

Woodside Pony Club Minutes 11/12/05

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am at the Kiely Riding Facility, Woodside, CA

Members in attendance:Erika Lawry, Rosemary Broome, Shirley Guich, Kate Daly, Catherine Crawford-Swent, Peter Tapscott, CJ Kolb, Christine Southgate, Lora Quinlan, Patty Cooley, Mike Raynor, Yvette Phillips, Nancy Ridgeway, Dana Heirich, Victoria Vixie, Leslie Lee, Gina Greenen, Terri Afzal, Cathy Siegel, Wendy Burger

October minutes were voted on and approved with minor changes.

Treasurer's report: Belinda was not present but report was that we are in good financial shape with money in the bank. The budget will be submitted for approval at the next meeting.

There will be no parent meeting in December as we will be having the Christmas Party December 4th.

Leadership:The new officers will begin their term January 1st, Thanks to Rosemary and CJ for stepping up to be joint DC's. Catherine, Susan, Belinda and Dana will remain in their respective roles.

Catherine, CJ and Rosemary spent the day at a regional meeting in Gilroy on 11/6. The new Regional officers are Katrina Dean at RS, Katie Graham, Mary Spangler, and Ronda Davenport as Vice RS, Liz Stapleton as Secretary, and Thar Hassoon as Treasurer. Information from the meeting will become available to the club throughout the year.

Catherine would like many parents and upper level riders and instructors to go to the ratings and standards clinics offered through USPC. This would help everyone in the club and everyone who has attended has found it extremely useful. Instructors will also be encouraged to attend and their attendance will be subsidized by the club.

Ratings: There are tentative dates on the calendar for ratings in 2006. These dates are dependent on location availability and of course, weather. It will be each rider's/parent's responsibility to be aware of the rating dates and plan their schedule accordingly. (update: Spring ratings: D1 and D2 April 23rd, D3 , C1 and C2 May 21 location to be determined.

We will need an Independent Observer at each rating. This would be a good task for the parent of someone planning to take this rating in the future.

Catherine would like to encourage parents to attend the Judge Training program offered by USPC this year. (date to follow) We will definitely need some parents and upper level riders to go to be prepared for our Dressage Rally in October 2006.

Goals: Please refer to your goal sheet sent by Catherine with the agenda for today's meeting. Goals here will only be listed with contact people.

1. Continue to offer appropriate riding opportunities for all levels of riders: Catherine, Yvette, and Jennifer Godoi.
2. Continue our horse management education of riders, parents and instructors: Jennifer G. and someone to volunteer to replace Shirley G.
3. Ratings coordinators: Susan Robertson, Nancy Ridgeway and Erica Lawry
4. Rally Coordinator: CJ Kolb, Patti C and Cathy S. have volunteered to help. Dana Heirich is the preliminary contact person for the Dressage Rally but will need a co-leader and we will need many people involved.
5. Provide Riding and Show Experiences for all WPC members: Martha Dunn (Windance) need someone to shadow Catherine and the WPC show this Fall so they can take over position.
6. Upkeep of the Kiely Riding facility (the official name of Tripp which we will now use regularly) Bob A., Marty and Catherine
7. Instructor Appreciation: Terry Afzal
8. Working with the town of Woodside for approval of Summer Riding at Kiely: Nancy Ridgeway and Cathy Siegel
9. Establish a Jr. Advisory Board: Dana Heirich
10. Develop a leadership team: Catherine
11. Keep parents informed about WPC information: Catherine and Susan
12. Expand outreach to local horse community: CJ, Wendy and Joy

Membership: We are currently at around 30 riders. We will be losing 2 riders in January but have 3 new riders beginning.

Catherine has submitted a tentative calendar for the year. Changes will be dependent on regional calendar.

An agenda item recommended for future meetings is active/inactive membership and their requirements.

Riding Program: We are now able to offer open rings 5 days/week. 3-6 riders have been showing. Since there are frequently people on the waiting list it is important to notify the club when you know your rider won't be able to attend.

There has been some discrepancy as to how we are reimbursing our instructors. Some instructors are agreeable to the \$10/rider fee. Dana, Yvette and CJ will form a task force and present their findings to Catherine so a vote can be taken at the next parent meeting. Until that time we will continue to split the \$35 fee amongst riders for Marion, Laurie, and Ellen, and have riders pay \$10 for Martha and Jennifer.

Saturday riding fees for the new year are now due.

An important goal is to decrease the attrition of C riders. The region is looking at ways to maintain them. They are a backbone of the club, providing Horse Management to the younger riders, performing as examiners for the D1 & D2 ratings, and supporting us in many ways. Shirley G made a motion to subsidize each C rider with \$10/month for their attendance at C club a group of regional C riders that meets monthly at CTETA. The motion was voted on and approved.

Instructional Survey: Jennifer will be creating and asking members to complete online. Older riders are encouraged to do this on their own, parents will complete with their younger riders.

Horsemasters: Christine Southgate is acting as the liaison. At the time of the meeting there were 12 members but there will be some attrition after the first of the year. There is a new requirement for volunteer hours to the WPC. They would like to work on both a mounted and dismounted program for adults. They are a possible resource for WPC for the judge in training program.

Fundraisers: We need to be working on Fund raising. There are National championships in Kentucky in 2007 and it costs \$12K to send one horse/rider. Ideas are: Barn dance, schooling shows, sponsoring a nationally known person for a clinic. Diane T was looking into Robert's donating more money as our club spends so much there. We really need a lead person to spearhead fundraising.

Regional Update: Regional Officers:

C3 ratings will be done on a national basis this year.

Please notify Catherine if you/your rider is planning on doing a C3 this year by 1/1/06.

C3 can be done in different disciplines:

-show jumping

-dressage (Dressage is different traditional dressage, more detailed)

-eventing

2006-Western Regional Championships

2007-National Championships

All our riders who attempted to qualify for Western Regionals in Dressage did:

Amanda

Chloe

Jen A.

Western Regionals will also be a festival with seminars for all USPC'ers, not just participants.

There will be a "C" level and above retreat in the East Bay 2/24-26/06 more details to follow.

Holiday Party: Brief description of needs and process of Holiday party and encouragement of voting on members for awards by Shirley Guich.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Dana Heirich, WPC secretary with assistance from Nancy Ridgeway