

Woodside Pony Club Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2007  
KEC

Meeting called to order at 10:10am by DC Catherine Swent.

Members present: Karen Flores, Gina Greenen, Bob Arnsten, Terry Afzal, Kirk Wampler, Scott Michaels, Dwight Somerset, Yvette Phillips, Mary Beth Ericksen, Donna Novitsky (observing), Marty Raynor, Vandana Mathur, Leslie Lee, Cathy Seigel, Darrah Garvin, Lora Quinlan, Catherine Swent, Victoria Murphy Vixie.

1. Minutes: Karen F. motioned we approve the minutes of the October (Sponsors) meeting. Bob A seconded. Motion passed.
2. Treasurer's report: No fundraising is shown as yet. Vandana saved us about \$800 in taxes by filing last year. Karen Gregory is not familiar with our tax program and would like some assistance; Cathy S volunteered to help. Kirk motioned we accept the Treasurer's Report, multiple seconds, motion passed.
3. Annual Regional Meeting: Leslie, Marty and Catherine will be attending the Regional meeting next week and will report back at the next WPC meeting in January, (the December meeting is our annual holiday party.) The transition in leadership will happen over November and December. As of January all issues will be handled by the new board and the new DC, Leslie Lee.
4. Membership: Yvette introduced Donna who was observing for the possibility of daughter Natalie joining on Angel's Mist. Katie Raynor has joined on Rosie and Victoria Garvin is riding Gracie, her mustang mount.
5. Riding Program:
  - A. If there is pouring rain and unsafe footing there will be no riding. Otherwise, we're on. If you're unsure, contact the instructor directly. Parents need to keep the drains flowing in the arena. Bob A. will teach members how to do this. Turn out for Open Rings has not been a problem, usually 3 or 4. Sarah Williams is willing to come some Fridays, but there *must* be a PIC, (Parent In Charge). This is required by our insurance, to have another adult capable of responding to an emergency, so if there is no PIC there is no riding. Sundays might also be available.
  - B. 4pm Open Rings will end at 5pm so riders who walk on trails can get home by dark, as it's getting darker earlier. We may be able to stretch the time out again in January, as the days get a little longer. So, please be prompt. Catherine will inform the instructors.
  - C. Courtesy of riders and parents: for absences, please check in with Gina. If it is a last minute illness or other absence call the instructor, the phone at KEC: 851-9962, or Marty's cell as there is a good possibility she will be there with 3 members – all numbers are in the Directory. Catherine advised she has deleted the definition of "parent" from our old policies, as it was not accurate. We will be reviewing policies in January. Marty has revised the rating sheets and ratings policies; she will publicize. There are scholarship funds available to those who cannot afford Pony Club, which usually covers riding fees, but not horse expenses. There is no form, just

speaking directly with the DC. There was a general discussion of how to account for the 25% riding qualification. There was agreement that 'non-Pony Club' participation should count towards participation, and that summer riding could compensate for those riders who cannot meet the requirements during the school year. The suggestion was to take stock of participation on a quarterly basis. This topic will be continued in January.

- D. Val Owens clinics: Val is available Thanksgiving weekend, 11/24 & 11/25. Please let Catherine know if you are interested in riding. The 24<sup>th</sup> will be at KEC and the 25<sup>th</sup> at the Horse Park, if it is open. There was discussion about which riders should join which clinics. The instructors are able to teach to all levels and should be grouping riders appropriately. It is up to you if you want to pay to have high-level instruction. There was discussion about D3 level cross-country jumps at the Horse Park – there are really only 4 of them. Leslie is working with folks over there to set more jumps appropriate to a D3 or below level rider and mount. Stay tuned for information. There was a suggestion that helping with this effort such as writing letters, or hopefully, thank you notes, could fulfill the new land conservation requirements for D riders. As far as clinics for D riders, there was consensus that the Windance clinic works very well for this level of rider, with many jumps at small log or small fence height. We could also look into clinics at Eventful Acres, Lone Tree or Graham Hill, but then you're talking about more travel time.
- E. Horse Show: move the date? We've been asked by Gerald, at the Horse Park, to give up our show date, which coincides with a carriage driving event. Members feel that if it doesn't conflict with a Spring Down show, it might be OK to move ours to the following Sunday. Otherwise, don't move it and definitely don't share it with carriage driving! Catherine will check and let us know.
6. Dismounted Program: Upper level riders, C2 and above, are obligated to help with lessons for D1 through C1. They can work with one or 2 members at a time, on an aspect of a lesson, under the supervision of an instructor. This would help meet the teaching requirement for the upper levels and help with sign-offs for the D1-C1 levels. Upper levels cannot sign off riding items, but can sign-off non-riding and HM items, provided they are 2 levels above the rating level being worked on. This could work with all our instructors. There is a question about whether Jenn can supervise. We think so, but Catherine will check. The badge program starts today. Riders fill out a form and demonstrate expertise in an area to earn a badge, one per month. For more information look on the U.S. Pony Club website, [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org), under Badge Program Riding.
  7. Holiday Party: Dwight advises Joy is working on it. Terry is helping. Please send photos, both action shots and faces with mount, asap. The party will be on Sunday afternoon, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, set up starts at 2pm. Gene and Ann will be cooking again. Side dishes will be assigned. Watch your email.
  8. Facility: other than monitoring the drainage, things are in pretty good shape. Need to put up the arena letters again. Might be a good project for upper level riders.

9. Ratings: We have 6 candidates at the D1/D2 levels and lots of helpers volunteered. Marty can act as the impartial observer and Scott will provide “security”. Other levels will be offered next year (calendar year). The C3+ levels are National and can be completed at the Mega Rating in August. We have a couple of riders who may go to this. C3, B and A rate in eventing and show jumping. Sierra Pacific hosts dressage and HB. HA will be hosted by Bay Hills. Watch your email; there are clinics available and sometimes *mandatory* for these Upper level ratings. Jenn will help with HM and bandaging practice; Alex and Lauren will also help. Cathy Seigel can help with the materials needed for making wraps; it’s complicated, so get help and practice!
  10. Rallies: as of now there are none on the calendar, as it is a non-qualifying year. There will be rallies for practice and fun, however. Cathy will keep us posted.
  11. Parent Education: Who has the ratings DVD? There was discussion of educating the parents, so they can assist their riders when they want to rate up. More on this topic next year.
  12. Horse Masters: we need to have a liaison by the end of the year or the program will have to disband.
  13. Junior Advisory: currently helping with the slide show. Send your pictures to Christine S. Watch for email from Joy after the holidays.
  14. Next Meeting – in January 2008 with Leslie at the helm!
- Meeting adjourned 11:13am.