

WPC Meeting Minutes

Date September 16, 2006 10:00am

Meeting called to order at 10:05. Catherine Swent presiding.

In attendance: Marty Raynor, Terry Afzal, Vandana Mathur, Rosemary Broome, Cathy Siegel, Sherry Fowler, guest Dan Flores, Belinda Hanson, Tim Southgate, Gina Greenen, Leslie Lee, CJ Kolb, Bob Arnsten, Victoria Murphy Vixie. Joining at 11:10: Patty Wetzel.

1. Minutes – passed around. Defer until end of the meeting.
 - a. Treasurer’s report No report this week.
2. Horse Show Wrap up:
 - a. Debrief – tips for next year: There was various discussion of things that went well, things that went wrong and how to approach it for next year. One new rule: Do not hand Catherine anything on the day of the show! The consensus is that Catherine still had too much on her plate that day; we need to break up those responsibilities more. The walkie-talkies helped tremendously, as did the runners. But the runners never got out to the warm-up arena gatekeepers and they had very little, if any, relief. There were communication issues surrounding splitting of classes. The food concessions sold out much more quickly than anticipated. Thank you to all the families that pulled that together, especially Sherry Fowler. All in all it was a very successful show.
 - b. Profit estimate: We netted about 7K! Good work everybody.
3. Dressage Rally October 20-22 CJ gave an update on the Dressage rally. CJ still needs a person in charge of grounds – to set up arenas, flowers, placards, etc. And an equipment person to handle the PA, music, etc. Christine Taylor will be looking into EMT staffing.
 - a. Sign-ups Very few forms have come in. Unless it picks up soon the rally will be postponed. We need 80 – 100 entries in order to move forward. The WPC team consists of Maya, Tessa, Alexa and Christine S., with Elizabeth as stable manager.
 - b. Hospitality Joy will be handling hospitality.
 - c. Horse management Please consider handling the horse management –preferably someone with experience. Can be done in a team with C members helping.
 - d. Cathy Siegel will be in charge of volunteers.
 - e. Also, there is an eventing rally Oct 6,7,8. If you volunteer to be a jump judge on the cross-country course you will receive a \$25 voucher, and it’s a lot of fun. You just report whether riders have cleared the jump or not.
4. Leadership – Catherine
 - a. Sponsors meeting – October 12, 2006 You should have received at least an email invitation and many of you a written invitation to the Sponsor’s meeting. Thank you Tim and Christine for opening your home. Please RSVP to Victoria.
 - b. Holiday party: The consensus is to stay at the church, even if it’s getting a bit cozy.
5. Day of the Horse: Please contact Katy Graham from Mid-cal if you can help at Day of the Horse on October 14, 2006. Is there interest for members to do the progressive ride?
6. Nominating Committee Leslie reports that we have a Board slate: DC: Catherine; JDC’s: CJ, Rosemary, Marty; Secretary: Victoria; Treasurer: Vandana.
7. Membership – membership packages distributed; please return your forms and your Fees asap. The fees are \$175 total if you want to be a sponsor, \$155 if you do not. Catherine will give us a break down of where your fees go. (Not to be confused with Saturday lesson fees, \$170 for 17 Saturdays at \$10 per Saturday until January.) Please pay *before* October 12 so that Belinda can update the spreadsheet before the sponsor’s meeting.
8. Riding Program – Catherine:

9. October schedule down to one open ring/day: a. As we lose daylight we will drop back to one open ring session on a given day, instead of two. Catherine will spread them out among the UR/D1/D2 and D3/C+ groups.
10. Focus on Dressage: With the Dressage rally approaching the open ring session will focus more on dressage in preparation for the rally.
11. Dismounted Program: Rosemary opened a dialog about when HM should be held. The last HM session was poorly attended and we had last minute time changes for the C group. People feel it should be coupled with a riding day because it is too difficult to get people together at other times, given school, homework and other activities. Perhaps should be held on Parent meeting days since the attendance is usually pretty good on those days. One suggestion was to meet at someone's house on a rainy day schedule. For now, we will try it again every other Saturday with the C's riding at either 9am or 12 and doing HM at 10am and 11am with the D groups. An HM schedule will be sent out and posted on the website. Please check for assignments and updates. HM for C's will be held on a different day, hopefully with Brian Dunn.
12. Facility – [Bob had to leave for Jenn's clinic] Gina brought up the garbage and recycle issue. Recycling has never seemed to work. We need properly marked containers. Also need fewer trashcans so extras will be stored behind the fence. There was a suggestion that a storage rack be built to keep the cans from being knocked over and gotten into by animals.
 - a. Arena fencing: Marty advised the direct mail donation campaign is starting and has a tight timeline, so please read the email carefully and follow the instructions included. Add people you know who would like to donate to any of the 3 clubs and improve the facility.
13. Ratings – Marty & Catherine
 - a. D1 & D2 rating will be scheduled for October 1 . The examiners and assistants for the D1/D2 rating are Chloe L., Sissy and Maya.
 - b. D3: The D3 rating will be held Oct 15 at the Horse Park. The examiner is coming from Fresno, so we will probably have a 9:30 start time.
 - c. C1/C2 ratings are scheduled for Oct 29th at the Horse Park.
 - d. Upper level ratings: Please contact Catherine if you believe your rider will take HB/C, H or A rating in the next year.
14. Horse Master's Report – CJ reported for Laura. Horse Masters will act as impartial observers for ratings, help at the eventing rally and the dressage rally. They were so helpful for our show; Addie, Laura worked in the office and Christy worked at the gate. Thank you.
15. Junior Advisory Board: They had their first meeting. (No swimming was involved.) More info when Joy is present to report.
 - a. Fundraisers – Direct mail covered above.
 - b. Club spirit clothing: Angela had been doing it. Need someone else to head it up. Terry Afzal volunteered. There was discussion of changing the logo, asking the riders to submit ideas for a new logo. But for the new people, order soon from Artistic Embroidery and change the logo later, if the club votes so. There was suggestion that we offer duffle bags, especially handy for rallies and shows.
16. Miscellaneous items:
 - a. CJ would like to get the junk out from around the trailer; we need a dump run. Also, save silica packages to put in boxes and storage containers in the trailer to help with moisture problem.
 - b. The poles need to be kept off the ground starting now, before the rains come.
17. Minutes from the August 19th meeting: CJ motioned the minutes be approved; everyone seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20am

Parent Meetings – Next meeting is a sponsor meeting on October 12, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Southgate's home.