

Potomac Pony Club
April 13, 2005 Parents Meeting

Present: Ellen Gordon, Elizabeth Kenten, Dee Cook, Diana Sahadi, Marie Knutson, Kathleen Balogh, Laura Molsky, Lisa Gonzalez

Update on fencing for the ring at PPC field: Dee Cook is bugging Ramm Fencing to get the sleeves here promptly. They have told her it will be here tomorrow, but she will keep on it, keep bugging them to make sure we get them ASAP.

Games practice will be on our field on Monday, 4:30-6 juniors and 6-7:30 seniors and advanced. It is to be a scrimmage with Seneca. We have to get the fencing up this weekend!

Regarding jumps; The DCs heard from Ft. Meade Pony Club that the Equestrian Center has closed down. Ex-DC from Ft Meade said they are selling all their jumps. Dee called to check—base authorities say they have to offer to people on base before anyone else. That takes some time as they must advertise in their magazine, see what's taken, then they can offer it to outsiders. It includes 8 sets of wings, 2 walls, 20 poles, some brush boxes dressage arena, all for \$1500, a great deal! They only want \$100 for dressage arena. Frederick PC would like some, so if we can buy, we will sell some to them. Julie Bellet is holding the jump bldg day this Sat at her house, but only the Molskys have responded that they can come. Still need 4 gate post holes done; Jim Ballard will try to get over there to finish it. do.

Mowing is likely to be done by Steve—Dee will try to get his price down. Club owes Dee a fair amount of money for her purchases for the field. Pam is not here, but Kathleen said she could write her a check if she wants to come back to her house this eve. Dee may try to get over with her tractor to do a bit of mowing, like of pitch and perhaps ring quickly, whereas we are not yet having the overall mowing started.

Treasurer is not here to report. Last month we had \$9000 in the treasury. We have about \$2500-\$3000 going to Dee There's between \$400-\$500 in the memorial fund in honor of Shannon Molsky's granddad. Laura and Shannon will decide how to use the money. Kathleen mentioned a picnic table with plaque and Laura said her Mom loved that idea. Could do that and a jump

Brief discussion about fundraising. Ellen will check with Melane Hoffman to see if she's gotten a good response to people volunteering to hang up tack sale flyers. If not, will ask her to re-send email with remaining places that need volunteers. Ellen indicated that she thought it was about time for another meeting on the judged trail ride. Club members felt strongly that we should try for pre-registration for that. Remember the Tack Sale is June 4th!

Quiz—needs someone to head it up. Brief discussion

We have a new member, though those present did not know who. There are a couple more families interested in joining. Karen emphasized that anyone interested in our club should talk to her to find out more about what pony club is, what they should understand in order to make a decision about whether to join.

Lessons: Games are Monday afternoon, a scrimmage planned as described above. Games practices will continue until games rally. The location for Games Rally has changed, probably to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds—because Moxley's flooded 3 times in the last month, region is worried it won't be dried out. Jefferson has to be confirmed, first, just in case they are booked. Bascule possible, but its indoor. Dee offered our field as possibility as well.

Fran Ichijo/Carrie Quinn lessons are not officially the Show Jump rally lessons. Anyone planning to go to SJ rally must be in these lessons! However, even if your child isn't going to SJ rally, they can take these lessons. Karen needs to know ASAP if you want your children involved, so they can be in the proper lesson, level wise. You cannot just show up. You can call Sandy Goodman and let her know Sat mornings at Good News are already filled up. Nothing Fancy Farm; w can still do Sunday afternoon there. There's 1 lesson currently schedules there. Shannon, Louise and Casey may be doing some of their SJ lessons with Fran/Carrie at Kevin Bowie's.

PoloX practices are moving to Thursday afternoon, beginning next week—probably will start 5:30/6 go until dark. However, this week they are still on Sunday. Will hold it at the pitch at PPC Field.

FYI-a # of PPCers are going to the Iron Bridge Horse Trials, May 1. Katherine Foley can be their coach. Also, Shenandoah trials are coming up.

