



Attendees		
<b>Board Members Present</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lorri Witkowski (RS) - HHPC</li> <li>Candy Tavormina (VRS) - FPC</li> <li>Linda Short-Lowe (VRS) - MHIIPC</li> <li>Kerry McKinley (RIC) - OHPC</li> <li>Julie Graber (HMO) - SSPC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sue Smith (HMO) - HHPC</li> <li>Ginger Wisseman (Secretary) - PPC</li> <li>Jase MacLeod (Treasurer) – HVPC</li> <li>Nicole Bodmer (RTC) – HHPC</li> </ul>
<b>Club Representatives Present</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEMI - Judi Pershing*, Josh Phillips (JLC Liaison)</li> <li>MHII - Helen, Lisa McCormack*</li> <li>OHPC - Ann Szumski*, Kata Seigel</li> <li>RSLP - Lisa Carter*</li> <li>HHPC - Jamie Pachota*</li> <li>CRPC - Carolyn Wheeler, Kate Vane*</li> <li>HVPC - Laura Reynolds*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRPC - Lauren McGillicuddy*</li> <li>SSPC - Jennifer Reelson*</li> <li>MPC - Angie Barnes*, Brenda Tomlinson</li> <li>LTBPC - Suzy White*</li> <li>KVII - Sarah Hartwig, Ellen Goulda*, Karen Barsuhn</li> <li>GRPC - Cindy Hogan*</li> </ul>

Motion for Approval of Minutes:

Need to change the LTBPC to a new bullet point

Motion:

Ellen Goulda

Second:

Lisa McCormack

Motion carries unanimously

Motion for Approval of Agenda:

Motion:

Ellen Goulda

Second:

