**SLOV Regional AGM**

Saturday December 12, 2015

9:30 am- 2:30 pm

Stittsville Legion : 1481 Main Street, Stittsville

Basement room to start as there is a pancake breakfast in main room until 10:00

1. Call to order – Attendance - regrets

Attendance: Anne-Marie Fowler, Laverne Fleck, Pam Nuth, Liz Tucker, Susan Lorden (EastWind), Candace Collins (Appleton, Trillium), Jordan Levisky, Cat Hunter, Brenda Salmon, Shaylie Brokate, Heidi Hatch, Trevor Atkinson, Ellen Huckabone, Rebecca Seinsch, NJ Ainslie, Andrea Soule, Mary Thibault, Allison Moore, Victoria Holland, Margaret Mapplebeck, Lisa Sweet, Pam Nuth, Sabrina Gifford, Susan Veldkamp, Cindy Bleakney, Susan Waugh

Regrets: Diana Bayer, Barrhaven Pony Club

1. Approve Minutes SLOV AGM - Dec 6, 2014 – Shay Brokate missing from attendance. Trevor, Brenda – all in favour
2. Membership Review 2015 final – 2016 to date - 2015 membership numbers: 115 members last year, plus 9 HorseMasters. 2016 so far: Trillium 23; Charleston Lake 12; OVH 17; Temperance Lake 12 + 1; ODPC 12; Stonebridge 5; Kingston – 5-12; Appleton 9; Barrhaven - 15; EastWind 4 + 4; Possibly 2 new branches – Quebec (4 stables) and Partridge Acres (119 plus HorseMasters)
3. Treasurer’s Report

See handout provided by Laverne

Large drop in membership
No more OEF funding
Participation rates down – reducing revenue sources such as Quiz & Winter Camp
No fundraising
Missed Education grant from National

Need to find more ways to generate revenue.
Membership fees: $80 National; $25 to SLOV: plus branch fee.

1. OEF report: Changed guidelines – Own the Podium, not grassroots level; Used to pay a membership fee ($275) – not this year as no grants; Unlikely to qualify for grants; Mark Nelson new OEF Chair – from Oakhurst.
Need to define our role; need to find a place to fit
2. 2015 Regional Testing Summary - 2016 C2, B/A testing plan

Regional – A/B & B2 – Anne-Marie Duarte (full A); Tori Morgan (needs to redo flat); Jordan (B- needs stable management); Shay (C2)
Need testing chair for 2016 (see Nominations section)
For 2016: As and Bs again this year; National subsidises A level tests for A levels
A candidates write in January: Katiana, Tori & Melissa – have done their written, need to send in their deposit
B2 candidates need to declare in spring
C2 candidates?

1. Discipline reviews – 2015
Dressage: Suggestion that scores from other show be used to qualify for Nationals; focus on education/clinics

Show Jumping: Rebecca will pass on ideas to new SJ chair

Education: 1 clinic; lessons & ideas for stable management (Saskatchewan Education site – members can have an account on the webpage, goes from E to B2, parents must give permission & sign consent – on SLOV FB page) To be resent to the DCs. Need to help branches with education & planning. Ellen has more education material – just ask. Ellen to send in the Education grant application even though it’s past due.

Quiz: 78 members; 9 HorseMasters; C Team sent to National Quiz – did well – had fun – great experience

Rally: Richmond Fairgrounds 9 D, 11 B/C members – combined weekend – great clinicians Mathea was really inspiring (recommend Mathea and Garnet for speakers Friday night of Winter Camp); no real complaints. 2016: two dates possible – July 1st-4th weekend; Aug 26th-29th, looking for alternate facility, perhaps with cross country on-site. Need to initiate discussion with Wesley Clover, may end up during the week, do combined rally & PPGs. Clinics are tough – time constraints. Perhaps “Bring your own coach day”, so that kids can come in and school on a cross country course, different farms. Brenda to continue to investigate

Tetrathlon: Fun activity for boys (and girls) – one regional event this year.
Suggestions: Hire coach to teach kids to swim or run, do turns, practice in branches. Karl will continue as chair.

PPG: Fiddlers Green location – three divisions – good day, good turnout – missing the B trophy If you have it, please bring it to the next Regional meeting). Trevor is stepping down.

