



# SOUTH REGION COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2008  
Peachtree City, Georgia

### I. Call to Order

Ada Holley, Regional Supervisor, USPC South Region call the meeting to order at 9:05 AM on Saturday, November 1, 2008.

### II. Roll Call

The roll call of South Region Council members and the clubs they represent was taken. Club representatives, new officers, and guests were introduced. All clubs were represented except for Horse Sense, Mossy Creek and Wings.

Quorum: Yes

2008 Council Members \* indicates individual representing two positions.

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#### Present.

##### Regional Officers

Y Ada Holley, Regional Supervisor  
 Y Sally Young, VRS-Activities  
 Y Lee Ann Gilson, VRS-Instruction  
 Y Nancy Thrasher, Treasurer  
 Y Martha Fabiano, \*Secretary

##### Atlanta

Y Cynthia Berkeley

##### Cahaba

Y Beth Corey, DC

##### Cohutta Highlanders

Y Martha Fabiano, DC  
 Y Patty Aickelin

##### Hilltoppers

Y Karen Thompson, DC  
 Y Betsy McGlone

##### Midland Foxhounds

Y Mikki Johansen, DC  
 Y Jennifer Baker  
 Y Jeanne Hall

##### Piedmont

Y Amy Pasko  
 Y Katie Fite

##### Pinchona

Y Lida Sease  
 Y Lisa Castaldo

##### Pine Trace

Y Lisa Rusinyak, DC  
 Y Kay Greene

##### Wiregrass

Y April Mathis, DC  
 Y Carla Fitz

##### Woodbine

Y Susan Kleto, DC  
 Y Trish Barlow  
 Y Pam Pendleton

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#### Absent.

##### Regional Officers

N Brenda Yikes, HMO  
 N Deb Lochner, RIC

##### Mossy Creek

N Deb Lochner, DC \*

##### Horse Sense

N Dana Surrusco, DC

##### Wings

N Pam Halsey, DC

**III. Agenda** (see attachment 1)

*Motion was passed to accept the agenda.*

**IV. Announcements**

*Motion made (Sally Young): Names of those making/seconding need not be recorded.*

*Second: Martha Fabiano*

*Approved: Unanimously*

**V. Approval of 2007 minutes** (see attachment 2)

The council was given time to read the minutes from the 2007 USPC South Region Council Meeting Minutes.

*Motion: To accept the minutes as corrected.*

*Approved: Unanimously.*

**VI. South Region Officer Reports**

**A. Regional Supervisor Report** (see attachment 3)

Ada Holley, South Region RS, reported on the year.

- a. HB/C3 moved to a national testing in 2008. There was a learning curve to the new system for both parents and organizers.
- b. Success rate of our candidates was very high with problems only seen in poisonous plants and teaching.
- c. To improve rally in 2009: get rally packets out in a timelier manner.
- d. Other challenges for rallies, low attendance at rallies due to economical situation.
- e. Eventing canceled. we only lost money on chief's airfare, the ribbons that were bought can be used for next year's rally.
- f. Need to explore ways to keep activities affordable for our members.
- g. The South Region offered qualifying rallies.
  - a. Quiz
  - b. Dressage
  - c. Games
  - d. Show Jumping
- h. Sent members to USPC East Championships in following disciplines:
  - a. Quiz
  - b. Games
  - c. Show Jumping
- i. Special recognition went to the following:
  - a. Katherine Ingram, Pine Trace won the good sportsmanship trophy at Dressage Rally.
  - b. Hildegard Neill Ritchie Writing contest (attachment 4")  
Angela Parn of Horse Sense – First Place
  - c. National Youth Congress 2008 delegates were Lara Silver Piedmont and Danielle Fabiano, Cohutta.
  - d. Ada also encouraged members to apply for the TJ Noe scholarship since there were no applicants for 2008.
- j. Ada thanked everyone for their help and patience through her first year of RS and was looking forward to a successful new year.

**B. Vice RS-Instruction Report** (see attachment 4)

Lee Ann Gilson, South Region, VRS – Instruction, reported on the year.

- a. The preps were successful and very well attended.
- b. The challenges for the preps are to make budget due to increasing expenses.
- c. Needed host clubs for all preps and ratings early in the year.
- d. Lee Ann reported she was better prepared after her first year in the position with much of 2009 scheduling already done.

**C. Vice RS- Activities Report** (see attachment 5)

Sally Young, South Region Vice RS- Activities reported on the year.

- a. Participants for all the rallies were down from the previous year.
- b. Packets needed to be sent out earlier to allow members to plan and get forms sent back.
- c. More Volunteers from each club were needed for those attending the rallies.
- d. Encourage parents to fill out paperwork early.
- e. Decide on ways to make rallies more economical with rising costs.

**D. Horse Management Organizer Report**

Brenda Yikes, South Region HMO was absent. Ada Holley talked on her behalf.

- a. Horse Management for the year went very well with the need for more assistants.
- b. Training for new assistants begins at HM/EBTH.
- c. Brenda would like to start a new program called “HM for Dummies” small mini clinic at rallies for parents on certain HM topics, i.e. formal inspection, set up and safeties.

**E. Instruction Coordinator Report** (see attachment 6)

Deb Lochner, South Region RIC was absent. Ada Holley presented the report for the year.

- a. Thought the Standards and Ratings clinic went very well this year.

**F. Treasurer Report** (see attachment 7)

Nancy Thrasher, South Region Treasure presented the current status of South Region accounts. The region has 2 accounts: checking and market accounts.

