

US Pony Club Little Traverse Bay - November 29, 2013

Wow! What a wonderful afternoon we all had with our pony club friends.

We had Sage, Katie, Ellie, Jennel, Hannah, and Quinn. The girls started out playing the name game and hung out with us for the first part of our meeting which was all about going over the calendar for next year and introducing some of the pony club topics to our new members. We were all encouraged to participate in the upcoming camp at Cedar Creek Crossings with Susie White. The camp will be held on December 29th and 30th and the cost will be \$100/rider as well as each family will be participating in food preparations which is one of the ways we are able to keep the cost of our camp so low. There will be more information to come and a sign-up sheet for meals as well as a list of things each pony clubber will need to bring.

There was discussion on Quiz and Quiz prep as this will most likely be the first rally our new members will be participating in and we want to do a good job! We talked about spring camp/rating prep at Cedar Creek Crossings and at length about our club's responsibility to D-camp and the possible rating immediately following this event. We also discussed Mega Rally, Festival in Kentucky and a possible cross country camp at Kestrel in August! This was enough for our new members to digest and the girls retired to their mounts for some fun in the arena.

Jill Byard performed the helmet safety checks, Sara Matthews performed the saddle safety checks and Katie Byard led the girls in some games with their mounts. We started out with Simon Says then we all learned the clover leaf pattern of which Jennel accomplished the task with the best speed while Ellie was quick on her tail! The girls all did well with the pole bending pattern and then each girl had an opportunity to canter around the arena in both directions-Hannah had the hardest job keeping Naja going and Quinn had the biggest canter for the smallest rider! We finished with a game of red light green light where once again, Jennel was the first winner and Sage and Quinn tied for first in the second round! The girls did a nice job putting away their ponies, cleaning up the stalls and sweeping the aisle ways before finishing the final game of finders-keepers where everyone went home with a prize but Sage went home with the favorite prize of "horse glitter"!

Thank you to Shawn for all of the helpful information that was shared with the new member moms and thanks for all of the wonderful goodies that we shared while drinking hot chocolate!!!

I can't think of a better way to spend a wintery afternoon,

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