

Woodside Pony Club
Parent Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2006

Parents and Sponsors Present: Catherine Swent (DC), Gina Greener, Peter Tapscott, Marty Raynor, Wendy Burger, Yvette Phillips, Wendy Burger, Dianne Tapscott, CJ Kolb, Christine Southgate. A quorum of Sponsors was established; Christine Southgate took minutes for the meeting.

- I. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Minutes: Catherine circulated a copy of the Treasurer's report for review. CJ moved to approve the report; Marty seconded. Motion passed. Action Item: No further action. Minutes: The February minutes were reviewed and approved. Dana Heirich has stepped down as WPC Secretary due to time conflicts. Victoria Vixie will serve as WPC Secretary beginning in April. *Action Item: No further action.*

- II. Regional DC Meeting: Catherine reported on an informal meeting of Mid-Cal Regional DCs that took place during the Winter Retreat weekend last month. The following upcoming events were announced and discussed at the meeting:
 - 1) Standards and Ratings Clinic (April 29; Walnut Creek, CA). This is a great opportunity for members and parents to learn about the specific requirements for the USPC rating levels. The organizers of the Clinic are looking for riders to volunteer to participate in demonstrations for the participants. *Action Item: Go to www.midcal.ponyclub.org for registration and further information, or if you would like to volunteer to ride.*
 - 2) Examiners Clinic (April 30; Martinez, CA). Participants must be at least a C-2 rated member and must be 18 years of age. This is an excellent opportunity for older members to learn how to be examiners for different rating levels. Like the Ratings Clinic, the organizers of the Examiners Clinic are looking for riders to volunteer to participate in demonstrations for the participants. *Action Item: Go to www.midcal.ponyclub.org for registration and further information, or if you would like to volunteer to ride.*
 - 3) Judges Training Program (JTP) (held 03/04/06). Woodside Pony Club was represented very well with five parents of members in attendance. The JTP trains participants to serve as judges in USPC rallies. *Action Item: Contact Mouse Terstagger, Regional HMO, if interested in the next JTP training session.*
 - 4) USPC Badge Program. Catherine informed the group about the new USPC Achievement Badge Program in which D-rated members can earn badge awards for various Horse Management-related activities. After some discussion regarding age appropriateness, costs, and volunteer support needed, a consensus was reached to introduce the program to Woodside Pony Club as an optional program. *Action Item: Catherine will introduce the program to all current and new members.*

- 5) Changes in C-3 ratings. C-3 ratings are now conducted at the National level. Starting in 2007 the ratings may be achieved in specific disciplines. Horse management will be a separate rating. The HB will need to be done prior to the C3 rating in 2007. This is horse management for C3 with some B added. The higher level horse management may be taken prior to the B, considered an "H," or after the B, considered an "HA". *Action Item: Members should check the Mid-Cal website for specific information about the ratings changes.*
- 6) National Youth Congress. This is a unique opportunity for C-3 and above rated Pony Club members (18 years or older) to attend meetings with the USPC National Board and give input on programs and policies of the organization. It comes highly recommended from the Regional Leadership and from Pony Club members that have attended in the past. *Action Item: Members should contact Catherine if interested in the National Youth Congress.*
- 7) Annual Meeting. The annual USPC meeting is schedule for January 25-27, 2006 in Portland Oregon. Mid-Cal Region is considering organizing group buses to bring members, parents, and officers to the meeting. *Action Item: No Further Action.*
- 8) Winter Retreat. Fifty-five D-3 and C-level riders from Mid-Cal Region attended a winter retreat which by all reports was very successful. *Action Item: No Further Action.*

III. Leadership: Catherine reported on actions currently underway under the WPC leadership team.

- 1) Town of Woodside Conditional Use Permit. The process is underway to finalize WPC/Woodside Jr. Riders/Woodside Vaulters application for the Kiely Riding facility Conditional Use Permit. Cathy Siegel, WPC parent, is managing WPC's part of the process. The three groups will meet soon to resolve remaining details around the facilities management agreement between the three clubs. Utilities cost will be shared between the clubs. CJ suggested that there should be a system for monitoring the water meter so that underground or other leaks are discovered early and can be corrected. *Action Item: Catherine will bring the suggestion regarding monitoring of the water meter to the next meeting of the three user groups.*

IV. Membership: Membership coordinator, Yvette Phillips, reported that WPC welcomes new member, Maya. Maya is currently joining without a mount. *Action Item: No Further Action.*

V. Directory: CJ distributed the 2006 directory and thanked Dianne Tapscott for producing the document. CJ noted that the Federal Tax I.D. number should be left out of the directory in the future for security reasons. Some discussion regarding the use of the WPC website for information sharing and management of open rings. *Action Items: Contact Catherine if you are interested in and have the technical experience to help update the WPC*

website. It is recommended that members and parents check the Mid-Cal website regularly for information about Regional events, activities, and programs.