*Motion: To accept the reports.*

*Approved: Unanimously.*

**VII. RS Led Discussion:**

- A. National Donation to the Annual Fund.
- B. The need for our members to work on Horse Management at the club level since more members are boarding and unable to care for their mounts on a regular basis.
- C. New Rulebooks coming from USPC.
- D. Games teams new format.
  - i. Regional rallies will be named with the club names.
  - ii. National championships will be named for the region.
- E. Strongly encouraged all DC to register for the DC Digest and the South Region Digest.
- F. New Parent Rally Guide will be posted on website.
- G. A new Good Sportsmanship trophy to be give at Show Jump Rally was donated by Lisa Rusinyak in memory of their horse Smokey.

**VIII. Elections.**

A. The nominating committee presented the following slate of 2009 officers.

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|----------------------|----------------|
| a.) RS               | Ada Holley     |
| b.) VRS- Instruction | Lee Ann Gilson |
| c.) Treasure         | Nancy Thrasher |
| d.) Secretary        | Sally Young    |

*Motion to accept the slate of officers as presented: Karen Thompson.  
The motion to accept the slate of 2009 officers pass unanimously.*

**IX. 2010 Nominating Committee.**

A. The following individuals were nominated to serve on the committee to nominate regional officers for the 2010.

- a.) Karen Thompson, Hilltoppers
- b.) Mikki Johansen, Midland Foxhounds
- c.) Lisa Castaldo, Pinchona

**X. Adjournment.**

Ada Holley, RS adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

**I. Call to Order.**

Ada Holley, 2009 Regional Supervisor USPC South Region, called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

**II. New Business.**

- A. Ada Holley, RS introduced 2009 HMO and RIC:
- a. HMO Brenda Yikes
  - b. RIC Lee Ann Gilson

B. National Youth Congress.

All clubs were encouraged to nominate their qualified upper level candidates for this worthy and prestigious program. 2009 Delegate is Elizabeth Fite.

C. Academy of Achievement.

The National program is honoring a graduate pony club member who has excelled in their career.

D. Visiting Instructor Program.

Upper level members apply to instruct over the country.

E. Alternative to Championships.

Ada reported that the South Region would support the current championships.

F. 2010 Festival.

Festival for 2010 will be held in 2011 due to the World Games at the Lexington KY Horse Park.

G. Center Program.

- a. The center for profit will have pony club members that will attend the regional functions and will be welcomed.

H. Standards of Proficiency.

- a. The new standards of proficiency will be out this year with some minor changes. Please be aware.

I. 2009 Budget (see attachment 8)

Nancy Thrasher, South Region Treasurer, presented a proposed 2009 budget. There was discussion concerning some of the line items.

- a. Budget surplus allocated to educational clinic.
- b. The educational fund that was founded with the Bud Hawley grant to be allocated to a special clinic in his honor.
- c. Funding to help offset rising rally expenses totaling \$2750.00 from the checking balance.
  - i. \$250.00 for Quiz
  - ii. \$500.00 Show Jumping
  - iii. \$500.00 Dressage
  - iv. \$500.00 Games
  - v. \$1000.00 Eventing

*Motion: To accept the 2009 budget with the above changes.*

*Approved: Unanimously.*

### **III. Fees and Dues**

The South Region policy List of Fees and Dues was discussed. It was decided to leave the dues as is and to raise the late fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

*Motion to leave dues at \$20.00 and to raise the late fee to \$10.00.*

*Approved: with 1 opposed vote.*

### **IV. Vender Fee**

The discussion of raising the vender fee from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

*Motion to leave the vendor fee at \$25.00.*

*Approved: unanimously.*

### **V. Rally Surcharge**

It was decided to leave the rally surcharge at \$5.00 per competitor.

*Motion to leave the rally surcharge at \$5.00 per competitor.*

*Approved: unanimously.*

### **VI. Calendar (see attachment 9)**

- a. Clubs discussed various ways of cutting expenses for regional activities.
  - i. Going to 1 day rally.
  - ii Keeping rallies very basic.
  - ii Possible mega rally.
  - iii Eventing rally being combined with recognized event.

- b. Spreading rallies further apart and having a rally in the fall. Dressage rally for 2010 to be held fall of 2009

*Motion to hold the 2010 Qualifying Dressage Rally in the Fall of 2009.*

*Approved: Unanimously.*

**VII. USPC Leadership Training.**

Ada spoke on the importance of one DCs or JtDCs from each club attending the leadership training March 20-22, 2009 in Phoenix, AZ.

**VIII. USPC Annual Meeting.**

Ada encouraged all officers, members and families to attend the Annual Meeting Jan. 22-25, 2009 in Greenville, NC.

**IX. Regional Policy Review.**

Regional Policies need to be reviewed and possibly revised for budget review, ratings, clarification, and compliance to National policies.

A. Committee to look at the Regional Policies:

- a. Sally Young – Chairperson
- b. Maisie Compton

**X. Policy By-Laws.**

New by-laws came out in May 2008 and clubs need to review their Club Polices to make sure all are in accordance to the revisions.

- a. New term for Sponsor is now Jan. 1 of each year.
- b. Member in Good Standing.
- c. Club level ratings cannot require more than the national standard.

**XI. Club membership and rating update forms.**

These forms need to be mail to Sally Young.

**XII. Land's End Regional Shirts.**

Region is looking for a parent to oversee the ordering of championship shirts.

**XIII. Adjournment.**

- A. Ada Holley adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- B. The Annual Regional Council Meeting with the election of officers will be held November 7, 2009 in Peachtree City, GA.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Fabiano  
Secretary, South Region  
November 2, 2008