

**April 15, 2023**

## **Intermountain Region Spring Leadership Meeting**

### **Introductions**

#### **Highlights from Annual Meeting**

- Hearing how other clubs operate
- Meeting others from other clubs
- Kids met other kids and socialized and they got to learn a lot and get lots of information – if kids missed a class, they could go the next day
- Camaraderie and energizing. “relit my fire”
- Reconnect with clubs from other regions
- Good professional training – “The word that matters” – IMPACT
- Realizing how big Pony club is
- Refresh on old horse management and new ideas and got good ideas on how to improve on the HM certifications/judging – inspiring
- Fresh ideas – anatomy room, classes, pony paddock, etc
- “Off to a good start”
- Good tips for organizing during Horse Management
- Kid science projects program really cool – Research Fair

*PROPOSAL:* RIC and HMO – should be sent to Annual Meeting every 3 years or when they are new or when there seems to be a need – see motions below

#### **Larisa Alexander – Budgets and Reimbursements/timelines**

- Need to make sure we are reporting and reimbursing correctly for our non-profit status
- Reminders being sent out – tax filings – May 15 important date for 990N
- Feb 15 was the reconciling date for the prior year.
- Request that clubs send in regional dues for 2023 members
- Also make sure national dues are paid
- Reimbursements
  - For a Club rally, send a budget to be approved by the club board members. Within **60 days**, get final tally and pay or request to the region for reimbursement
  - For regional, RS and Regional board would approve - need a budget and need receipts
  - Budgets can be adjusted up to the rally in order to have the conversation of how things are going with the planning and Regional board wants to know about the changes – mindful of the spending
  - **IMPORTANT: 60 days** to get the receipts to Board for reimbursement

#### **Winter online Series – Thank you**

- Clubs need to do better job of advertising this meeting
- When explaining this meeting, make it very clear why it is beneficial
- The kids can get some of their teaching hours this way for certification
- Need to have more C’s and above – when they get older, they lose interest in PC
- Club leaders need to encourage and manage how they want their members to participate

- Consensus is that we should continue

#### **Virtual Standards & Certifications**

- Money earned helps to bring in a clinician and a bit of a discount for those that attended the meeting
- This year the money earned may be able to be used for discount for the kids that attended go to the Pony Club Camp
- Recording is available if anyone wants to watch again, but have to pay if they haven't already

#### **2023 Regional Activities Update**

- SJ/DR Rally – should be able to do again this year – snow is melting and ground is drying – Lisa would like this to be a qualifying event for Champs
- Region Camp – to prep you for a rally
- Eventing Rally
- Tet/SJ/Vaulting Rally
- Upper Level Prep
- National Certification? – need 6 or they won't come because they have to pay for a National Examiner – may need to open to another region – may need to push to next year

**2023 Championships** – St Louis Horse Park and Tryon – if anyone wants to go, entries are open now, but will close before the SJ/DR rally – so far sounds like nobody is going.

#### **Championships / Festival 2024 –**

- entries close June 23, 2024. Wasatch Pony Club will probably have Chicken be a qualifying event for Eventing champs
- Lisa's suggestion says kids should go to a recognized event that they have never been to so that they know what it is like to go to a new place. That way they hopefully won't get eliminated when they go to Kentucky.
- Letter of Intent to Regional Board is important so they can make sure "all ducks in a row" –no commitment required

#### **Assistant Horse Management Judges Needed**

- Aspen Curtis will have a zoom meeting to explain the HM Assistant Judge job before each rally.
- HM Seminar and training for Assistant HMJs tentatively scheduled **Apr 30, 2023 (Zoom)**

#### **Any other business**

- Keep an eye on the Regional Website – it is up to date now
- Members only has a password

#### **Adjourn – 6:34PM**

#### **Action Items:**

- **Regional Treasurer** – document the new rules/process for reimbursement for events
- **Lisa A** – add an item to the fall meeting/budget meeting to discuss if the Region will pay for RIC and HMOs to go to Annual meeting
- **Cara** – for the Winter Online Series – explanation and possibly some deadlines and structure

**Motions:**

- **Withdrawn:** For New RIC or HMO or every 3 years – pay Room, registration, plane ticket for Annual meeting
  - Discussion:
    - would prefer to have a cap on this, need to have flexibility on this rule in case we don't have a good budget – write in the rule “if the budget permits”
    - current wording says “RS” is paid to go
  - This was withdrawn
- **Approved:** Add an item to the fall budget meeting to discuss who is paid for to go to Annual Meeting (RIC and HMOs)
  - Fall Meeting – we know who were the new members will be so we can make a better decision on if our budget accommodates the to be sent to Annual Meeting
- **Approved:** Accept the Nominated Committee (see agenda for list)