

## Minutes from Woodside Pony Club Parent's meeting 9/6/05

Meeting called to order @ 7:10.

**Members present:** Catherine Crawford-Swent, Shirley Guich, CJ Kolb, Christine Taylor-Keeling, Diane Tapscott, Dana Heirich, Bob Arnsten, Belinda Hanson, Katie Graham, Kathy Segal, Yvette Phillips, Martha Dunn, Jennifer Godoi

Minutes for July and August approved.

Follow up items that will be tabled for discussion at future meetings: Club philosophy and use permit.

**Financials:** Belinda offered a balance sheet for approval. \$16K profit, \$13,900 income with expenses slightly more due to the accountant.  
Riding fees to be paid by first riding date.

Belinda will take over the copying and distribution of binders and then they will be offered to the members of the club for \$15. The cost of printing the binders is a gift from the Hanson Family Law Group, LLP. New members will pay \$15. If non-active members want to turn in their old binders they can be recycled. Advanced active members should keep their D binders so they can use them when they teach HM as C's.

**Use permit:** We are applying for a change so we can ride year round. The 3 clubs will be meeting in early October to discuss issues. Renewal coming up in 2007. Question as to whether we will apply early for renewal. Facilities group is looking into the pros and cons of being pro active with the renewal.

**Goals for upcoming year:** Catherine has been trying to meet with each parent and rider about positives and negatives regarding Pony Club to give her an idea of what people are looking for. She wants each rider to make goals for the upcoming year. She is trying to make index cards w/pictures for each rider so everyone has a goal sheet for the coming year.

**Nominating Committee:** Kate, Shirley, Christine and Rosemary have met a few times and will talk with members about positions on executive board. The feeling is that our club is too top heavy. Too few people doing too much of the work. The recommendation is to have more than 2 joint DC's. A number of people have expressed interest in the role. The roles could be separated by task ( i.e Ratings, rallies, scheduling, HM).  
DC's secretary and treasurer are voted on by the club.  
Per Katie Graham National only wants one link w/ the club. The other DC's would be at the club level.

**Sponsors Meeting:** Set for 10/18 @ Woodside School Library @ 7:00 pm. There will be a set agenda, voting for officers and review of the year.

**Membership:** Yvette is doing a great job welcoming new members. There is a letter and a new member's checklist that has a few edits left and then will go out. We would still like to match new members with someone experienced in the club.

**Riding Program:** Open Ring: Proposal that one day a week is just a "practice" session w/ an instructor. Do we need to restrict it to a specific level? # of riders? Feedback from Jennifer and other instructors as to how important separating levels would be to D3 and above to move up. Martha has some suggestions about etiquette and rules.

#'s of riders has increased. We have had lessons with 10 students which is not beneficial to the riders and also not safe. Jennifer will email instructors as to what the feel is the maximum number for a lesson.

**Dismounted Program:** C's will have HM on 9/17<sup>th</sup>, D's 9/24. Rebecca Taylor a licensed EMT will teach on horse emergencies on 9/24 either at 12 or 1. based on a Jr Riders Accident this summer.

**Facilities:** Arena is only being dragged once a week. Mr Crawford a former Pony Club parent is still doing it. We need parents to do it before open ring. You don't need a truck to do this. Please volunteer. Email Marty Raynor who will coordinate a schedule. Bob Arnsten will need help with posts and painting.

**Ratings:** D2's were rated last Saturday. There will be a D1/D2 rating in October. There will be one D3 rating this Fall. There will be a C1 and C2 if there is expressed interest and riders ready. Notify Catherine if your rider is thinking about rating and let her review the rating readiness sheets 1 month prior to rating. Riding needs to be signed off by certified instructors Hm can be signed off by riders 2 levels above.

**Horse Show:**

At CTETA 9/11. We are in good shape financially compared to where we were last year. Since this event is past, specifics about jobs and tasks will not be included in the minutes.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Heirich  
Secretary, WPC