

# Woodside Pony Club Parent Meeting Minutes

**Date August 19, 2006 10:00am**

The meeting was called to order at 10:12am, DC Catherine Swent presiding.

Members present: Steve Lawry, Kate Daly, Vandana Mathur, Leslie Lee, Belinda Hanson, Lora Quinlan, Marty Raynor, Terry Afzal, Joy Somerset, Diane Tapscott, Yvette Phillips, Cathy Siegel, Christine Taylor, Catherine Swent, CJ Kolb, Victoria Vixie. Later arrivals: Mike Raynor, Gina Greenen.

Prelude: Today is Phoebe's last day at WPC; she is leaving for college. Phoebe's father, Steve, said goodbyes for the family and club members expressed their sorrow. "We love you Phoebe!" and "We'll miss you!" were heard from the club members as Phoebe came out of the ring.

1. Minutes – Joy made a motion to accept the minutes of July 22, 2006. CJ seconded. Motion carried.  
Treasurer's report Belinda passed around the current P&L; defer approval until end of the meeting.
2. Horse Show Sep 10 Catherine stated most things are on schedule, though if your child is going to be riding, please get your forms in; they are on the WPC website. Susan and Emily are inactive, taking a break for a while.
  - a. Mandatory involvement of all families, including set up on the day before, September 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2pm. Contact Catherine for other assignments if you have a conflict. Belinda and Leslie reported on sponsors for the show; going well so far, but really needs an in-person request rather than telephone solicitation. Belinda has offered to be an "everything person" at the show; Christine S. will help Belinda with food for the judges. Lora to check out the catering situation both for the show and the rally.
  - b. Facilities
  - c. Sign-ups ... To date only 6 entries have been received and only one from our own club, so "get on it"! The family and lead line classes have been dropped as we had so few entries and they were happening at dark. Would like to be able to give out awards, like High Point, while it's still light
3. Dressage Rally October 20-22 : CJ gave an update on the Dressage Rally we are hosting. WPC members who have expressed interest are Tessa, Alex, and Christine. Maybe Maya and Kate. It is a qualifying rally for Nationals next year. We still need show people, especially in the office. Diane has MS Access and is willing to help with entries. Joy is switching to Hospitality. Terry will deliver the pinnies, then pick them up and launder/mend and return them again to the Mid-Cal storage locker. CJ to find out where the locker is and access. Bob will handle the PA, facility issues, dragging and watering the arenas. Diane will also do the schedule and the program. CJ will send follow-up email about the artwork needed for the cover and clothing logo. Victoria has talked to various members, but nothing has been submitted yet.
4. Leadership – Catherine
  - a. Sponsors meeting – October 12, 2006: Secretary to send written invitations to the sponsor's meeting one month in advance.
  - b. Holiday party – It's never too early to think about the Holiday Party; we may have outgrown the church, so think about other locations. Joy will head up the holiday party; Leslie will help .

5. Membership – membership packages will be out soon. The Jr Rider's show is tomorrow; Terry says she can set-up the WPC info with the bake sale table.
6. Nominating Committee: Kate is on it. We could use a new Treasurer. Vandana is interested; If anyone else is interested please talk to the committee. Terry and Joy have been formally asked to join the committee and have accepted.
7. Riding Program – Catherine
  - a. Fall Schedule to start Sep 2 . Payment is \$170 per rider, due to Belinda by the start of the season. (The \$170 covers 17 Saturdays for mounted instruction until Jan, and is separate from USPC membership dues.)
  - b. ICP Training: in DEC there will be a jumping training session; the club will pay a portion of instructor wanting to attend
  - c. Calendaring: There was a general discussion of where and how to run the calendar, whether protected on the website or shared, where anyone can edit. Until the end of August, send riding requests to Yvette. Yvette and Lexi will be inactive until the new year when Lyric II is old enough to participate. Catherine presented an option for using the yahoo group sight for the calendar . Members expressed difficulty using the yahoo group and prefer the email system. The members present suggested that the open rings be "open" in that riders will not have to sign up in advance. If no one shows up for the first session, the club will pick up the instructor fees for the first session. If no one shows up for the second session, the lesson will be considered cancelled and the instructors may leave. There was general agreement that the club should budget \$200 to cover the rare instances when no one shows up to a scheduled first lesson and the instructor needs to be paid.
8. Dismounted Program will start in September. Rosemary not in attendance, so more later.
9. Facility –
  - a. Arena fencing Bob is looking into a grant to help cover the costs of replacing the arena fencing.
10. Ratings – Catherine advised that Marty is in charge of the D1/D2 ratings.
  - a. D1 & D2 rating will be scheduled for October 1 at KEC
  - b. D3/C1/C2 rating will be scheduled for October 15, 28, or 29. Susan had been in charge of the D3 and C ratings, which entailed contacting examiners and impartial observers. Catherine asked for volunteers to take over the job; Marty accepted as she is already coordinating D1,D2. Marty will collect the rating readiness sign off sheets for Catherine. At upper levels, HB now comes after C2, then C3. The ratings are national.
11. Horse Master's Report – Nothing to report from Horse Masters.
12. Junior Advisory Board Report Joy Summerset and Christine Southgate : Joy asked Junior members to RSVP to Christine. Parents are invited to stay for dinner and wine. 4pm., bring a swimsuit. Amanda would like pictures of current club members as soon as possible, and would like to get a group shot somehow. Pictures will be identified by first names only.
  - a. Fundraising; Look for email collecting addresses for the direct mail campaign.
13. Marty advised that Windance will be holding another schooling trial on September 17<sup>th</sup>, like the one Christine attending in August. She had a great time . There is also a Halloween get together. Marty will pass along info.
14. CJ made a motion accept the treasure's report. Diane seconded. Motion passed.
15. Parent Meetings – Next meeting September 16, 2006 10am at KEC.

16. Meeting adjourned at 11:20am.