

**Virginia Region Pony Club
Regional Meeting
11/9/2025**

Attendees:

Carrie Camp, VRPC RS
Lisa Woods, VRPC Vice RS of Activities
Christie McKittrick, VRPC HMO
Steve Vorpahl, VRPC Treasurer
Julie Muniz, DRHPC DC
DeLani Mathias, LHPC Jt-DC
Sandi Carley, LHPC Jt-DC
Karen Souder, MOCPC DC
Laurie Rossbach, RBPC Jt-DC
Damaris Abeles, BRHPC Treasurer
Stefanie Cosenza, RBPC DC / VRPC RIC
Isabel Price, ODHPC DC (virtual attendee)

RS Review of 2025

- Recap of events, rallies, and national certifications from 2025

Treasurer's Review of 2025

- Statement reminding all board members of the fiduciary responsibility as the board of a nonprofit organization
- Starting balance \$100,075.60; net YTD \$91,387.87
- Certification net loss \$2k
- Fundraising \$1k (assets of a club closing)
- RIC program: net loss \$3728
- Membership dues YTD \$2,370
- Rallies: revenue \$15,650.03 / expenses \$20,733

Budget Questions/Comments

- Advertising budget for region? Response: typically handled by individual clubs
- Dues for 2026:
 - Renewal: \$30 until November 15, \$45 after November 15
 - New members: \$30
- Virginia Horse Industry Board
 - Grant changes – moving from a sponsorship distribution to a grant distribution via reimbursement
 - VRPC recognizes VHIB on all rally ribbons – additional recognition may be necessary with the distribution change
 - Carrie and Steve to review the new grant application process, due Dec. 10
- VRPC owns a flatbed trailer that is not utilized: Carrie Camp proposes sale

- Trailer was previously owned by Dominion Valley Pony Club, VRPC inherited when the club closed
- Flatbed recently refurbished, new brakes, passed inspection
- Estimated value \$1700 - \$3500
- Motion passed to sell the trailer
- Carrie will put together photos and ad, will open it to Virginia Region Pony Clubs first
- Proposed Workshop/Retreat February 7-8
 - Budget: \$2,000
 - National rep to lead meeting
 - Location: Warrenton, VA – PATH Center?
 - Members proposed one-day event – Saturday 2/7

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Carrie Camp, seconded by Julie Muniz, passed

Nominating Committee Report and Election

Nominating Committee: Delani Mathias, Stefanie Cosenza, Julie Muniz

Theme: Effective and Efficient

Considerations:

- Individuals excited to serve and support the region
- Willing to serve for multiple years, seeking to avoid frequent turnover

Proposed Officers

RS: Carrie Camp

VRS of Administration: Lisa Woods

VRS of Activities: Christie McKittrick

Treasurer: Sharon Wolf

Secretary: Julie Muniz

RIC: Stefanie Cosenza

HMO: Michelle Gnozzio

Questions/Comments

- Overview of background of proposed officers

Vote

No nominations on the floor,

Motion to vote raised by Stefanie Cosenza, motion passed by Karen Souder

Ballots marked, passed to Julie Muniz for tallying

2026 Proposed Calendar

January 28-February 1: USPC Convention

January 31: Quiz Rally, Frying Pan Park

February 7: Regional Meeting and Workshop

April 25: Loudoun Hunt PC Spring HT

May 16-17: Rally at Deep Run Hunt Club (Dressage?)

May 30-31: INVITED: Maryland SJ Rally at Morven Park

June 6: MOC Middleburg HT at Great Meadow

June 20: Loudoun Hunt PC Summer HT, Oatlands
June 22: Qualification period for Festival Champs CLOSES
July 13-19: USPC Festival, Lexington KY
August 8-10: National Tests at Deep Run Hunt Club (TENTATIVE)

OPTIONS:

Eventing Rally: VA Starter Trials, VA Horse Center
March 21-22 or August 15-16

D Rally: Red Gate Farm Starter Trial
September 19 or 20

Discussion:

- Tetrathlon Rally Scheduling
 - Prefer not to hold Tet Rally the same weekend as a qualifying Dressage Rally
 - Karen Souder proposes Touchpoint Farm in Culpeper for Tet trailer rally?
 - Could do running, shooting, and riding on site
 - Pool opening nearby late May 2026
 - Great venue, but might not work timing-wise this year to qualify for 2026 champs. Best for a late-year rally
 - Alternative: Great Meadow in Feb/Mar/Apr
- Invitation to Maryland SJ Rally at Morven Park, May 30-31
 - Feedback from 2025 was positive
 - Question: is there a benefit to VRPC hosting their own rally in a qualifying year?
Consensus: not necessarily
- Question on Eventing Rally qualification (Karen Souder) members may receive an exception to compete at championships at a higher level if they have two qualifying rounds at recognized horse trials at the level
- Eventing Rally: stay with August date for 2026
- Positive feedback surrounding Eventing rally at Lexington 2025
- National testing tentative until Nationals confirms availability of National Examiners
- Proposed D Rally: September 20 Starter Trial at Red Gate Farm
 - Run the rally the day before (9/19) so we have the whole facility
 - Higher volunteer commitment
 - Overnight stabling for DRHPC?
- Discussion surrounding Quiz Rally fees: \$25 for 2025
 - Carrie to provide breakdown of Quiz Rally numbers for 2025 to decide fees for 2026
- Feedback: helpful to provide continuity of dates and locations year over year and announce the calendar as soon as possible in 2026
- *Need to schedule Horseless Rally and Games Rally*

- DCs: send certification dates to VR board, VRPC will maintain the certification calendar privately

National Youth Congress

Eligible Virginia Region Members:

Lillian Widener – interested in attending

Raina LaBonte – unable to attend

Josie Barkledge – not interested

Amira Cooney – requested to attend a second time (Carrie Camp proposes that VRPC does not pay the fees for second trip)

Cost: \$610 per attendee to USPC (food, lodging, program) plus travel

Motion raised by Sandi Carley to send Lillian Widener to NYC, seconded by Stefanie Cosenza, passed

USPC Annual Fund

- Carrie Camp proposed donating to USPC Annual Fund
- Motion raised by Carrie Camp to donate \$250 to USPC Annual Fund, seconded by Julie Muniz, 6 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain

New Business

- How to earn interest on VRPC funds
- RIC program to maintain the same budget for 2026? Yes, likely.
- Volunteer of the Year Award 2025: Steve Vorpahl

Officer Vote: 8 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention – slate passed

Meeting adjourned