

Woodside Pony Club Annual Sponsor's Meeting

Home of member Christine Southgate, Woodside, Ca.

October 12, 2006, 7 pm.

In Attendance: Regional Supervisor, Katrina Deane

Sponsors: Catherine Swent, Victoria Murphy Vixie, Marty Raynor, C.J. Kolb, Rosemary Broome, Cathy Siegel, Christine Southgate, Gina Greenen, Belinda Hanson, Lora Quinlan, Christine Taylor/Keeling, Bob Arnsten.

Non-sponsor parents: Wendy Burger, Joy Somerset, Kate Daly

Meeting called to order at 7:21pm by DC Catherine Swent.

Katrina Deane, our regional USPC coordinator was representing USPC and was introduced to the club, and club members introduced themselves and named their children and their rating level.

1. Report of activities of the past year (see attached) (September 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006) Catherine reviewed the many activities we participated in this past year. Rallies: Dressage, EBTH, Quiz, Games, Show Jumping, Eventing as well as C Camp, Festival, WPC Classic Horse Show, the upcoming Dressage rally, Windance retreat and ratings from D1 to HB.

We participated in nearly all the local Pony Club events and many of the nearby, or even far away events, including Regional Championship. Over the past year we have 19 new members, 12 Inactive members. So, there are about 30 participating riders at this time; about 40 members have come through the club, but not all have been present at any one time. The weight of the club is tipped to the D1, D2 slightly, but that will shift this month as we go through the Fall ratings. Catherine showed a drawing of a scale, with the D3 level as the base of the scale. The D3 level is the foundation for the club.

2. Approval of Minutes

Belinda moved we accept the minutes as written; Cathy seconded. Motion passed.

3. Financial status of the club (Belinda 5 mins) Belinda handed out a financial packet and gave an overview of documents included. [Please see attached packet: Balance sheet (white), P&L (yellow), Profit & Loss line item detail (orange), Proposed budget 2006-2007 Income and Expense (blue), Membership and sponsor spreadsheet (purple).] We went through the detail of the budget both

income and expense pages, looking back to our actuals for last year and projecting ahead for next year.

Discussion of scholarship and 'trailer' funds. Katrina asked if we had a fund for Championships. The costs to send a member to Kentucky are between 5k and 7k. Discussion of taking any excess fund and moving it into a reserve account that can be used for things such as sending a member to championships, or the trailer. CJ made a motion that was then withdrawn. Discussion continued around the issue of how to earmark certain funds. There is an outstanding question of the amount of funds a 1031C non-profit is allowed to carry over. Pending the answer to that question a motion was crafted to hold a certain amount (to be determined) in scholarship and trailer line items in the budget for use to assist riders in getting to Nationals and to deal with our old trailer on the KEC property. The motion was approved by the sponsors and members present.

4. Proposed budget for 2007

The proposed budget for 2006 -2007 was approved, with the caveat of the carry over funds issue in the previous motion.

5. Nominating Committee (Christine S. 10 mins)

a. Presentation of Slate

b. Request for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Katrina informed us that if there are no nominations from the floor the club can do away with the written ballots and take a verbal vote.

c. Vote for slate

DC Catherine Swent

Joint DC's: Rosemary, CJ, Marty,

Secretary: Victoria

Treasurer: Vandana

Sponsors present verbally approved the slate as presented. The members take office in January, 2007.

6. Goals

- a. Measure of goals for 2006: We had ambitious goals last year, but we have managed to accomplish just about all of them. Our goals for this coming year are in line with last year's, (maybe slightly more ambitious, with respect to going to Kentucky.) Catherine carried goals forward and named a person responsible for each goal area. Preparation for

rallies will include team practices, as we did last year, continuing on Fridays.

- b. Ratings: discussion of how to address the stress around ratings, especially at the upper levels. The process is very time consuming and the expectations are very high as you rate up. There was not a consensus of what could be done to reduce the stress. The club pledges to support upper level members as much as possible in attaining higher ratings and that should mitigate some of the issues. (In the past members have felt very much on their own at the upper levels.)

At the mid and lower levels, we need to reevaluate the Rating Readiness sheets. They originally started as a way to ensure our riders had properly prepared for the next rating level, especially in the Horse Management topics. But they have devolved into a signing-off frenzy just before each rating that really takes a toll on the upper level members who are allowed to sign off the majority of the club member's sheets. Riders are encouraged to bring their sheets to scheduled HM sessions. We are going systematically through the USPC D Level Manual and will cover all or most of the items on the D level test sheets. Next year we will plan to schedule the C ratings prior to the D level ratings.

There was discussion of dropping the HM portion of the readiness sheets and keeping just the riding portion for instructors to sign off. There was a consensus that getting instructors (or the right instructors) to sign off has been a problem. Catherine reiterated the current policy that riders need to inform the instructors ahead of time that they have a section they would like to have signed-off. The instructors will then observe and instruct in the context of the planned lesson and reserve 15 minutes at the end of the lesson for signing off. It was decided that this policy has not been given a fair trial yet. So, we will continue with the policy and evaluate again later.

There are some portions of the readiness sheet that have been difficult to get to, such as bandaging. We would like to have a bandaging clinic at least twice a year, before Fall and Spring ratings, as it is needed at all levels from D3 up. D1 and D2 need to have knowledge of bandaging purposes and procedures. Rosemary will look into this.

b. Specific Goals for 2007: Revised 2006 goals used for 2007 goals. See attached. Sponsors asked to provide feedback at the meeting, or on email within 2 weeks.

7. Policies Membership were asked to review the current policies (found on the Website) prior to the meeting and make suggestions for changes if needed. Since policies were just approved at the 2005 Annual Sponsor's meeting, they will not need full review until the 2007 Sponsor meeting. There were no suggestions for changes for the coming year.

8. Club Calendar (see attached)

January: USPC Annual Meeting in Oregon this year

February:

March: Quiz rally, 2nd, Morgan Hill
Games Rally

April D1/D2 rating

May: Show jumping Rally

Windance Clinic

Ratings for D3/C1/C2

WPC Annual Cleanup KEC

June: C-Camp

July: National Championships Kentucky
Festival

August: Mega rating C3 B A 17th-19th, in order to accommodate
specialty ratings, per Katrina

September: Classic Horse Show , Ratings for D3/C1/C2

October: Day of the Horse, Annual Sponsor's Meeting,

Dressage rally Ratings for D1/D2

November:

December: WPC Annual Holiday Party

9. Reappointment of volunteer positions

a. Rally Coordinator - CJ Kolb

b. Rating Coordinator - Marty Raynor

c. HM Coordinator - Rosemary Broome

d. Riding Coordinator - Catherine Swent and Gina
Greenen

e. Spirit Wear - Terry Afzal

f. Facilities - Bob Arntsen

g. Junior Advisory Board - Joy Somersett and Christine
Southgate

h. Membership Coordinator - Yvette Phillips

i. Webmaster - Richard Swent

j. Horsemaster Liaison - Laura Nowiki

k. Hospitality and Social Coordinator - Joy Somersett

CJ made a motion to pass the major coordinator positions as listed, Cathy seconded. Motions passed.

CJ moved we close the Sponsor's meeting, multiple seconds. Motion passed. Sponsor's meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Note: There will be a brief discussion of the Dressage Rally at the conclusion of the formal Annual Sponsor's meeting.