

## **Tristate Riding Club Meeting Minutes August 2009**

**Attendees:** Leanne Accorti, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Kathy Broaddus, Charlotte Burnette, Nancy Byrd, Marilyn Davis, Susan Doherty, Sharon Egan, Sharlene Febrey, Linda Giannino, Leslie Gottesman, Diane Grove, Andrea Justus, Rosemary Lawler, Jean Luczak, Lani Newcomb, Amy Orr, Susan Payne, Tonya Royston, Liz Shockley, Mary Sitnik, Beverly Teague, Patty Tracy, Kathleen Watts, Harriet West, Sheryl Williams

The August 20, 2009 meeting of the Tri-State Riding Club was called to DINNER – and WOW, what a meal it was. Everyone should pat yourselves on the back – we're all GREAT cooks! Seriously, we did get down to business and meeting was called to order at 7:44 pm by President Rosemary Lawler. A fantastic potluck dinner was enjoyed by all during the meeting.

Minutes from the June meeting were accepted.

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

### **Lessons:**

Sign up sheets for English & western lessons were available. Western is full for August, but there are openings beginning in September. Kristin and Judy are coming back for English lessons. We will be adding some XC jumps to the field for English lessons. Be sure your armbands are up to date with current info.

### **Camps:**

English had 3 sessions at LFF. All were fun and successful (and entertaining – new sports were invented – Pas de Derby??). The smaller, multiple sessions seemed much less stressful on everyone and went over quite well. The instructors delivered knowledge and confidence in ample and equal doses.

### **Fall Events:**

There is a Judged Pleasure Ride 9/13. If you want to volunteer, contact Jean Luczak. The ride out will be from Bill Raymonds. The volunteer ride is Saturday – work day is Sunday.

Ideas for club member only events were put on the table – gymkhana at Hampton Hill; have our own trail ride; derby cross; horse soccer; musical ride (finding out what music best suits your horse and what they like);

A motion was put on the table for a gymkhana; seconded; approved. We now need a chairperson and a location (Buddy's or Rosemary's perhaps). Chairperson will be Amy Orr with assistance from Rosemary. We also discussed Derby Lite as a great activity people were interested in doing. Judy and Patti agreed to be chair. Sharon Egan and Marilyn Davis and Liz Shockley agreed to find a trail ride the club could do together.

### **Holiday Party:**

The holiday party will be December 19 at the Old Stone School on Route 9. We will have sign up sheets at the next meeting. Party committees are a great way to 'extend the party' ~ get involved.

### **Board Positions:**

2 openings – VP and Secretary; Leslie is eligible to be nominated again; Sheryl is not; Leslie will send out e-mail nominations next month.

### **Web Site:**

Kathy Watts set up a contact form to help protect Patty's e-mail (seems she's become an international phenomenon.) This form will be primarily for those outside the club and will help protect her from spam – which she has been inundated with. Club members can also use this as well. It is accessible via the web page.

### **Club E-mail:**

Some club members have expressed annoyance about the multitude of e-mails they get from the club. Some have asked to be taken off of e-mail completely; some want e-mails about certain topics; etc. We discussed the issue and determined that club e-mail should be all or nothing. If you don't want to get it, that's what the delete key is

for! If you want something sent out to the membership, send it to Patty Tracy and ask her to send it to the membership. If you don't want it to go out to the membership and have it for her eyes only, tell her.

Go to the web site to check out other communication paths (i.e. blog, etc.)

**Calling Equestrian Enthusiasts:**

LHH, TSRC, USTR sending message out to equestrian enthusiasts about activities surrounding development of equestrian facilities in the county. Projects are posted at USTR.org. An opportunity is provided to make monetary donations to get behind some of these projects to ensure we have places to ride in the future. The message will be put on our website with links to the trails alliance website.

**Smug Mug Info:**

Pat Brescia indicated it is going quite well. We are getting some income from the activity which will be added to our account. We currently have about 6500 pictures out there with more to come. Kathy Watts has added the link to the web page.

**Sharon White Fundraiser:**

Sharon was in a rather nasty accident on her way to a competition a few weeks ago where her truck & trailer were demolished. Horses and people were fine. While insurance will cover some of the costs to replace the truck & trailer, it falls far short. She is hosting a Derby Lite as a fundraiser. Levels will include Elementary through Preliminary. This is a great way to support Sharon and have some fun – get out there and enter the Derby. It's also a great way to show Sharon all that you learned from camp this summer! Don't want to ride? She's going to need LOTS of volunteers to pull this off. Patty Tracy is coordinating the volunteers. Be sure to sign up.

**LTRF (Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation):**

Joanne Hart contacted Rosemary Lawler and Leslie Gottesman to talk about assistance with a fundraiser. It was put to the floor to assess interest. It is a worthwhile organization. We're really talking about volunteer hours to help LTRF. We discussed if this would be a club activity or individual contributions. Our difficulty often comes in finding enough of the membership to take the lead. We tabled the discussion until Sheryl Williams has an opportunity to talk with her to get more details of what she has in mind.

**Cavalía:**

Cavalía is coming to Washington DC in September. 9/18 – Peggy Niesciur has 30 seats – sign up sheet was at the meeting. Contact Peggy if interested. She needs to know ASAP!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next meeting: September 17, 2009 at 7pm, at Loudoun Parks & Recreation Senior Activity Center in Leesburg, 215 Depot Court SE (just down the road from Tusksies).

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Williams  
Secretary, TSRC

**Addition to minutes:** The USTR JPR will be on Sunday, Sept. 13? Volunteers for the ride will be able to ride the marked trail the day before and try some of the obstacles. For more information, go to [www.ustrailride.org](http://www.ustrailride.org) or contact Jean Luczak at 540-338-2227.