

2021 MidCal Annual Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2021

1. 10:06 AM Call to Order

Members asked to rename their screen with name, club affiliation, office held

Attendees:

Kathie Schulze, MidCal RS
Nichole Fisher, MidCal VRS
Bess Pieracci, MidCal VRS
Barbie Tilden-Roth, MidCal VRS
Rebecca Taylor, MidCal RIC
Charlotte Arrouye, MidCal RIC
Melissa Myers, MidCal Secretary
Molly Johnson, MidCal VRS
Kelli Jackman, DC Redwood Hills
Alisa Bredo, DC Portola Valley
Beth Scroggs, DC Clayton Canyon
Joanna Sachs
Valerie Sterling, DC Clayton Canyon
Ainsley Faraday, Skye Valley
Cindy Schwaab, DC Woodside
Gina Bargetto, Saratoga
Christina Angell, In the Irons
Nancy Pittman, Black Oaks
Cynthia Toms, DC Santa Ynez
Sarina Oliver, MBHTC PCRC
Mattea Curtis, Glen Oaks

2. Old Business

- **Mission statement**
 - couple small changes, clarified “educational organization” and included “youth and adult members”
 - vision statement to be updated
- **2020 Meeting minutes**
 - no adjustments
 - Molly Johnson made a motion to accept 2020 minutes, Nichole Fisher second it
 - unanimous vote to accept
- **Status of the Region**
 - 283 members (234 in clubs, 49 in centers)
 - 14 clubs, 5 centers
 - 207 under 26, 76 26 and over
 - HM Certifications
 - 3 H/HM, 7 B, 22 C2, 19 C1, 37 D3, 54 D2, 29 D1
 - Mounted Certifications
 - 1 A, 2 B, 4 C3, 42 C2, 30 C1, 81 D3, 122 D2, 55 D1
- **Diversity and Inclusion Group Update**
 - National has started a committee, MidCal will support this
 - there are some inconsistencies in D/I stuff

- sent recommendations to National regarding helmet fit/safety and natural hair and head coverings, this was well received
- created and piloted a new demographic survey- sent to exec director and board president
- group is on hiatus pending recommendations from Board of Governors
- always looking for new members
- **Special Awards Update**
 - Essay Scholarship Fund awarded 7 scholarships in 2021
 - awards are to be used to prepare for and offset costs related to attending mounted regional activities
 - more opportunities for Spring and Fall awards in 2022
- **Summary of Year's Activities**
 - Virtual Quiz Rally run by National
 - several teams, 3 members went to champs
 - Virtual Convention allowed a number of people to attend
 - Virtual Palooza had a good turnout
 - D Certification Portola Valley
 - open to all, very helpful
 - Tet Rally SCCPC
 - 3 qualified for champs
 - C1/C2 Certification South Bay horse Ranch
 - well run, small numbers but more than 2020
 - D- HM Virtual lesson from PVPC
 - much appreciated, stopped once in person resumed
 - D Camp, SCCPC
 - well run, small but it happened!
 - USPC Championships and Festival
 - Quiz, 4 members
 - Tet, 3 members
 - Eventing, 1 member
 - Pony Club Recognition Award at Woodside
 - expanded this year to include upper levels and alumni
 - D1/D2 Standards and Certification Clinic- Virtual
 - small, but well run
 - youth and adult participants
 - C1/C2 Certification at Woodside
 - small, only 1
 - National Testing at FCHP
 - members from MidCal, SPR and El Camino Real Tested
 - well run
 - Regional Annual Meeting, virtual
 - Thank you, well attended
 - Volunteer Recognition
 - thank yous to all club officers, parents, sponsors and regional board
 - special thank you to Linda Rossen for D certifications and Mattea Curtis for virtual HM
 - 2022 USPC Equine Symposium and Convention
 - some virtual
 - Kathie will attend, would be great if others can too
 - Redwood Hills 25th anniversary, will receive plaque at convention
 - research fair is allowing virtual presentations
 - national youth board is a great leadership opportunity
 - National Youth Congress Delegates
 - Jessica Flores accepted nomination this year

- some regional money for support

3. New Business

- **Nominating Committee presentation- Joanna Sachs**
 - Motion Barbie Roth, Second Nancy Pittman
 - unanimous vote
 - Slate of Officers:

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| Regional Supervisor | Bess Pieracci |
| VRS Administration | Kathie Schulz |
| VRS Membership | Barbie Roth |
| VRS Activities | Nichole Fisher |
| HMO | Eben Haber |
| RIC | Rebecca Taylor |
| RIC | Charlotte Arrouye |
| Treasurer | Deb Kirsch |
| Secretary | Melissa Myers |
| Social Media/Webmaster | Michelle Cale |