Judy Pershing

Motion carries unanimously

RS/Treasurer/RIC/HMO Reports	
<b>RS Report (Lorri)</b>	<p>Current Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To date there are 184 members and 15 clubs.</li> <li>Membership is steady.</li> </ul> <p>GLR Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New board members – VRS, Co-HMO, Secretary</li> <li>Jennifer Forman has resigned from the VRS position but will continue to be JLC Liaison, Jennifer would still like to be a resource as an instructor and examiner for the region.</li> </ul> <p>Calendar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current calendar is stable and complete – posted on the digest, website, and facebook</li> <li>New to this year – EBTH, Alt Sports</li> <li>SJ/DR rally was pushed back as late as possible due to facility constraints. This leaves very little time to get your championships qualification complete.</li> <li>National test – mid Aug was approved, however the requirement is that there must be 6 participants</li> <li>Activity guide is complete, and packets are standardized</li> </ul> <p>Championships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Championships last year – small group went to Virginia</li> <li>Eastern Championships will be at Tryon this year.</li> </ul> <p>Annual Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 board members went to the annual meeting along with 2 other DC's – this was very valuable, especially the changes to horse management and instruction, flights, hotel, and registration for board members was paid for by the region.</li> <li>The next meeting will be in LA at the end of Jan.</li> </ul> <p>Club partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RLPC/HVPC</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HHPC/OHPC</li> <li>• KVII would like to partner with other clubs for Richland Park Pooper Scooping, they have invited GRPC this year to participate and fundraise</li> <li>• Networking together is encouraged</li> <li>• Examiners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Limited pool of examiners, we recommend that you work together with other nearby clubs to combine forces.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horsemasters are growing in the region, we will need to increase our awareness and integrate them into regional activities (possibly on separate teams)</li> </ul> <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the DC awareness of the year end process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lorri checked the records for each club and found multiple holes in the documents being submitted to national.</li> <li>○ Budgeting and Treasury Reports were also lacking.</li> <li>○ A board member will be at the annual sponsor meeting for each club to assist in ensuring all required aspects of the annual sponsor meeting is covered.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
<p><b>Treasurer Report (Jase)</b></p>	<p>See the Treasurer's Report for specific details  Summary: The region gained \$5641 from the previous year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• + \$2400 – fundraising</li> <li>• - \$4000 – instructional expenses</li> <li>• - \$4200 – meeting expenses</li> <li>• + \$2700 – rallies</li> <li>• + \$8700 – dues</li> <li>• Net gain for Competitors Tax is \$1730</li> <li>• Total Net Gain is approximately \$5600</li> </ul> <p>This fall we will need to budget for Festival/Championship participation in 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 year festival cycle – because the Kentucky Horse Park is so close to the region, more members participate.</li> <li>• Champ camp for festival years cost a significant amount of money and the region likes to build up for this time period.</li> </ul>				
<p>Motion for Approval of Treasurer's Report:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Motion:</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Second:</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Lisa Carter</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Susy White</td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion carries unanimously</p>		Motion:	Second:	Lisa Carter	Susy White
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<p><b>RIC Report (Kerry)</b></p>	<p>Goals for 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club instruction plan for each club – verify that you are providing mounted and unmounted meetings, are you teaching to the standards</li> <li>• Continue to improve communication – Facebook seems to work best for UL youth</li> <li>• Set up the calendar ASAP and keep it up to date</li> <li>• Utilize a national examiner for unmounted clinics</li> <li>• Identify the needs and availability for UL members to attend instructional opportunities</li> </ul> <p>Annual Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big focus on how to keep your younger kids, hook them by getting them tested to D1 ASAP, getting the older/younger kids together, regional participation</li> <li>• New SOP's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All SOP's have been changed and are up to date on the USPC website, added safety standards, Horsemasters use the same test, but there are some additional</li> <li>○ Traditional is now being called Eventing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Certification Testings</li> </ul>				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Horse Management - You can test all the knowledge portion and do the turn-out at a later date, but you do not earn the certification until you complete the turn-out inspections.</li> <li>○ Use the checklists, flowcharts, tests etc... to help kids prepare for your test. You can put a guideline/deadline to complete the checklist before a testing or DC approval to test.</li> <li>○ Many changes to HB and H/HA/H-HM certification testing</li> </ul> <p>Upper Level Clinics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Oct UL clinic date may need to change based on other riding events in the area</li> <li>● May have a waiting list for April mounted clinic – Jeanette Scanlan @ Albion</li> <li>● It is OK to audit the UL mounted clinics</li> <li>● Need help to organize food so Kerry will be spreading the responsibility to different club</li> </ul>
<p><b>HMO Report (Julie &amp; Sue)</b></p>	<p>AHMJ Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Some training for AHMJ will take place during move-in time</li> </ul> <p>EBTH Rally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We need a lot of C1+ members to be Horse Management judges (this will be a great educational opportunity and get them even better at HM)</li> </ul> <p>Annual Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Horse Management is for every day, it should not be taught just for a rally or because it's the "Pony Club Way", teach it for education to establish basic everyday practices because it's safe, good for the horse, etc... There is a reason for everything. Help to explain the WHY when you are teaching horse management.</li> <li>● The safety booklet is now a governing document to reference during competition</li> <li>● Insurance - Update the dates for your insurance coverage throughout the year to help keep costs down for the organization. It is not OK to insure a location for the entire 2016 year. Instead specify the dates that you will actually be holding meetings/events/activities.</li> </ul> <p>The new HM manual has a lot of changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Encourage the parents to read the HM rule book also, start with the required equipment list that explains what the parents will need to buy and why.</li> <li>● Turnback checklist is new this year</li> <li>● The neutral zone still exists - you can talk to your kids, but you are not allowed to coach them, you can sit next to them, but you may not go in the barn</li> </ul>

<b>Old Business</b>	
<b>Standards and Certification Clinic (Nicole)</b>	<p>Previous Clinic Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 years ago – examiners only</li> <li>• 1 year ago – geared to DC’s, members, and parents</li> <li>• Held this year by Nicole – geared to examiners, DC’s, and instructors</li> <li>• Proposal for next year is to split up the examiner and generic instruction</li> </ul> <p>Who can sign-off on check lists?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend that they use a person who is familiar with the SOP’s, should not be a parent or someone that is really close with that kid.</li> </ul> <p>Certification Testings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requesting that we do not have teenage examiners testing adult Horsemasters. Look at the age and maturity of the examiner.</li> <li>• DC’s have the final say as to whether a member can participate in a testing.</li> <li>• Please do not encourage members to go to a certification testing to just try it. Members have come to testings that were completely unprepared. This is unfair to the member and the examiner.</li> </ul>
<b>National Test (Lorri &amp; Kerry)</b>	<p>We need to have 6 candidates for the test to be held. Application deadline is May 27<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To have the test in our region, is a tremendous cost savings.</li> <li>• You can practice switch riding with other members at UL clinics.</li> <li>• You get to ride in a place you are familiar with from Super Camp and other events.</li> </ul>
<b>Championships (Linda)</b>	<p>Champs Camp – July 11-12<sup>th</sup> Application deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> For quiz – must be a D2 and 10yrs+ - Top 4 scorers per division are automatically approved to go Dressage – must score a min of 55</p>
<b>Fund Raisers (Candy &amp; Ginger)</b>	<p>Silent Auction – estimated \$1708 Omnibus – estimated \$2750</p>

