

Woodside Pony Club

Meeting minutes

Date November 18, 2006 10:00am

Location: KEC

Members present: Victoria Murphy Vixie, Belinda Hanson, Leslie Lee, Cathy Siegel, Christine Taylor, Sherry Fowler, Marty Raynor, Joy Somerset Terry Afzal, Todd Steck, Catherine Swent, Gina Greenen, Kate Daly, Diane Tapscott and Jenn Arnsten. Rosemary Broome joined at 10:30.

President Catherine Swent called the meeting to order at 10:09am.

1. Minutes: minutes of the October 12th, 2006, Sponsor's meeting were passed around along with Treasurers Report and 2007 Goals statement.
2. Treasurer's report: Belinda passed around the Treasurer's report, (yellow sheet).
 - a. Clarify horse show profit: The horse show brought in about 7k.
 - b. Dressage Rally: we did better than expected at the Dressage Rally, showing a profit of 11k at this time but the Horse Park expenses have not come out of that figure yet.
 - c. Overall, we are in good shape.
3. Leadership - Catherine, CJ and Marty attended the Regional meeting.
 - a. Regional meeting update
 - i. Regional officers: The slate of regional officers is virtually the same with Katrina Deane continuing on as RS, Mary Spangler, Rhonda Davenport and Katie Graham continuing as Vice RS', Liz Stapleton as Secretary, Thar Hassoon as Treasurer and Mouse Terstegge as HMO.
 - ii. Regional calendar: Please check the Mid-Cal website frequently for info on regional Pony Club activities. Here as some of the high lights of upcoming events: In February the "Teach to Teach" clinic and Instructors workshop. Sat, March 3rd the Quiz Rally, March 21st the Everything But The Horse Rally in Walnut Creek. [There was a quick request from Ellen Hill that we make sure riders attend the appropriate lesson for the horse they are riding, if they have a different mount than their usual one. For example it may be more appropriate to ride down a level or more with a horse that is green to jumping.] At this point, it was announced that CJ and Sissy are moving over to the Portola Valley Pony Club to train and do event work. CJ was awarded a beautiful teapot, cup and saucer as a token of our appreciation for all her hard work as WPC Rally coordinator. There was general discussion about DC's and Club leadership. We will probably just stick with 2 joint DC's. Cathy S. volunteered to coordinate Rally info: dates, times, location money and equipment. We will appoint a specific coordinator for each rally. This is a qualifying year. Continuing with Mid-Cal highlights: there will be a show Jumping rally, not sure of dates yet, Games

Rally May 19th and Nationals will be in Kentucky July 23 - 28th, 2007. Again, check www.midcal.ponyclub.org for more info.

- iii. National meeting: The Annual National Meeting is on the West Coast this year, in Portland, January 26th, 27th and 28th, 2007. Catherine is going and would very much like several members of WPC to attend. Please let her know if you are interested, as you can coordinate travel and lodging arrangements. Jennifer highly recommends attending Annual meetings; there are seminars appropriate for older kids, which are very informative as well as fun. Gina could look into rooms at her in-laws, who live close by.
 - b. New opportunity - host Teach to Teach Clinic + Instructor's Clinic
 - c. C Club: Anyone C1 and up can ride in C Club. Mary Spangler is in charge of the event. The location is the Horse Park. Judy Klus comes down from Oregon to participate. Judy will also take D level riders, by arrangement.
 - d. Directory: Diane will print the directory again. It won't come out until January. There were requests to include instructor contact info and post it on the web.
 - e. Portola Valley has many C members, few D's and would like to help us with teaching, ratings and HM. Rosemary will contact them.
4. Holiday party - Joy gave an update on the Holiday party, Sunday, December 10, 2006 from 5pm till 10pm. Gene Ericksen and Anne Farris will again cook the main dishes and we will bring the appetizers, sides and desserts. Joy will bring the wine. Please send pictures to Rosemary for the slideshow. If your rider wants to participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift, under \$15; note if it's appropriate for a particular age. Please send the name and color of your mount to Joy and Leslie. We need some folks to come early (4pm) to help set up.
5. Riding Program - Catherine confirmed the Open Ring schedule would be 4 days a week, with Fridays open for Team practices. Contacting the instructors directly has been working well, so we'll continue with this policy. Sara Williams is available on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Rebecca Taylor will return in December. Natalie Rooney Pitts will teach about once a month. Meg Finn will be on the December schedule. Jenn Arnsten will teach as her school schedule allows. Catherine will reiterate the rules around Open Rings and insurance.
6. Dismounted Program: Rosemary gave an HM update. HM for D riders will be at 10 and 11am. Attend either before or after the riding lesson as appropriate. On HM Saturdays C's will ride at 9 or 12. The next HM will be December 9th.
7. Facility - Marty advised the joint direct letter campaign had raised \$22,540 with 63 contributions so far, including a single very generous donation of 10k. Marty thanked all the Pony Club members

who have contributed. Marty, Catherine and Julie (Woodside Vaulters) will hold a meeting to set priorities on fencing, footing, grading, including the parking lot, and a new drag. We need one more volunteer to drag the arena on a regular basis.

8. Ratings -

- a. D1 & D2 rating happening later today; we have a great turnout to help with the rating.
- b. C1/C2 rating will be held tomorrow, November 19. There had been 3 riders, but Karina is too sick to participate, so only Christine F. and Alex will go forward. Club-wide, 19 riders rated in spring and 15 in fall! There will be no more ratings until April at the earliest.

9. Parent Education: Please give Catherine feedback on topics you would like for parent education. Ratings and rallies are the perennial favorites.

10. Horse Master's Report: Rosemary advises that they are riding, but has no further info. Barbara Robinson has spent many hours being an Impartial Observer at ratings, and we greatly appreciate her assistance.

11. Junior Advisory Board Report: Joy reports the Jr.'s will help pull together the multi-media presentation for the holiday party.

12. Fundraisers - Employer contributions: some employers will match hours with dollars or dollars with dollars. Check out your employer's policies on matching donations.

13. Christine Taylor volunteered to coordinate snacks for Saturday morning lessons. Thanks you Christine, and thank you to Victoria, our outgoing snack duty coordinator.

14. Nicole McDevitt was introduced. Her daughters are prospective members. Nicole has supported Junior Riders and Pony Club for many years through her business, Carousel Saddlery in Portola Valley.

15. Parent Meetings - Next meeting is the Holiday Party.

16. Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.