

WPC Parent Meeting Minutes (corrected)
January 12, 2008 10:00am
KEC

Members Present: Kathy Lipps, Leslie Lee, Marty Raynor, Catherine Swent, Yvette Phillips, Scott Michaelson, Belinda Hanson, Cathy Siegel, Karen Gregory, Darrah Garvin, Gina Greenen, Vandana Mathur, Karen Flores, Joy Somerset, Diane Tapscott, Dan Flores, Bruce Erickson (on premises), Rosemary Broome at 10:30am.

New DC Leslie Lee called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

1. Minutes: Victoria passed around a copy of the minutes; most people had read them on-line. Cathy motioned we approve the minutes; Yvette seconded. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's report: Karen advised we have moved 12k into a 5 month CD that matures in April. She and Vandana spent a long time trying to switch over WPC accounts. Karen may move the accounts to Washington Mutual, if there are no objections. No one objected but a number commented that it doesn't matter which bank, and there are bad experiences with just about all of them. Reminder that riding fees of \$200 are due, per rider, from January through May. [Note: the Ratings DVD went to Karen.]
3. Leadership – Leslie
 - a. Transition to new leadership – role changes, Leslie went over some of her duties as DC. If you are adding a riding session, you must go through Leslie for insurance purposes.
 - b. Annual Meeting Jan 24-27 Boston. Watch for details in email.
 - c. Nationally Rated Members Riding Fee Structure.: Leslie advised there has been some off line discussions about how to support our Nationally Rated members. We are lucky to have so many. We are sticking with the riding one Saturday per month, but these members have the option of paying \$15 per lesson at the time of the lesson, rather than \$200 for the season up front. The PIC will collect the \$15 prior to the lesson. No IOU's. (Note that if you tend to come to the Saturday lessons anyway, then it is cheaper to pay the \$200, which ends up being about \$10 per lesson.)
 - d. Instructors Dinner: The DC's took our regular instructors to dinner and had a very good, productive dinner. The instructors really enjoyed the chance to talk and to have input. There was agreement to have an emphasis of the month theme for the lessons for consistency. They would like it better if we moved the food farther from the arena and general agreement that the parents are too loud. Also, don't coach from the rail. There was discussion of lunging lessons, teach-to-teach and an instructors only section on the website. We plan to make instructor gatherings an on-going program.
 - e. Annual Regional Meeting Report: was November 11, 2007. Many items were discussed. We have a very active Region with many riders placing at high levels. Though it is not a qualifying year for Nationals, there will be a regular Quiz Rally and a National Quiz competition. Also, C Club enrichment programs, National Testing, D Camp Days. You can read details on the regional calendar of www.midcal.ponyclub.org. The Winter Retreat will be February 29th- March 2nd, 2008 at the Marriott in Fremont. There will be rating prep, clinics, etc. the cost is \$250 per rider, 13 years and up (since changed to 12 years old and up), with one chaperone. There are many other opportunities posted on the MidCal site, so check it often. In April we will be hosting the Standards and Ratings Clinic here at KEC.
 - f. Horseshow date change to Sept 14th at the Horse Park. If you haven't been to the Horse Park lately, there are lots of logs added near the water jump closest to San Hill Road. Larry Gimble has been working hard to accommodate many levels of riders. It would be nice to write Larry and thank him, and it just may satisfy that Land Conservation requirement.
 - g. Riding Fees are due [Covered during Treasurer's Report.]
4. Membership – Yvette New members: Natalie Novitsky riding Ambrosia, with parents John and Donna. Belinda will be the WPC 'buddy'. Julie White was introduced; her daughter, Meagan, is interested in joining.

5. Riding Program – Catherine and Leslie:
 - a. Emphasis of the month: Base, Heels and lower leg support. The thematic approach seems to be going well, and tying the lessons together.
 - b. Safety, Trailering and fractious horses – this is a reminder about safety. Be conscious of where your child(ren) is, where others are, pay attention when loading and un-loading. Some horses trailer better than others. Also, please pick up the ring and your paddocks. PIC is to check and make sure we are cleaning up after our equine friends and ourselves.
 - c. Val Owens Clinic – 1/19-20 There is still space. Watch for email about other clinics.
 - d. Upper level riders to assist in lessons, that is **mounted** lessons, not just HM. Please coordinate through Catherine; helping with lessons can happen at Open Rings or Saturday lessons.
 - e. C Club: we have many C riders both in WPC and the Region. There are many opportunities and activities. Watch for email and check the MidCal site often.
6. Dismounted Program – Marty will be taking on HM, with Karen F. helping with the badge program. The badges go on a ribbon that you can display. Rained out lessons will be inside HM lessons instead.
 - a. Members needing teaching experience, please contact Marty to arrange.
7. Facility –no update, but Junior Advisory could put the arena letters back up.
8. Ratings –
 - a. Upper level ratings - plans for 2008: Catherine is helping to plan Regional ratings. If you plan to rate you **must** attend the Feb 9th orientation meeting and you must declare by April 15th. There will be prep sessions at Twin Rivers and at the Horse Park. We are the Eventing site for C3, B and A – look on the website for more info. At these levels there is a great emphasis on the “dialogue” with your horse from tack and warm up through cool down. The D1- C2 ratings are local ratings sponsored by WPC and put on with the help of the upper level riders. Please let Marty know if you are able to assist. D1/D2 ratings are held at KEC, twice a year, or more if necessary, probably in late April and again in November. D3, C1 and C2 are held at the Horse Park, currently scheduled for the 1st week of June and again in October. It’s possible we could hold C3 ratings at KEC; will investigate.
 - b. WPC Rating Standards: Marty has updated the policies. Please review. Work on your rating sign off sheets continually, as they are due 30 days before a rating. Separate check-off lessons scheduled with an instructor work really well for the riding portion sign-offs, apart from Open Rings or Saturday lessons. Let the instructor know ahead of time if you would like a particular thing signed off at a regularly scheduled Open Ring or lesson, and they may, or may not, accommodate you, depending on their lesson plan. Dismounted sign-off can be done with upper level riders, who must be 2 levels, or more, above the rating being signed off.
9. Rallies –
 - a. Quiz: Cathy advised the quiz rally will be held March 8th in San Martin. It’s a good rating prep activity.
 - b. EBTH: Everything But the Horse will be held in Walnut Creek on April 19th. It’s set up like a normal rally, except with stick horses. Still need one trailer to set up. Must commit by Mid-March.
10. Parent Education: Ratings-DVD where is it? (Karen Gregory has it.)
11. Horse Master’s Report – Possibility of disbanding (Lora) No Lora, so no update.
12. Junior Advisory Board Report Joy Summerset: watch your email for the next meeting.
13. There was a question about roster updates and directory updates, perhaps a quarterly update? Yvette, being the New Member coordinator will handle getting the info to the club.
14. Parent Meetings – Next meeting is February 16th, 10am at KEC.

Meeting adjourned 11:24am.