- VI. Riding Program: Catherine reported on the riding program.
- 1) Instructors Sought. WPC is currently seeking names/leads for potential instructors for the Club's mounted program. *Action Item: Contact Jennifer Godoi if you have the name of a person to refer for the mounted riding instruction program.*
 - 2) Spring Break. *Action Item: Parents and/or members should contact Catherine with the dates of their school Spring Break if they are available to ride. Additional riding opportunities may be scheduled if there is interest..*
 - 3) Dressage Instruction for Jr. Advisory Board Members. Thank you to Dana Heirich for organizing dressage lessons for members of the WPC Jr. Advisory Board. *Action Item: No Further Action.*
 - 4) Open Ring Schedule. Yvette noted that once an Open Ring schedule is posted, members should (out of courtesy to others) distribute email to all members at least 24 hours in advance if they must cancel their spot in the Open Ring. *Action Item: If you cannot ride in an open ring for which you have made a reservation, notify the entire club 24 hours in advance, via email, that you will not attend.*
- VII. Dismounted Program: Thank you to Rosemary Broome, Chloe, and Jennifer A. for getting members ready for the upcoming Quiz Rally. After this weekend, HM will focus on preparation for ratings. *Action Item: None.*
- VIII. Facilities: Thank you to Laura Quinlin for donating new, red muck buckets to the Kiely Riding Center. *Action Item: No Further Action..*
- IX. Ratings: D-1 and D-2 ratings are currently scheduled for April 23 at the Kiely Riding Center. C-2 ratings are scheduled for May 20 at CTETA however, this may change due to the Horse Trials scheduled at CTETA the following week. *Action Item: Susan will check with CTETA to see whether the date must be changed and then if necessary, contact potential C-1's to see whether they can still participate if the rating is moved to early June.*
- X. Rallies: JDC and Rally Coordinator CJ reported on Rallies.
- 1) Quiz Rally. The Quiz Rally is this coming weekend, March 11. WPC is sending five members to compete at the Rally which will be held in Fresno, CA. *Action Item: No Further Action.*
 - 2) Games Rally. Preparations are ongoing for the Games Rally schedule for April 1st in Santa Cruz. Four WPC members are planning to compete. *Action Item: No Further Action.*

- 3) Everything But The Horse. Only one WPC Member signed up to participate and therefore, WPC will not attend as a Club. *Action Item: No Further Action.*
- 4) Show Jumping Rally. May 12, 13, 14, at CTETA. Cost is \$ 275/competitor. *Action Item: Deadline to sign up is April 1; go to the Mid-Cal website for more information and contact CJ Kolb if you would like to participate.*
- 5) Eventing Rally. May 26,27,28 at CTETA. Competitors may choose whether to participate as a member of a Pony Club rally team or as an independent competitor as part of the Horse Trials. *Action Item: Go to the Mid-Cal website for more information and contact CJ Kolb if you would like to participate.*
- 6) Important Notes: If a member would like to qualify to compete in Western Regional Championships, they must compete in a horse trial at the same level in which they will compete at Championships. Also, all rally participants should note that there is a change in the written tests for all rallies: the format is now 5 question in the rally discipline and 5 horse management questions. *Action Item: Contact Catherine for more information.*

XI. Clinics: Catherine reported on Windance. Windance is scheduled for June 10, at Windance Farm in Pescadero, CA. Martha Dunn, Sponsor, is organizing this event and is looking for a volunteer to help coordinate parent volunteers and the food for the weekend. *Action Item: Contact Catherine if interested in helping out.*

XII. Horsemasters: CJ Kolb and Christine Southgate reported on the WPC Horsemaster's current activities. WPC HMs was represented at the JTP by 3 members. Several members plan to volunteer at upcoming WPC events. In March, the group will focus on horse management with a bandaging and longeing clinic planned. Riding will re-start in April. *Action Item: If members have questions about WPC Horsemasters, contact Laura Nowicki, WPC HMs Liaison.*

XIII. Jr. Advisory: Nothing to Report. *Action Item: No Further Action.*

XIV. Fundraising: Catherine gave an update on upcoming events and current fundraising ideas.

- 1) WPC Playdate is scheduled for the weekend of 9/30 at the Mounted Patrol Grounds in Woodside, CA. Marty, Wendy, and Patti Wetzel are organizing this event. *Action Item: No Further Action.*
- 2) Catherine mentioned that State Line Tack, and several other web-based ordering companies provide a mechanism for a % of sales to be donated to riding organizations. WPC is already signed up to earn a % of sales from www.countysupply.com. *Action Items: Check the website and enter*

“Woodside Pony Club” where indicated. Wendy will look into other fundraising possibilities that follow the eScrip model.

- 3) Fundraising ideas for National Championships were briefly discussed. A few of the riders suggested that WPC participate in a Holiday Crafts Sale in December in order to raise funds for members that are planning to participate in National Championships. *Action Item: Contact Catherine if you have questions or ideas about fundraising.*

XV. Next Meeting: The next parent meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 10:00 a.m. at the Kiely Riding Center. Meeting Adjourned.