

WPC Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2008 10:00am
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Members present: Leslie Lee, Joy Somerset, Catherine Swent, Mary Beth Erickson, Donna Novitsky, Julie White, Lora Quinlan, Marty Raynor, Victoria Murphy Vixie, Kathy Lipps, Jenn Arnsten, Bob Arnsten, Vandana Mathur, Mike Raynor

DC Leslie Lee called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

1. Minutes

- The minutes received two corrections: under Treasurer's report:
- Vandana and Karen spent two hours changing account authorizations at the bank and under Riding Program, a clarification that a PIC for an upper level rider must be present and collect \$15 from an upper level rider choosing pay as you go.
- Marty motioned the minutes be approved, as corrected; Joy seconded, motion passed.
- Correspondence: Victoria shared a Thank You letter written to a Jo Egenes. Marty explained Jo donated ¼ round jumps to Pony Club, and they are located by the restroom.

2. Treasurer's report: Leslie gave the Treasurer's report for Karen who is on vacation.

- Riding fees are in.
- 1099's are coming out. Tax preparation is underway.
- "Pay as you go" is a trial, optional program for Nationally Ranked Members only.

3. Leadership – Leslie

- Review of National Convention -- Where is PC Going in the new Century? Leslie gave a report from the National Convention held in Boston at the end of last month.
- She was very proud to be from MidCal, as this region is held up as a model region for the rest of the country. The focus for this year is "Back to the Barn" for D1-C2 riders, having fun with your friends and working around the barn, perhaps in association with a riding group. National Dues will be going up \$5. Festival will include D level riders and something called "Virtual Pony Club" will be launched to help bring Pony Club into the new century. Clubs felt that HM is both the best part of Pony Club and the bane of Pony Club. Dads and kids like the team aspect. Watch for email from Leslie with a link pointing to the report from the convention, and please take a minute to read through it. There is a lot going on across the Country!
- Open Ring Policy: we must announce any lesson that is not already on the calendar 48 hours in advance, so please give Leslie 72 hours in order to post it in time. As always, clean up after yourself and your pony. Put the jumps away. And please use your regular mount.

4. Membership – Leslie gave the new members report: Megan White is riding Magic today; Julie White attending the meeting.

5. Riding Program –

- Emphasis of the month: Upper body and hand position. Catherine advised we need one more instructor to fill out our schedule. Joan Williams will continue to hold clinics; she is a little more expensive, but is very good. Val Owens may come down from the Chico area about once a month, and she is also very good..
- Upcoming Clinics (see above). For the C and above level riders Mid Cal will continue to schedule clinics, like Judy Klus as part of their committed to better prepare kids for upper level ratings. These prep clinics will count towards participation. Sara Williams may still come on Fridays. There was a question about Natalie Rooney Pitts. Catherine will check in with her. Karina, Chloe and Alex are at RamTapp.

- Eventing camping clinic: Marty asked the membership for feedback on a camping clinic. We need to know the level of interest in order to make plans. The camp out is held over Mother's day weekend, which is May 10th and 11th this year. Potential sites are: Windance near Pescadero, (good for D's, not so interesting for upper levels), Lone Tree, near Modesto (2 -3 hours); they have good footing and it's run by Connie Arthur; St. Helena at Phoenix Farms – need more info for this venue. The costs would be about \$125/day, so about \$250, maybe a bit more if coming in Friday. This includes 2 lessons per day on flat, jumping and cross-country. Food can be potluck, or coordinated. Please talk to Marty if you can help with that. Also, remember there is C Camp in late June and the Mock D Rally June 14th and 15th. And there's D Camp in Santa Cruz at Graham Hill, which is supposed to be a lot of fun, and very low key. There was a comment that the Mock D Rally was truly a rally, not a teaching camp, and was not very low key.

6. Dismounted Program

- Update on the badge program. Marty and Karen F. have mapped out a schedule for earning badges and will be publicizing it to the club.
- Moon Valley is hosting a C1/C2 prep in March. Silver is putting it together now; it will include both mounted and dismounted sections.

7. Facility –Bob thanked members for keeping the drains cleared during the storms. The Jr. Advisory will be working on putting up the arena letters. Clean up day will most likely be May 17th. Julie very kindly spoke up about clean up day and got put in charge.

8. Ratings – Marty & Catherine

- Upper level ratings - plans for 2008. The Region will be supporting and preparing riders for upper level ratings by providing training every other week. This is to help riders get ready for the Mega rating; Catherine is helping the Region coordinate the A and B ratings. (Other volunteers are coordinating the HA, HB ratings.). We need volunteers to help with food, set up, etc. Please let Catherine know if you can help, especially if you're rider will be taking an upper level rating this year. The intent forms and money are due April 1st. The Club will pay the first rating attempt for each candidate. You must attend prep sessions at Twin Rivers and the Horse Park. During the specialty ratings last year very few candidates passed because they were not able to articulate the reasons for what they were doing. So, there will focus on explaining during your ride, what you are doing and why.
- WPC Rating Plans; Marty will send email as ratings dates for this spring and fall get closer. Please respond to the email asap if your rider will be taking a rating, or if you can help with the ratings. Remember that rating readiness forms are due one month in advance. If you need sign-offs be sure to check with the instructor before an Open Ring or Saturday ride. It's often best to schedule a rating readiness lesson with a qualified instructor specifically for the purposes of signing off. Rebecca and Jennifer A. are qualified to sign off the riding portion. Upper level riders 2 levels above the rating you are rating you are qualifying for are able to sign off HM. Again, it's best to schedule time, in advance, with an upper level member specifically for HM.

9. Rallies

- Quiz: Cathy advises we have a team for Quiz: Jessica, Brittany, Victoria and Emma
- EBTH is coming up soon; watch for email.

10. Parent Education

c. Ratings: The DVD has gone to Beth, who will give it to Donna, then back to Marty.

11. Horse Master's Report: Lora advises we have 3 possible liaisons for Horse Masters, Jane, Kristen and Wendy. She will make contact with them and report back.

12. Junior Advisory Board Report: Joy advised there was a meeting at Chevy's, which was fun. The next meeting will be take out from Su Hong on Feb 23rd, at Joy's house. Please rsvp and contribute \$10 towards the food. We will be discussing Spring and Summer fundraising.
13. Parent Meetings – Next meeting is March 15,2008
14. WPC website will be getting a facelift; the Junior advisory is in charge of updating. Please contribute pictures and other info.
15. Marty made a motion to adjourn, Joy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:18am