

Potomac Pony Club Parents Meeting

May 11, 2005

Present: Kay Karro, Elizabeth Kenten, Laurel DeCenzo, Brenda Jones, Dee Cook, Kathleen Balogh, Karen Tilley, Pam Norwind, Donna Sahadi

Discussed getting insurance for the material things we own at the field.

We want to be able to leave standards and poles out as it is such a hassle to move in and out—as long as there is not a conflicting activity following. It is suggested, however, that we first finish staining them and arrange insurance.

It is emphasized that in fairness to all club members, lessons **MUST** start on time.

Kathleen notes that if your child has put in SSL hours helping at the field, it is definitely acceptable, so if your school hassles you, follow up.

Every able-bodied parent at Games **MUST** be out there lugging and helping. Before, During and After!!!! Note that Games is very labor intensive and needs as much help as possible.

Steve is mowing before tomorrow. Will charge per hour; will mow —poloX field, and between poloX and parking lot. Dee will find out what it costs—he charges about \$60/hr.

There may be a games practice on Friday, for all can make it—would be 6:45-7:45, juniors and seniors. Can we do ring seeding then? Can we use one of the round bales as mulch? Ask Alan Belt.

Treasurer's report: at banquet, we went quite in the hole on the dinner—we don't mind spending on the plaques but we will need to charge more for the dinner and cover our costs.

Lessons—we are in pretty good shape regarding collecting owed \$ for these—doing it monthly works better. Pam's email was well organized regarding this.

Ask Sarah D to send tack sale flyer to entire region. Every club member needs to help by hanging up the flier wherever possible. Ask Melane to resend the email with the flyer to everyone.

Lessons for end of May and June must be paid up front. We will be paying at the end of May for all June SJ lessons. There will probably not be any organized lesson plan for July or Aug, except for people doing championships. Rubicon in Lucketts, VA is holding shows on several Tuesday afternoon and might be a good practice for those going to SJ, perhaps with coaches along. For lessons with Kevin Bowie, please make your arrangements with her, and make your payments individually to her. .

Preps—we have done a series with K. Foley. Positive feedback—she relates well to the kids. Regarding C-1 candidates, she wants to do grid work with them. There is interest, but the suggested date of May 15th doesn't work for most. Preps for spring rating are about done. Fall preps will probably start in July. Spring rating is May 28 at our field. Alison Wembling is our examiner. Katherine Foley will rate non-PPC kids who are coming to rate. They will pay an extra fee. Costs for rating will be announced once we know what examiner will charge and we know exactly how many are rating.

Regarding the calendar: Games Rally is the 22nd. Next is rating on 28th, then Show Jump day on May 30. Lisa has forms to email around to everyone,

asking that you pre-register. Katherine Foley is the course designer. Also Katherine will be available to coach on SJ day for a \$10 fee. Fran may or may not be able to come as well. There will be divisions, pay per division. \$10

Tack Sale on the 4th. PoloX scrimmage on the 12th. Dee will put out an email to our club about what kind of volunteering we need on the 12th.

Do we need extra portapotty for some of these? What about poloX? SJ? Regarding poloX, Dee is thinking about a clinic in the am, and the scrimmage in the afternoon

Eventing rally—just Casey Hilton and Erica Gonzalez are doing it.

Sign ups for summer camps at Moxley. Karen needs to know very soon who wants to go to D camp and who wants to go to C camp. Kathleen says Julie wants to know if Mark can go ahead and build the club a picnic table for the field. Everyone seems positive about that.

Lisa G. came in briefly with forms for show jump day. She will get it out in an email by the morning. Pre-registration by the 20th.

Regarding the Show Jump rally: the paperwork is in, and will be going out to everyone ASAP to fill in and get it back. Regarding the interstate form necessary for transport of horses; would Haley come out somewhere like our field or Good News, and do a group of them? Karen reads the requirements from the paperwork to us. Entries due back to Pam no later than May 25th. \$200 this year, has gone up slightly. Coaches will determine what division each pony clubber goes in. Coaches also make up the teams. Arrival time on Friday the 24th will be between 1 and 3. Caravan will leave about 10:30 am from Henley Hall.

Sarah D needs to send an email out about the SJ brochure, reminding people of the deadline for ads.

Do we need to ensure the Tack sale? As an unmounted money-maker with people from the outside? Kay mentions that under this insurance company, we may not do pony rides. Any pony rides have to be a business with their own liability insurance. Not going to insure tack sale. Not necessary.

Adjourned.

Our next parents' meeting is the second Wed in June, the 8th.

Secretary's Addendum: FYI—note a couple of changes that occurred since this meeting: SJ Rally forms are due in to Kathleen, not Pam. And SJ day forms are due to Lisa on the 25th, not the 20th.