

Tri-State Riding Club February 2009 Minutes

Attendees: Leanne Accorti, Laurie Allen, Vicky Baturay, Dorothy Beach, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Kathy Broaddus, Andrea Brownstein, Charlotte Burnette, Nancy Byrd, Marilyn Davis, Susan Doherty, Sharon Egan, Sharlene Febrey, Wanda Flannagan, Linda Giannino, Leslie Gottesman, Laura Guillaudeu, Mary Gustafson, Marleen Hession, Alison Howard, Gretchen Hummer, Diane Hutchinson, Jeannie Jirucha, Diann Landau, Rosemary Lawler, Jean Luczak, Elaine Meilahn, Peggy Niesciur, Amy Orr, Tonya Royston, Ellen Sanford, Liz Shockley, Patty Tracy, Susan Trader, Sheryl Williams, Lisa Young

The February 19, 2009 meeting of the Tri-State Riding Club was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Rosemary Lawler.

Minutes from the January meeting were accepted with no additions or changes.

The treasurers' report was submitted by Liz Shockley and accepted.

Lessons:

Lesson bills are out – please be sure to pay promptly. There are several outstanding that need to be paid

Club Waiver:

Virginia Equine Liability Code has changed code numbers – the verbiage has not changed. To be on the safe side, we all need to sign new waivers. Check the e-mail from Leslie Gottesman <or> go to the website and print a new waiver, sign, and return to Patty Tracy.

Charter:

We've not been able to resurrect a copy of the initial charter the club was founded around (though Pat Brescia has a box of documents that may contain the information and will pass it along to Rosemary). This is an opportunity to explore why we all joined and what we want from the club and get a new charter documented and on the books. We brainstormed for 5 minutes:

- wanted to learn more about horses
- wanted lesson program that would help me evolve
- wanted to be around horsey people
- wanted to be involved in lesson program with such fine instructors at a reasonable price
- camp is an amazing experience
- proximity
- could find similar minded people without being competitive
- had a green horse who needed socializing

Rosemary synopsised the feedback to be 'Enjoy time with adult horsey people and spend time learning with your horse.'

While thinking about what the club means to us, also consider what our involvement in charitable contributions ought to be.

Obstacle Clinic:

A discussion was had regarding the commitment and the future of this event. We have become known for this clinic in quite a large circle. Are we all willing to step up in volunteering as a whole before, during, and after the event? We will need about 2 hours from each member to get this done easily. Remember that we have volunteer cards where your hours will go towards dollars off of TSRC activities at a rate of 8 volunteer hours = \$25 off. This has been a successful fund raiser for us that has helped us to do things for ourselves and others.

We discussed that some members who cannot give of their time, may want to simply write a check instead. A point was made that giving money does not get the work done.

A HUGE thank you to Andrea Brownstein for stepping up to take the lead and learn the ropes with Patty Tracy acting as co-chair. Pat and Judy have taken on the Design Committee. Michelle Johns is leading registration. Diane Hutchinson and Mary Gustafson will head Advertising. The date for the clinic this year will be May 2nd with May 3rd being the rain date for the public. If May 2nd turns out to be a go for the public event, members who volunteer will be able to bring their horse on Sunday. The venue will be Rosemary's Rock Hill Farm in Lucketts.

Lessons:

Rosemary Lawler continues as the lead for our Western lessons, Mandy Daley, a Parelli natural horsemanship based trainer, has been added to the book of instructors along with Drew. We do have a few spaces still open and have weekday evening and weekend sessions.

Patty Tracy continues as the lead for our English lessons. Group level divisions have been redone by one of our instructors, Judy Novak, to help the classes better meet everyone's need. Check the website for definitions for the new levels and determine which would be best for you. Check with Patty for openings and sign up!

We have excellent instructors lined up again!

Camp:

Camp is in preliminary planning stages. Camp will be very different this year – a new venue, English & Western will be a different places and likely different dates, and may be over multiple dates within the discipline (i.e. English camp may be over several weeks).

Christmas Party:

We learned that moving the holiday party into January did not turn out so well. To circumvent that, Rosemary called for a chairperson to be named now to get ahead of the game. If you are interested, contact Rosemary now so we can get rolling.

Miscellaneous:

Events to add to our calendar for the year will include a Gymkhana, a Poker Ride, and a baby Judged Ride.

Equine Emergency Information Packets have been produced by the club to keep in your Horse Trailer. See Rhonda Boatwright to get one.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: March 19, 2009 at 7pm, at Loudoun Parks & Recreation Senior Activity Center in Leesburg, 215 Depot Court SE (just down the road from Tusokies).

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Williams
Secretary, TSRC