Best Practices in the Southwest Region (Jan 2024)

**Financial:**

Oct 23 2015- Corporate membership paid by Region for Regional Officers. (FYI - Officers positions are R.S., Vice R.S., HMO and RIC not required of the Secretary or Treasurer as per By- Laws 2023).

Oct 22 2017 All reimbursements requests must be to the RS within 30 days. Stated on the form.

Oct 25 2020- Dues were lowered to $65 for 2021 – pro- rated for multiple family membership $65 for first member 15% off for second member ($55.25), and another 10% off for subsequent members ($48.75). Reworded in 2023 to family member.

Nov 6 2022 For members who enroll between January and September 1, Regional dues are due within 2 months of joining. For people who “join” but never participate or immediately drop out, the DC should communicate with the RS and Regional Treasurer to determine if dues are still appropriate.

Nov 6 2022 Members who join after September 1st owe no Regional dues for that year. Regional dues are due by January 31.

Nov 7 2021 Mini Voice Amplifier: Region to reimburse cost of up to $50.00 for each club that purchase one. Region to possibly purchase 1-2 extra.

Nov 6 2022/ Dec 2023 Reimbursement up to $500.00 for DC/JtDCs and Regional Officers attending Annual Convention. Since this exceeds the prior $250.00 and one time additional $100.00 for newbies maximum (Oct 23 2015) designated attendees can receive as funds allow. If the DC doesn’t attend the Jt DC is eligible for reimbursement. Only one reimbursement per club/ or officer position similar to voting guidelines – no double dipping. Basically registration, hotel and transportation. No meal coverage.

Nov 6 2022 Region can charge up to National’s maximum amount for UL Testing (currently $175.00)

Feb 21 2023 – Youth Congress and National Youth Board attendees ceiling of costs to the SW Region for attending Annual Convention is set at $500.00. To include \*\*meal costs charged by National which may vary from year to year. This is in alignment with the costs to the SW Regions to support DCs and Regional Officers attending Annual Convention.

\*\* Oct 15 2024 National changed meal costs to program costs that they set.

Oct 15 2024 Annual Meeting amend reimbursements to add Chief Horse Management Judges to be eligible at the same rate as Regional Officers and DC/JtDCs. They are required to attend to maintain qualifications.

**Camp:**

Oct 6 2013 – No H-As at camp.

A non-refundable deposit without medical or emergency condition. Incorporated in registration process.

Oct 19 2014 – Late fee for camp of $50. Incorporated in registration process.

**Championships, Pins and Patches:**

Nov 10 2019 - Region supplies 1 SW patch and 1 USPC patch for saddle pads for those going to Championships.

Oct 25 2020 – 1 SW pin given to each new member.

Oct 6 2013 – Region will provide 1 regional polo shirt and pay part of entry fee for Championships.