

Minutes from the Woodside Pony Club Sponsor's meeting 10/18/05

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm.

Sponsor's present: Catherine Crawford-Swent, CJ Kolb, Lora Quinlan, Bob Arnsten, Shirley Guich, Belinda Hanson, Christine Southgate, Lora Nowicki, Rosemary Broome, Dana Heirich, Angela Steele.

Non-voting members present: Terry Afzal, Wendy Burger, Gina Greenan, Cathy Segal

Vote to approve September minutes with the changes: Kate Daly also present and cost of HM binders to be \$10 not \$15.

1. Presentation by Catherine of "who we are" and our group accomplishments for the year. (See attachment)

Also under accomplishments:

-Our improved Horse Management program that has been so successful thanks to Lora Quinlan's organization of the HM binder and Shirley Guich's organization of the HM sessions. In addition, Jennifer Godoi has developed an instructional training program for our B & C riders.

-Our ongoing relationship with the Woodside Horsemasters Group. 2 of their members successfully obtained their Bronze "rating" in May and the Horsemasters also participated in HM with WPC members.

Financials:

Belinda presented the budget for approval. We currently have \$25,000 in the bank. This includes all the income from the horse show, but does not include all the expenses. It also includes money we have taken in for membership, but have not paid out to National or Regional offices. It is unlikely that we will have that high of a balance throughout the year but if we seem to be maintaining a high balance, Belinda will work with the bank on getting an account that will accrue interest.

She has also worked throughout the year entering our financial data into Quick Book which will make it much easier in the future to take a "snap shot" of where we are at any given moment throughout the year. Once we have December 2005's data we will have a full year of records which will be useful in the future in regards to making financial decisions for the club.

Belinda has also created a spreadsheet with each member's fees due and paid.

(See attachments for Proposed Budget and Spreadsheet).

There were a few corrections to line items made and the budget was approved.

GOALS FOR 2006

In addition to goal list submitted by Catherine (see attachment)

Two additional goals were suggested:

- Create a 3rd full Rally box as we will probably be sending 2 and 3 teams to Rallies in the future.
- Collect a deposit (\$25 was suggested but not approved) from each rider who uses Rally Box.
- WPC donate a jump to CTETA.

ELECTION:

The slate of officers was presented by the nominating committee of Shirley Guich, Christine Southgate and Kate Daly (in abstentia)

District Commissioner: Catherine Crawford-Swent

Joint DC's: Susan Robertson, Rosemary Broome, CJ Kolb

Treasurer: Belinda Hanson

Secretary: Dana Heirich

Slate approved with unanimous vote.

POLICIES:

The policies have been worked on by a committee over the past 9 months and were submitted for approval. A few questions about specific policies were discussed:

- Questions arose about sponsors and why someone would choose to have a voting role if they no longer had children in WPC. Determined that it is the policy of USPC to have parents of former members and community members active in PC to share both their knowledge and experience of horsemanship.
- Sponsors must meet the same attendance policy as members (50% of parent meetings) to be able to vote.
- Questions about some of the awards (Mymo and Sandy Hall were discussed). It was determined that criteria for these awards don't need to be included in the policies but a committee including Christine Southgate and Martha Dunn will document criteria for winning these awards and that information will be posted on the WPC web site.
- To be considered an "active" member of WPC 25% of the group riding must be attended. To attend a rating or rally one must be an "active" member in good standing.
- Though policy states Parent in Charge should arrive 30 minutes prior to lesson it is recognized that that is sometimes an unrealistic expectation. Policy will be changed to reflect that the PIC should arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled ride time

Policies approved with slight changes made from discussion above.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Calendar presented for projected activities for 2006. Please note tentative rating dates. Please plan accordingly. Dates will be rescheduled for CTETA scheduling or weather only. (See attachment)

Calendar should be posted on web site within the month.

WPC classic horse show scheduled for 9/11 weekend again and the Dressage Rally we hope to host will be the end of October. (it will be a busy Fall for WPC!)

See list of tasks that accompany goals. Please volunteer for a task. There is something for everyone and we WILL need everyone's help.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Heirich
Secretary, WPC