

WPC Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2006

In attendance: Gina Greenen, Christine Taylor, Cathy Siegel, Leslie Kriese Lee, Susan Robertson, Wendy Burger, Belinda Hanson, Lora Quinlan, Patti Cooley-Wetzel, Rosmary Broome, C.J.Kolb, Marty Raynor, Tim Southgate, Erica Lawry, Catherine Swent.

1. Previous Minutes –APPROVED
2. Treasurer's report – Things are in good shape. The Club is in need of a CPA who could work pro bono, or inexpensively in exchange for free advertising at our show or other services.
3. Leadership:
 - 3.1. Next year's National meeting will be in Portland OR., during the third week of January. All are encouraged to attend.
 - 3.2. Standards and Rating Clinic:
 - 3.2.1. 4/29/06 for instructors, members, and parents. Kathy Frederickson from National will illustrate positions from the D2 to A levels. The session on the 30th will include an examiner's clinic for D3 and up for those who want to be part of an examination. The Clinic will take place in Martinez.
 - 3.3. Judges Training Program – March 4th – Important for people involved in Horse Management at any rally.
 - 3.4. Land Use Permit Renewal – Cathy is organizing a permit submission from all involved groups at KEC. Cathy is hustling to get it in ahead of the Mounted Patrol's submission. We are applying to expand our use of the property up to 3 weekday afternoons, 3 to 6 pm during the summer. This is a huge job – thanks to Cathy for taking it on.
 - 3.4.1. An additional discussion took place at this point on how to clear the land behind the arena so we can use the overgrown jumps. A decision was made to pursue the goat option. Marty will spearhead this.
 - 3.5. Instructional Surveys – Catherine worked with the Jr. Advisory Group to identify methods of providing constructive feedback using the actual feedback with the instructor's identities blinded. Instructors have asked if they could be surveyed about the performance of the Club in the future.
4. Membership – We are currently at 32 members, 4 inactives and several interested folks in the wings. Abby V. is our newest member.
5. Directory – Diane believes it will be out by the end of the month.
6. Riding Program –
 - 6.1. Opening Ring & Fees. – sorting the open rings by level is working out well. There was discussion about potential low turnout and no shows. A decision was made to study both situations for another 4 weeks.
 - 6.2. Saturday riding fees – all members are paid up!
 - 6.3. Pony Grooming – While everyone acknowledges that the weather makes having a clean pony a real challenge, a clean pony is a safer pony. It was suggested that folks consider blanketing, or allocating more time for grooming.
 - 6.4. Dressage – The trainers at Seven Oaks Dressage (at Rancho Viejo) have volunteered to teach a trial series of classes on 3 Sundays to the 13 and up members as a trial. Cost is \$15 per at CETA. If it works out well it will be expanded to the rest of the group.

7. Dismounted Program. Jen and Chloe are doing a great job! Please bring your Record Book the first Saturday of the month. There are specific expectations for the Record Books in PC. Generally, the higher the rating the more clean and business like the book should be. Record books should not have a lot of fluff, pictures, drawings etc, except at lower levels. The goal of the book is that if you disappeared tomorrow, someone could pick-up right where you left off with your horse.
8. Facility -- . It appears that some people are not picking up after their horses, putting jumps away, closing the gates, dumping the water buckets and generally policing the grounds when they leave. It is the PICs duty at the end of the session to make sure everything is picked up./cleaned up with buckets dumped. All gates need to be closed and latched as they suffer hinge damage when they are allowed to blow in the wind. A notice will be handed out as well as put in the front of the binder in an attempt to raise awareness of these issues.
 - 8.1. Arena Dragging – in general it has been great. May need more members to volunteer when the regular crew is not available..
 - 8.2. Mirrors – Bob is working on them.
9. Ratings –D1/D2 is on 4/23. There will be multiple sessions. Abiding by policy, all readiness sheets are due a month in advance. We are still responsible for ratings up to C2. C3 and above are national rating.
10. Rallies:
 - 10.1. Quiz rally -- Paperwork is ready. We just need to know who is going.
 - 10.2. Games Rally – Ap. 1 hosted by Santa Cruz
 - 10.3. Terathalon Rally – Ap 1 hosted by Sierra Pacific at Rancho Murieta.
 - 10.4. Everything but the Horse Rally – 4/8 in Walnut Creek
 - 10.5. Eventing Rally – at CETA memorial weekend hosted by Mid Cal region.
11. Clinics
 - 11.1. Windance – June 10th
 - 11.2. C retreat – last weekend of February.
12. Horse Masters Report – One new member. They will be sending someone to judges training.
13. Jr. Advosory Board – Things are going well, some are helping with Horse Management as well as goal setting.
14. Fundraising –
 - 14.1. We need more parent volunteers to organize and coordinate within our club and between the three clubs.
 - 14.2. Play Day is the last weekend of September. Marty is managing for the club.
 - 14.3. Fundrasing for National -- We need to decide if the club is interested in fundraising so we can send a team to National. Wendy will start the sign-ups and the Jr. Advisory Board will assist.

NEXT MEETING MARCH 9TH AT CJ KOB'S HOUSE, EMERALD HILLS