1. National Directors Report

National Director: Cat Hunter – Calgary in April; Toronto & Winnipeg – long meetings – No location named for National rally; Testing – testing scale, Rubric scale?, candidates can now flat stream from D2; Need to clarify how to move up levels as examiners – need more examiners at all levels.
HorseMasters can now test at all levels – if you tested as a youth member, you may start at that level; HorseMasters division at National – will need to be a volunteer to attend. Qualification will not happen at Regional Quiz.
Other National competitions may be opened to HorseMasters.
HorseMaster fees will be increasing in 2017 to standard rates.
Risk Management – new standard for crash vests (beta 3 now recommended), not required, but recommended. Incident forms must be completed for all incidents – toe stepped on? Knee scraped? Fell off in a lesson? If an activity is not in the minutes, and reviewed by the region, then the activity is NOT covered. Skjorring and Voltige are NOT covered. Discussion around which events will need a medic.
Marketing – incentive in conjunction with 3 universities – CPC will have proprietary rights to all ideas submitted.
National youth reps – would like 3rd youth rep, only 2 will have a vote. New youth rep for East: Kathryn Robinson.
New national newsletter – contact Cat for copy.

Regional newsletter: Chantal Hortop – send Chantal any interesting articles, poems, drawings, etc, that your branch would like to see in the newsletter.
D & C workbooks are in review in French, all materials copyright for Pony Club use only

New National treasurer: Elaine Webster
Change It program: donates change to CPC – BMO or RBC Mastercard
New scholarship in Phil’s name: $500 bursary, possibly travel to Quiz
Membership decreasing 10% annually, need to increase membership.
Working on memorandum of understanding with Equine Canada
Police checks required for all overnight/National & International chaperones – original must be sent to National.
Passports – if you don’t get one, send a letter to Val and ask for them. New passport & letter comes from National. Pins are supplied by the branch.

National has letter from Shay about National Rally. Said that it was good to receive constructive feedback from a participant. Comments will be discussed with National Rally Chair. Shay to receive a reply from National.
Liz Tucker has a full set of Le Trec ribbons (1st to 10th) for a regional event, should someone want to organise one.

1. Branch reviews 2015

Inactive branches
- UCPC
- West Carleton
- Renfrew
- Lake of Two Mountains
- Ashton First Fields
- Others?

1. Youth review 2015
Shay & Melissa – contest at Quiz – Jordan & Shay willing to be reps for next year
2. Nominations – Acclimations – Elections
Regional Chair – Anne-Marie Fowler
Vice Regional Chair – Andrea Soule
Regional Secretary – Susan Lorden
Regional Treasurer – Laverne Fleck

National director – Cat Hunter

Dressage – Rebecca – nominated by Candace; seconded by Brenda Salmon

Show Jumping – Tess Greer – nominated by Cat; seconded by Heidi

Education – Cat – nominated by Candace; seconded by Rebecca

Rally – Brenda

Membership – Brenda Salmon – nominated by Pam; seconded by Rebecca – Police checks to go to Membership Chair to forward to National

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Tetrathlon – Karl McCague

Quiz – Cat Hunter – nominated by Susan Waugh; seconded by Brenda Salmon

Winter Camp – Candace (Trillium Pony Club) – nominated by Cat, seconded by Brenda

Youth rep: Jordan and Shaylie – all in favour

DC at large – Candace – nominated by Brenda, seconded by Andrea

PPGs – Wendy Wahler (maybe)

Testing – Pam Nuth (Cat & Anne-Marie to assist)

Chantal Hortop – newsletter

Webmaster – Linda Murphy

All in favour of all appointments.

1. Report from Oct 18 – Strategic Session

C rally – 63% decline; D rally – 88% decline – but not the same decline in youth, or number of sport horses in Ontario overall

Key indication: Lack of recognition of Pony Club by equine professionals

Some branches not represented at the strategic session

Some issues:

* Pony Club lost visibility
* 40% of branches did not attend
* EQ and OEF slightly negative (although they came)
* FEQ refused to speak with Cat

Cat will email out slides to everyone

1. Proposed planning meetings - DC meeting, Education Chair and Branch Education meetings

DCs Meeting – Saturday, January 30, 2016 – DCs & ADCs – Kemptville, 9 am start

Discipline Chairs Meeting – Tuesday, February 9, 2016 – Kemptville, 7 pm

SLOV Meetings – Monday, February 29, 2016 – Susan Lorden will find a location.

1. New business

Membership fees – will need to increase for 2017

Northern Exposure PC/Honey Dew Acres Riding Center – USPC branch would like to join us in our regional events –
**Phone Number:** 315-379-1035
**Address:** 169 Post Road, Canton, NY 13617
**E-mail:** pmcadam@twcny.rr.com

HorseMasters can now test and attend National Quiz. We need to think about whether or not we subsidise them for testing or for travel to national competitions.

Susan Lorden to put together a mailing list of DCs, and chairs.

Safety and Insurance – on SLOV board? Waivers for carpooling?

1. Adjourn: Moved by Ellen, seconded by Margaret – All in favour