Activity Reports	
<b>Quiz Rally and Dance Spring Meeting (Julie &amp; KVII)</b>	<p>Quiz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 103 competitors this year</li> <li>• A little less income this year due to fewer participants</li> <li>• Please fill in the electronic entry for packets</li> <li>• Scoring went really well – scoring assistants were fantastic</li> <li>• Autumn Kennedy came in last minute to fill in for Jennifer Foreman as upper level quiz master</li> <li>• Pushed back the start time to accommodate driving in</li> </ul> <p>Dance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Went for a long time, and most of the D's left after the first hour</li> </ul> <p>Quiz Art Contest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 intro participants (4 poetry)</li> <li>• 8 Jr participants (1 poetry)</li> <li>• 4 Sr participants</li> </ul>
<b>Everything But The Horse Rally (HHPC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HHPC hosting</li> <li>• Targeting D members (age 4-adult)</li> <li>• Bring Rally Kit (bring one set of tack per team)</li> <li>• Need a lot of C members to be HM judges</li> <li>• There will be access to a horse for some of the event (jog outs etc...)</li> <li>• Try to re-use the ribbons donated by Candy</li> <li>• Budget was already approved at the executive board meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterloo? (Didn't want Pony Club anymore because it was kids, and they had previous bad experiences with youth)</li> <li>• Sue will upload the requirement for a potential rally facility to the digest.</li> </ul>
<b>Show Jumping Rally</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still at Woodbine, but need to continue to research facilities</li> <li>• Stumbling block for the date was the TEAM calendar</li> <li>• Hospitality and facilities is being split up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CRPC will continue to run facilities</li> <li>○ Looking for a club to handle hospitality</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Motion for Approval of Budget:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">A motion to approve the budget</div> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: <span style="float: right;">Second:</span></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 45%;">Laura Reynolds</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 45%;">Lisa McCormack</div> </div> <p>Motion carries unanimously</p>	
<b>Dressage Rally</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barb Day as TD?</li> <li>• Hospitality and facilities is being split up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CRPC will continue to run facilities</li> <li>○ Looking for a club to handle hospitality</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>Regional Super Camp &amp; Champ Camp</b>	<p>Organizing responsibility by the board</p> <p>Hospitality (MHII)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Housing&gt;Showers/Food</li> <li>○ Housed at a local home</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stall setup will be both permanent and temporary</li> <li>• 3.5 full days of instruction</li> </ul> <p>Financial</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camp fee does not include food</li> <li>• Per USPC - 24 riders need 4 national examiners?</li> <li>• Can we utilize visiting instructors for the D-levels?</li> <li>• There is a lot of value both mounted and unmounted, but the cost is still very high for some families</li> </ul>
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<p>Motion:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>The board will work as hard as they can to lower the fee, get a visiting instructor, look into Jennifer Brooks, and keep the loss within \$2200-\$2700, with 2 day participation/champ camp participation at ½ the cost.</p> </div>	
<p>Motion:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Kerry McKinley</p> </div>	<p>Second:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Susy White</p> </div>
<p>Motion carries unanimously</p>	

<b>Alternative Discipline Activity (RLPC)</b>	<p>Weekend in Sept.          Venue – Cedar Creek Crossings?          Disciplines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaulting – A couple options in the Michigan area.</li> <li>• Tetrathlon - ?</li> <li>• Polocrosse – Josh Phillips</li> <li>• Games - ?</li> </ul>
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<b>Fall Regional Council Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food for 1 person per club at 2 meetings is covered</li> <li>• May need to charge a facility fee for meetings to cover the cost of copying/facility use. Currently this is being taken into account by charging for lunch.</li> <li>• Do we feel comfortable with an \$8/person food cost?</li> </ul>
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<p>Motion for Approval of Budget:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Motion to accept the budget for the fall meeting and approve an \$8/person charge for food</p> </div>	
<p>Motion:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Cindy Hogan</p> </div>	<p>Second:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Kerry McKinley</p> </div>
<p>Motion carries unanimously</p>	