 - Charlotte Arrouye motioned to accept slate of officers, Rebecca Taylor second
 - unanimous vote to accept slate of officers
- **Announcement of Organizers**
 - Communications: Michelle Cale
 - Certifications
 - National Certifications- Melissa Myers
 - Region C1/C2 - Molly Johnson
 - Camps- Nichole Fisher
 - C Camp, Volunteer needed
 - Rallies
 - Dressage- Juliet clarke
 - Quiz - Kathie Schulz
 - TET - Nichole Fisher
 - D Rally - Melissa Myers
 - Ribbons
 - all rallies, Charlotte Arrouye and Cynthia Toms will co organize
 - keep track, store, deliver ribbons
- **Treasurer's Report 2021**
 - presented by Bess Pieracci for Deb Kirsch
 - no questions/concerns
 - clarify that operating fund is from closed clubs

4. Financial Planning

- **Discussion:** 2021 still dealing with COVID, will continue into 2022
 - hopefully 2023 will look more normal
- **Proposed 2022 Budget**
 - discussion of funds for special awards, champs, certifications, keep focus on regional events, made some adjustments to budget, text conversation with Deb regarding changes
 - motion to pass adjusted 2022 budget: Charlotte Arrouye, second: Bess Pieracci
 - Pass by unanimous vote
- **Mid Cal Procedures and Guidelines**
 - **RIC Report**

- website update for examiners/instructors
- list of attendees for S/C clinic
- must attend S/C clinic with in past 2 years to be an examiner
- RIC update email for resources, teaching to teach programs, junior instructors
- Biennial Palooza, next one in 2023
 - 2021 was virtual, lots of great learning, including a S/C Clinic
- Fall D1/D2 S/C clinic and examiner training
- clubs should send at least 1 rep to S/C clinic
- clinics focus on D1 - C2 levels
- RICs can help with club calendars for instruction
- In 2022:
 - update website resources
 - update email
 - S/C clinics
 - Upper Level Prep Clinics
 - junior instructor program
 - can do some virtual instruction
 - both RICS are certified PC instructors
 - pathway for members
 - great mentoring opportunity
 - improve HA level teaching
 - Hire a RIC to teach/clinic
- **Rallies**
 - any club/center to run a rally, can fundraise
 - regional rallies- region orders ribbons, registration happens through club/center
 - every club/center should organize something
 - need people to step up
 - event organizer can be separate from club
 - region will take over financial responsibility if necessary
- Non- Rallies
 - regional clinics and certifications
 - C Prep?
 - members may register as individuals or through club/center
- Conflict Resolution
 - consult DC if between members
 - if unresolved DC contacts RS
 - if between DC and members, contact RS
 - if conflict with RS contact director of regional administration
 - keep written documentation of events, conversations, emails, text
 - use adult code of conduct and pony club pledge

5. Discussion of 2022

- January
 - 1/9 Peer Review Workshop, Treasurer Review For Clubs
 - new treasurer or every 2 years
 - can trade books with another club
- February
 - Virtual Officer Training, Kathie Schulz will organize
 - updates about restructuring committees
 - Quiz Rally, Kathie Schulz will organize
- March
 - 19/20 Dressage Rally, Juliet Clarke organizer

- Golden Hills PC is host
 - S/C Clinic, in person
 - D1 - C1 clinic
- April
 - EBTH - need organizer
 - C Prep Clinic- TBD
 - April 9, celebration of life for Marilyn Turstidge, Mt Diablo Trail Ride Assc
- May
 - 6-8 D Rally, FCHP, Melissa Myers organizer
 - C1/C2 Certification, Ainsley organizer, Date TBD
- June
 - TET Rally, SCCPC, Nichole Fisher organizer, date TBD
 - 3/4 Trail Western 2 Day Clinic, at CMDTRA, Clayton Canyon host, Valerie Sterling organizer
 - Sales Booth at SpacTackler at HPW, Charlotte Arrouye, organizer
 - C Camp?
- July
 - Champs West, time and place TBD
 - D Camp, date TBD, Marina Equestrian Center, Nichole Fisher, organizer
- August
 - Pony Club Recognition at Woodside
 - C Prep Clinic?
- September
 - S/C clinic, virtual
- October
 - C1/C2 Certification at HPW
 - National Certification in Fresno, Melissa Myers organizer
- November
 - Regional Annual Meeting

6. Other Business

- USPC Annual Fund
 - lots of ways to donate
 - keeps programs going
- Other
 - shop pony club for custom club gear and educational materials
- Vote to keep regional dues the same for 2022: \$35 returning, \$50 new
 - Molly Johnson made a motion, Charlotte second the motion
 - Unanimous vote to keep the regional dues the same

7. Adjournment 3:42PM

- motion to adjourn: Charlotte Arrouye, second Rebecca Taylor
- motion passed unanimously