

Woodside Pony Club
Meeting Minutes, KEC
August 25, 2007

Members present: Yvette Phillips, Terry Afzal, Darrah Garvin, Karen Gregory, Wendy Burger, Scott Michaelsen, Joy Somerset, Marty Raynor, Gina Greenen, Cathy Siegel, Rosemary Broome, Catherine Swent, Lora Quinlan, Leslie Lee, Christine Taylor Keeling, Vandana Mathur, Victoria Murphy Vixie, Diane Tapscott (at 10:23), Belinda Hanson (at 10:27)

DC Catherine Swent called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

Did anyone notice the new sign out front? The club bought a Woodside Pony Club sign for the fence from the National Convention.

1. Minutes: Gina motioned we approve the minutes of the July 14, 2007. Leslie 2nd. The motion was carried.
2. Treasurer's report. We have just under 20k in the bank. Some of the expenses for the Horse Show will come out of that. The Horse Show is our biggest fundraiser and will set the club up for the coming season.
3. Nationals in Kentucky: those families who attended the Nationals in Kentucky gave a review of the event. All agreed it was an extraordinary experience, with very little sleep and lots of hard work. Email went out with the results. WPC did very well and Mid-Cal in general was great! If you would like to go to Nationals 3 years from now, start planning and fund raising now. It will cost around 5 thousand dollars total per member, with a horse. (It costs a little less for Quiz.)
4. The Horse Show: we reviewed jobs and chairs for various functions for the Horse Show. Joy and Leslie reported that one article has already appeared in the Almanac and one more is coming. Facilities: The Bay arena will be split in two and we will use both of those with a warm up arena for each. There will be a lane separating the arenas; you cannot pass between them and the entrances are widely separated. Belinda and Leslie reported we have a good numbers of sponsors with more in the works. Business cards should go to Diane to be included in the program. Catherine mentioned a couple of things about the class lists: Pick your Own Line is at 2'6" and Lead Line is for children 6 and under. Christine advised that registration is under control and fully staffed. Please come to a registration training session at 2pm on Saturday. Gatekeepers please attend a 2:45 training session on Saturday. Everyone please help set up the arenas. [Val Owens stopped by and was introduced to the Club.] Joy is handling hospitality for the judges, beverages. Belinda will help with volunteer runners. Marty has announcers lined up: Leslie, Vera, Kurt and Belinda. Yvette is handling the prize boxes for the high point winners.
5. Coaching: [Note: Gina took over minute taking for Victoria until end of meeting.] There was a discussion about the Club hiring coaches for the show for our riders. Coaches can be very valuable and focus on the rider, as the parents are usually too

- busy to help. But, there are too many riders at different levels now. Individuals make arrangements for coaching.
6. Nominating Committee: Yvette reported the Nominating Committee has been working on the slate of Club officers for the vote at the Sponsor's Meeting in October. The slate is Leslie Lee for DC, Catherine and Marty for Joint DC's, Vandana considering staying on as Treasurer and Victoria for Secretary. The Sponsor's meeting is October 23 at the Woodside School Library. The Regional Council meeting is Nov 11th.
 7. New Members: Yvette reported on new members joining us: Victoria Garvin, Christina Wampler, Brittany and Jessica Flores and Emma Erickson. Yvette will match new families to an existing WPC family for buddy help and advice. There was a request for an updated roster.
 8. Riding Program:
 - a. begins Sept 8th, which is the start of our Season, and ends next June. There will be Mon, Tue, Wed and Thurs Open Rings with a variety of instructors. Friday is open for team practices and clinics, e.g. Sarah Williams. Saturdays will be Meg Finn Rebecca Taylor 1 week per month, Etsuko Sakimura, and Ellen Hill 1 week per month. We will continue to get Joan Williams to come when she is available.
 - b. There will be special clinics, like Joan Williams in the afternoon on Sept 22nd. The special clinics must be paid for and signed up for separately from the regular Saturday riding program. The regular Saturdays are paid for in advance for ½ of the season at a time; these are called "Saturday Riding Fees" (separate from Club or Regional dues; watch for email. Ask your buddy if it gets confusing.)
 - c. There was a desire expressed for higher-level instructors for our higher-level riders. Discussion followed about balancing the needs of the higher levels and the new members. Catherine stated there must be strong interest and commitment to bring in high-level instructors, like Paula Wang, or Alyssa Pitts for dressage. Catherine will survey the members as to anticipated participation to help plan the riding program. Terry Afzal will coordinate a task force of parents and kids to determine needs for the riding program. Contact Terry if you or your child would like to help. The Task Force is to come up with options for the future.
 - d. A question arose regarding the Saturday Riding fees – should we continue to pay in advance, or pay as you go, like Open Rings. After discussion the Club agreed to proceed with the current system. Therefore each rider must pay \$160 September 8th through December 29th, 2007. 17 Saturdays, less one for rain out, prorated if you join late. This will be for all riders, regardless of how often they ride. If a rider has a special circumstance they should contact the DC.
 9. Dismounted Program: Rosemary advised that scheduling has been difficult without knowing who would be coming for HM. Discussion about options. With the advent of the badge program, it should be easier to schedule beginning members. The Club agrees we should continue Saturday morning horse management lessons, but have separate sign-up for lessons, for both riders and

- teachers. Scheduling will be month by month. Once a year Rosemary will coordinate a “Teach-to-Teach” clinic for upper level riders learning to give HM lessons. Note: Karina is looking for an UR/D1 or D2 candidate to teach in preparation for her C2 rating.
10. Ratings: Marty advises we have many fall ratings scheduled. For D1 and D2 Kat and Liz are ready. This rating will take place either Sept 15-16, or Sept 29-30. There will be a second D1 and D2 rating in early November for new members who need time to get rating readiness sheets signed-off. Please let Marty know if you can help with these ratings. There will be ratings for D3, C1 and C2 in late October. There was discussion of how difficult it is to get rating sheets signed off. Use scheduled HM sessions, otherwise make private arrangements specifically for sign-offs. Amanda and Maya will be taking their HB this fall. Chloe will do her B. Jennifer is an HA..
 11. Rallies: There is nothing on the calendar at this time; remember it is not a qualifying year for Championships, so there are likely to be fewer rallies in general.
 12. Horse Masters: Laura Nowicki is moving east, but Horse Masters is still alive and well. Come out and ride!
 13. Junior Advisory: there will be a BBQ pool party September 1st at the Somerset’s home. All riders 13 and up are welcome to come.
 14. The next parent meeting is scheduled for Sept. 29th.
 15. The Sponsor’s meeting is October 18 or 25th.(later scheduled for October 23rd, 7pm at the Woodside Elementary School Library.)
 16. Snacks: please plan to provide the snack for Saturday riding twice per year, and that will cover the schedule. Please advise Christine via email of dates that are good for your family.

Meeting adjourned 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Murphy Vixie

(with help from Gina Greenen – Thank you Gina!)