **MOTION:** Brenda T. made a motion to accept Quiz Rally in 2022 at Potawatomi Inn, Registration fee increase to no more than \$65/member and target a loss no more than \$790. Candy T seconded
 - **Motion Passed unanimously!!**
- **Quiz Silent Auction / Tack Sale / Art & Poetry Contest**
 - Targeting weekend of March 18-20 with the quiz rally
- **Omnibus update**
 - Leverage the GLRPC Website for the resources about members, approved certifiers. Once an Omnibus is completed, the information is out of date after certifications.
 - **ACTION:** Please use our [GLRPC Website www.greatlakes.ponyclub.org](http://www.greatlakes.ponyclub.org) (*key to LOGIN w/ USPC credentials*)

Additional New Business

- **Rally Season**
 - Wendy led discussions and shared rallies where members trailer in/out the same day is very difficult for the GLRPC due to the distances traveled and geographical spread of the GLRPC.
 - Returning to the Mega Dressage and SJ rallies to the Fri-Sun same weekend, same facilities and still retain the 'one day rally' approach while allowing for Friday/evening before haul in, early setup, stabling and more central to regional members.
 - Potential venues: Albion, Woodbine, Rattlewood Farm
 - Regional Board covers Mega Rally Secretary, Treasurer and responsible clubs =mdiscipline rally details
 - If facilities/venue allows Eventing/cross-country; region could add the Eventing Rally – so a Qualifying Eventing, Dressage and SJ rally at the same venue; location dependant
 - Interest in non-qualifying rallies for the region also:
 - SJ non qualifying rally at K Colfer Sporthorses; Games non qualifying rally
 - Bring back Tet Rally, but maybe as non-qualifying; Polocrosse activity/camp for the fall (PPPC)
- **Club/Center Roles**
 - Wendy led a very collaborative discussion on 2022 targeted lead roles for clubs; Please see [Club/Center Roles](#)
 - **ACTION:** Each Club's leadership reviewed club/center roles and begin planning for 2022; working with the GLRPC EB (reach out to RS@glrponyclub.org)

- **Champs Camp and Regional “Super Camp” Championships**
 - Kerry shared to discuss further at Spring meeting. Championships targeted to occur at Tryon. Delicate balance of available dates, financial obligations to families and meeting needs of our members to prepare for Championships and upcoming certifications.
- **O365 / Email and GLR website**
 - Lorri W has done an amazing job linking the GLRPC MSOffice 365 and our GLRPC Website. Currently there are restrictions on naming pages/tabs for GLRPC due to ‘no cost’ version with USPC and leveraging the direct links to the USPC.
 - Optimally each DC would leverage the clubname@GLRPonyClub.org email account; this helps with transitioning from DC to new DC.
 - National USPC office offers these communication tools for free
 - **ACTION: Please reach out to Administrator@glrponyclub.org** (Lorri W.) to learn more about how to optimize leveraging these technical tools available to us here. Administrator@glrponyclub.org

2022 Budget (USPC Annual Fund)

- Melynda gave an exceptional overview of the budget detail and provided a conservative estimate with a potential loss of \$2,593 for 2022. Including \$168 for USPC annual fund donation
- Wendy shared past GLRPC financial analysis showed the last year with a gain was several years back; getting the region back to a more ‘normal’ approach.
- Discussion of regional fundraising was covered; silent auction and tack sales will help add funds.
 - After regional board transition, a survey regarding fundraising will be sent out to GLRPC for input/discussion.
- **Motion:** Ginger W. motioned to accept budget with loss for \$2,593; Mary Orlando seconded
 - **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The United States Pony Club				
Great Lakes Region				
2022 Budget vs Actual (1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022)				
	Budgeted	Actual	Expense Detail	Gains Detail
Administration	-\$2,733.00	\$0.00		
Annual Meeting	-\$4,500.00	\$0.00		
Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Certifications	-\$1,600.00	\$0.00		
Championships	-\$1,200.00	\$0.00		
Fundraising & Contributions	\$3,000.00	\$0.00		
Interest Income	\$60.00	\$0.00		
Instruction Program	-\$3,500.00	\$0.00		
Membership Dues	\$7,580.00	\$0.00		
Rallies	\$300.00	\$0.00		
Total Gain or (Loss)	-\$2,593.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Nominating Chair presents 2022 Slate of GLR Officers for Election

- Ginger reported out from the nominating slate for 2022 Regional Board officers shown below:
- **Motion:** Ginger made a motion to accept the slate as presented; Brenda seconded.
 - **Motion Passed unanimously!!**
- **CONGRATULATIONS to our NEW 2022 GLRPC EB!!!**

Great Lake Regional Board 2022 Slate

Please vote yes/no for the entire slate presented as is.

Board Members Voted-in:

RS: Wendy Willford

VRS: Alex McKinley

VRS: Monica Spiers

RIC: Kerry McKinley

HMO: Alysia Apley

Secretary: Ginger Wisseman

Treasurer: Melynda Ziehm

Approval of exemption for RS or VRS to also be a DC or Jt. DC

- No conflicts with Alex M or Monica at DC or Jt. DC

Announce appointed positions

- Wendy covered the appointed positions:
 - RTC – Brenda Staat Tomlinson
 - JLC Liaison – Jennifer Wolf
 - Regional Liaison – Linda Short-Lowe
 - Technical Admin - Lorri Witkowski

- **CONGRATULATIONS to our NEW 2022 GLRPC EB!!!**

Recognition of volunteers – exiting board members

Thank you, Sharlee,
Cindy, Stacy and Britt!

We appreciate your dedication to your roles as Vice RS,
Secretary, co-HMO, and JLC Liaison for the Great Lakes
Region Pony Clubs over these past two (crazy) years!

Reminders

- **USPC Annual Meeting in Norfolk, VA – Jan 26-30, 2022 (in-person & virtual)**
 - Online Sign up - \$95 /person
 - Hotel is due Jan 3 – key when attending in person
- **Club reports due to USPC by November 15th and please donate to the Annual Fund!**
 - **ACTION: Club/Center leadership PLEASE complete** your club reporting due on the USPC website ASAP; critical so GLRPC is compliant and meets our regional reporting needs to USPC.
- **Background checks and trainings due ASAP for incoming leaders**
 - **ACTION: ALL Club leaders and members over 18yrs**, critical to complete background check and training. Login and view PROFILE on your USPC page
- **2021 > 2022 Officer Transitions (set up outgoing DCs/Treasurers as volunteers)**
 - If you change offices, new DC can sign you up as a Volunteer to help complete online elements; or can sit together/do a zoom meeting and complete virtually together sharing screens.

Comments from floor:

- Jordan's post address to send her well wishes, thoughts and letters of encouragement --- the GLRPC is thinking of her!! 😊
 - Please see hyperlink from our www.glrponyclub.org website **2021 GLR Omnibus**

Adjourn

- Ginger W. made motion to adjourn the GLRPC RC meeting at 1:28pm, Sunday, November 7. Mary O. seconded motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously 😊