

WPC Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2008 10:00am
KEC

Members present: Neil Gorrin, Bob Arnsten, Catherine Swent, Marty Raynor, Julie White, Karen Gregory, Donna Novitsky, Diane Tapscott, Scott Michaelsen, Christine Taylor, Yvette Phillips, Mike Raynor, Leslie Lee, Cathy Siegel, Victoria Murphy Vixie, Rob Thomas, Karen Flores, Bruce Ericksen; Wendy and Mady Burger, (Louise and Ella Patch visiting)

DC Leslie Lee called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

1. Minutes: The minutes of the February 16, 2008 meeting were presented. Catherine motioned they be approved; Diane seconded. Motion passed.

2. Treasurer's Report: Not much has changes. We have 14K in the bank; reflecting that 3 new families have joined.

3. Leadership: Many riding opportunities abound as spring arrives. Remember to check the MidCal web site for details. There is a bandaging clinic at Westwind on March 18th, "Spring Flowers", a combined dressage and show jumping event will be held Aril 20th at the Horse Park (see the Horse Park web site for details), The Chronicle is sponsoring a horse art contest.

We have a leader for Horse Masters – Jane Kowasaki will lead and coordinate with Leslie. This is very good news for us, as we have come to rely on Horse Masters support for many of our ratings and other activities.

We're still light on snack sign-ups – please sign up if you haven't already.

4. Standards and Ratings clinic at KEC: Marty advised we are hosting a standards and ratings clinic on Sunday, April 6th. The format is there will be a National Examiner to conduct the clinic, there will be kids acting as demonstration riders, parents observe only. We will go through the levels from D2 up. Demonstration riders should ride at their current level, and must be comfortable cantering in a group. Kirsten Manella will do the training; let Marty know which part you will be attending. Diane and Julie will coordinate lunch, which will be around \$7. Please sign-up and pre-pay. There will be baked goods and coffee for sale in the morning. We will be expecting around 40 – 50 people. The Mounted Patrol gate

will be open for horse trailers, cars park at KEC; we will need a parking coordinator. We need to drag the arena. Please bring your own chairs.

5. New Members: Yvette introduced Neil Gorrin, Margot Gorrin's dad. Margot will be riding a 13-year-old paint. Possible returning member, Mady Burger.

6. Riding Program: Catherine discussed the April calendar. Val Owens will be back the last weekend in April; we will have regular lessons that Saturday then a clinic at 11. We could open it to the Region if not enough of our own members sign up. If cross-country is open at The Horse Park we might move it to there. We are searching for more and new instructors. Catherine has been in touch with Katie Crowley, an "A" candidate from Saratoga, who also works at Shaw's. We are trying to get Jenny Whitworth back on a regular basis. Joan Williams will do scheduled trainings. We will have 2 Open Rings now that there is more daylight, though we will combine D1 and D2 if not enough riders. For D3 and C we can split into 4pm and 5pm if necessary. April the focus will be on riding without stirrups; all kids are advised to practice without stirrups to improve balance and go with the movement of the horse.

6. Dismounted Instruction: Karen advised the badge program is up and running; there are 2 badges per topic, and they are very cute. Look at the USPC web site for display options. Karen adds that Jessica and Brittany had a lot of fun at the Quiz rally and encourages everyone to try it next year. [Neil Gorrin has the Ratings DVD.]

6. Facility: Bob thanked members for calling things to his attention, as he and Jenn do not come as often as they used to. Julie White is coordinating the clean up day, scheduled for May 17th. Watch your email; there will be no lessons on that day. We need to get the facility spiffed up before we turn it over to Junior Riders for the summer.

7. Ratings: Marty advises we have a number of ratings coming up, the first April 27th we will hold a D1 and D2 rating. We need D and C riders to help. For D3, C1 and C2 we have 2 or 3 candidates at each level so we will split up and work with other clubs. We're shooting for around June 1st to June 8th to give the ground a chance to dry out and the kids to practice. At The Horse Park Larry advised they'll start working on the cross-country course again, once the weather cooperates. Moon Valley will be holding a C2

rating in July. Another local club will hold a rating over Memorial Day Weekend, Marty will advise.

Upper level ratings: The MegaRating will be held August 14th. MidCal is supporting the candidates with twice weekly trainings with Gina Miles or Judy Klus. Even though August is a long way off the commitment has to be made now. Catherine needs to turn in the forms April 1st, so she will need them turned in to her by March 26th.

8. Rallies: Cathy echoed Karen's review of the Quiz rally. Next is EBTH (Everything But the Horse), on April 19th at Heather Farms Park in Walnut Creek. Registration deadline is April 1st, so Cathy will need the forms by March 26th. Teams for EBTH are 2-4 "riders" on stick horses; they do an eventing rally including dressage, show jumping and cross country, on their stick ponies. We need a D member stable manager and a C member helper for each team. The cost is \$65 per "rider" and stable manager; the C helper is free. One team member must bring a trailer, to set up the tack room, as for all rallies.

Note: Remember that every WPC member has one \$50 rally scholarship each year.

9. Junior Advisory Board: Joy advises nothing new to report. Joy advised, "We need the letters back up!" Julie bought new vinyl ones.

10. Bob advises that Jenn is available to do longeing clinics; since she has been working with the vaulters as she has learned a tremendous amount about long line techniques.

Next meeting will be April 12th, 10am at KEC (moved from the 19th!)
Belinda has Binders.

Catherine motion we adjourn at 11:01, Neil seconded. Motion carried.