New Business	
<b>National Test</b>	National Test Recognition – Recognize immediately upon receiving it A award – lifetime member or brick
<p>Motion:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           Add to the GLR guidelines “Pony Club and Horsemaster members will be recognized at the quiz awards for HB and up national testings” Recognize members with a gift from the Pony Club store or USPC: HB - \$25, C3 - \$50, B - \$75, H/HA - \$100, A - a lifetime membership or a brick.         </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%;">Motion:</div> <div style="width: 45%;">Second:</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Suzy White</div> <div style="width: 45%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Lorri Witkowski</div> </div> <p>Motion carries unanimously</p>	
<b>Horsemaster’s Regional Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quiz rally – bring to the organizer’s attention ASAP</li> <li>Mounted rally – ??</li> <li>UL Clinics – must follow the same certification requirements as youth members</li> <li>Certifications are maintained from the time they age out</li> <li>The only difference between a youth member and a Horsemasters are that Horsemasters can be sponsors, have slightly different testing requirements on the tests.</li> </ul>
<p>Regional Member Dues - \$35/member:</p> <p>Motion for Approval:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           Each member pays \$35 to the region         </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%;">Motion:</div> <div style="width: 45%;">Second:</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Lorri Witkowski</div> <div style="width: 45%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Susy White</div> </div> <p>Motion carries unanimously</p>	
<p>Regional Instruction Fee - \$50/club:</p> <p>Motion for Approval:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           Each club pays the region \$50 to pays for meals for 1 person at 2 meetings and attendance at the standards and certification clinic         </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%;">Motion:</div> <div style="width: 45%;">Second:</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 45%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Lorri Witkowski</div> <div style="width: 45%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Suzy White</div> </div> <p>Motion carries unanimously</p>	
<b>Championships 2016</b>	<p>Linda did some research on both facilities and presented the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 different venues are being offered to our region for championships</li> <li>Tryon International Equestrian Center vs Iowa Equestrian Center handout</li> <li>The region would like to encourage attendance at Tryon               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iowa would feel more like a regional rally</li> <li>Tryon would feel more like a championships experience</li> <li>The fees are the same for both venues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Annual Meeting Highlights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kerry – really try to budget for DC attendance at the annual meeting</li> <li>Incident report – should be done for every incident, not just for injuries</li> <li>Clubs with 10 or less members are at risk of folding</li> <li>Try to maintain members in the 10-12 year old range, those are the members</li> <li>HM will be 20% of all discipline scoring</li> <li>Leadership training flight will be provided by USPC, other costs will be the region’s responsibility</li> </ul>
<b>Club Level Testings</b>	<p>Try to combine testings with other clubs Inform Nicole when tests are being offered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She would like to assist in coordination of testings</li> <li>Trying to offer at least 1 C-level test as a region (June/July)?</li> <li>There may be a way to bring in a national examiner for a C-level test, and then follow up with an UL clinic</li> </ul>

	The website examiner list will be more up-to-date than the omnibus
<b>Scrambling at Rally</b>	For incomplete teams, send them into the organizer. For full teams, you are golden.
<b>DC Notes and Announcements</b>	
<b>USPC Website and DC Guides</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone should have received an email from USPC to update their username and password. Please do this ASAP if you have not already done so. Use the resources that are available to them through the ponyclub.org site.</li> <li>• Lorri met with DC's and parents during quiz and discussed Pony Club 101, Horsemasters, leadership and volunteer opportunities, and making adult friendships. Ginger needs to find the file on the digest and upload it into the website</li> <li>• Linda printed DC guides for all clubs, please read through the guide and ask Lorri if you have more questions</li> <li>• Look over your policies and make sure they reflect the current reality. If any changed are needed, form a committee to update them.</li> <li>• Keep in mind all policies must be approved at a sponsor meeting. They then must be sent to Lorri and then national for approval.</li> </ul>
<b>Announcement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foxwood pony club would like to do T-shirts for Mega Rally</li> <li>• D clinic put on by RLPC – had 35 attendees</li> <li>• Participation from members is difficult, we only have a few members that regularly participate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Some Ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stick to a schedule, stop being so accommodating,</li> <li>▪ Publish the educational plan for the members,</li> <li>▪ Pay ahead of time, use the regional cancellation policy,</li> <li>▪ If you have an event – hold the event, do not cancel even if you have low attendance – eat the loss and make it awesome anyway.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Club promotion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hold an open house</li> <li>▪ Jr. Pony Club</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Motion for Adjournment:

Motion:

Lisa Carter

Second:

Ellen Goulda

Motion carries unanimously