

Woodside Pony Club Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2007  
KEC

Members present: Catherine Swent, Cathy Siegel, Bob Arnsten, Vandana Mathur, Victoria Murphy Vixie, Sherry Fowler, Theo C., Joy Sommerset, Gina Greenen, Rosalie Cornew, Angela Steele, Terry Afzal, Yvette Phillips, Karin Keoloha Steck, Wendy Garfield Burger, Leslie, Jennifer A., Lora Quinlan, Diane Tapscott, Rosemary Broome, Christine Taylor Keeling.

1.Meeting called to order at 10:10 by D.C. Catherine Swent. The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. Cathy moved to approve, multiple seconds. Motion passed.

2.Treasurer's report: Vandana passed around the most recent financials. There was a discussion of Quicken versus Quickbooks software. Vandana has Quicken, the previous treasurer used her business's software which was Quickbooks. Pony Club has neither. The accountant charges us about \$800 per year to do the taxes, but we believe we could handle in-house for less. There was discussion of how much various packages cost per annum and lifetime. Vandana made a motion that WPC buy Quickbooks and do a year-to-year license, which costs \$100 per year. Marty seconded. Motion passed.

3.Leadership: Catherine, Diane, Gina, Cathy, David and Vandana attended the National Conference last month. Alexa, Tori, Tessa and Maya attended various educational sessions and had a lot of fun. Maya did a presentation on equine nutritional supplements which was well-received. (It is on display today at KEC.) Betsy Alexander, a long time local resident and Pony Club leader and supporter, received the Founder's Award

In August 2007 the upper level ratings will change. Look at the new standards on the USPC website. They should also be posted on the regional Mid-Cal site soon. See Catherine's handouts regarding rating changes and newer definition of terms. The biggest change for the D's is in the area of Land Conservation, both for knowledge and working in your local region to help conserve land for equestrian use. After the C2 rating the HM and riding portions are separated. This was done partly in order to get ratings down to one day. The HM for C3 and above is HB. The mounted portion is broken up by discipline and you must choose which discipline to rate up. The specialty expectations will be higher than an eventing track. If you wish to take the C3 the 'old way' you must do so by July and attend a briefing in Gilroy. There is a chart on the Mid Cal website which shows the flow of one rating to another, including the specialties. You may move up, or laterally, but not diagonally.

There is a new HM guide and site: [www.HM.ponyclub.org](http://www.HM.ponyclub.org). Catherine bought a hard copy of the rule book for HM, and can be obtained through the USPC book store. There are changes in future rallies. There will be 10 items randomly selected from the check list rather than having every item checked. There will be streamlined formals for C3 and above, and no turn back for this advanced group.

There is also a new link called: [www.instruction.ponyclub.org](http://www.instruction.ponyclub.org) which is geared to lesson plans and riding instruction. Be sure to check these out, especially for riders who having teaching requirements.

The USPC is coming up on their annual fundraising campaign. About \$129 per member is spent for supporting activities. USPC dues are much lower than this. The balance is paid by sponsorship and donation to the annual fund. If you feel you can contribute to USPC please do, and make sure you mention WPC because we get attribution credit.

Diane will send along her notes from National.

There is a DVD which shows the difference among rating levels, which will be passed among club members for viewing.

Members Directory: Please look for email from Diane and get right back to her, so the directory can come out sooner, rather than later.

We introduced Rosalie Cornew, Sophia's mom. Please make her feel welcome and answer any questions she might have.

4.Riding Program: The Event team is still on Fridays, at the Horse Park, weather permitting.

There are a couple of changes to the calendar due to instructor's schedules. Natalie will be in the afternoon, Rebecca in the morning. Sara Williams will do a couple of Friday jumping lesson, please let Catherine know if you are interested. Note changes to your calendar. The most current calendar will be posted on the web site. There are a lot of rally opportunities coming up in the Spring; as rallies approach we can do team practice on Fridays. The Tetrathalon is coming up, let Cathy know if you are interested. Riders may share a horse in this event. May 12th is Show jumping, June 2nd Games. (please note that since the parent meeting Games has moved up to April)

5.Dismounted Program: Rosemary advised we are doing Vet care today. There was a discussion about sign-ups for HM. Rosemary said she would do this and put it on the calendar. Portola Valley Pony Club is still willing to come teach, but there seems to be some reluctance to start this. The HM emphasis will be on Quiz until March 3rd, then topics are open. There was discussion about partnering younger riders with older or upper level riders, like a mentor program. Wendy will look into this and head it up.

6.Facilities: Bob will call Gary Pollock and figure some costs out. We are back to thinking about wooden fencing. The fundraising netted \$29,950.00 to date!

7.Ratings: only 5 people responded about rating this year. Please let Marty know if you think your rider may be interested in taking a rating sometime during the year, even if it's way off in the Fall. Look over the handouts with the ratings and test expectations with the updated explanation of terms. We want people to be properly prepared for ratings. The readiness sheets are outdated. All items signed off on the old forms will be honored on the new forms. You must use the new forms and have the areas that are not on the old forms signed.

8.Rallies: Quiz is the next rally, March 3rd in San Martin. The teams are: C's: Alexa, Alex, Maya and Tessa and D's: Alicia, Abbey, Chole S., Lexi and Mady. The paperwork is due Feb 12; it is a qualifying rally for Nationals. There is a study guide on the Mid-Cal site.

Other rallies mentioned above and listed on your agenda. Watch for details as the rallies approach. Talk to Cathy if you are interested in attending a particular rally.

9.Horsemasters had nothing to report.

10. Junior Advisory: fundraising ideas: "Dough to Go" sales. The product costs \$9, we would sell for \$14, so \$5 profit per carton. It's purported to be very good. Also, the idea of professional photography - this idea stirred some interest. Who will be looking into it? We need a fundraising chair.

11. Next Meeting: St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, 2007 at the KEC, 10 am sharp!

Meeting adjourned 11:23am.