Remember, our Show Jump Day is open to all.

If you are interested in doing Kevin's lesson—sign up with her, pay her directly.

There's an unmounted prep this Sat from 3-5 for those interesting in rating for their D1s, by Erika Gonzalez and Casey Hilton at Karen Tilley's. Children should bring their flow charts. They will be going over knowledge. Casey hopes to do a mounted on April 30, but that is uncertain.

C2 prep, at Moxley Field, from 9-4 on April 23, bring your own lunch. Mock test, start to finish. Turnout in polo shirts though. Ponies need to be presentable, not sparkling. BYO bandaging. No charge.

Unmounted C-3 prep on April 24, 10-2 at the Dougherty's. Bring your helmet, gloves, paddock boots, because you will be lunging. BYO bandaging.

For PPC clubbers doing game practices; starting now, whether you are there or not, you have to pay. Starting with this past week.

Feedback regarding K. Foley—been very good. She will do more. X-country prep on April 30th at PPC field. Let Karen know if you want to participate. This is not appropriate for lower levels.

If the post sleeves arrive to Dee Thurs as planned, or even Friday, we will do more ring building Sunday morning. Call her if you can help!

Francie Dougherty is still offering lunging preps. You need to call and schedule with her. Katherine Foley and Fran Ichijo could also do lunging preps. .

Dates: April 24, paperwork due for Seneca Horse trials as part of a rally team. So Karen would need it before then. Erika Gonzalez is going and Casey Hilton going. Haven't heard from anyone else. Trials are on June 18 and 19.

May 28 rating—D1-C1. Karen needs to know if your child is planning to rate. There is a charge, which can be calculated once everyone is signed up. Karen needs to know by May 1.

May 30 is SJ day—going to try and pre-register the kids. Classes for the younger ones will be in am, older ones in pm. Our course designer/coach is K. Foley. Judge is Erika Davis. Small coaching fee. This is for the whole club. By Mid-may Lisa will want to know whose doing what—prizes not ribbons.

Portapotty needs a combo lock.

June 12 is PoloX scrimmage, not rally. Also C3 rating at Kevin's

June 24-26 is SJ rally. SJ stable managers—we have 14 kids going to rally as riders, so will need 3-4 stable managers. 2 have asked already. Will be open to whole club. FYI—this is not a job that younger, lower level kids who have little rally experience can do. This is 3 days of great responsibility. Quinton is 2.5 hour ride—D1s might want to come up and watch for the day on Sat. Previous years we have caravanned up

Idea: Come up with a series of team names for use by whole club over and over, kind of standard names—with pinneys made up—easier for rally organizers, standard rally names. Karen asked Kathleen to organize.

July 9 is 1st Fun Day for D1, D2s.

July 10-15 is C camp July 17-26 is D camp. Let Karen know if your child is interested in going. \$200 for C, \$150 for D, at Frederick. We need to get an email out.

June 27-July 1, Seneca's D camp, day camp. 8:30-3, at Bittersweet. Will open it up to the region if they have space.

Aug 3-6, Championships. If you are going, or think you are going, make your reservations. Main hotel is booked. But there are lots of others. D1s can't go. D2s can go for quiz or games as long as they are at least 10 years old at time of rally. Everything else, lowest rating that can go is C1, at least 13 years old. Eventing is C2.

Sept 4 is our Fun Day rally, i.e., the one we hold at PPC field.

Another Fun Day at same time as Seneca's nonqualifying event—Sept 17 or 18

Our fall rating cannot be 17/18, so need another date rating.

Giant cards—let Elizabeth know if you want. Kathleen suggests sending out a reminder every month. Maybe a week before our parents' meeting.

Karen wants to reemphasize to everyone in the club: if you have a problem or a question, please call someone. We are doing our best with communicating information. Please don't just complain if you have a problem, call any club officer with whom you are comfortable talking so that we can work it out. We're growing, and we are trying to include everyone. We realize parents cannot always make the meetings, but do try as they are a great way to catch up on what's going on in the club.

Ellen Gordon
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