

Tristate Riding Club March 2009 Minutes

Attendees: Leanne Accorti, MaryAnn Beverly, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Andrea Brownstein, Nancy Byrd, Sharlene Febrey, Laura Guillaudeu, Rosemary Lawler, Elaine Meilahn, Amy Orr, Liz Shockley, Patty Tracy, Susan Doherty, Michelle Johns, Linda Giannino, Jean Luczak, Yvonne Wheaton, Marilyn Davis, Diann Landau, Carol Anderson, Dorothy Beach, Barbara Brown, Ellen Sanford, Charlotte Burnette, Wanda Flannagan, Marleen Hession, Vicki Baturay, Peggy Seefried, Sheryl Williams, Mary Sitnik, Lisa Young, Mandy Davis

The March 19, 2009 meeting of the Tri-State Riding Club was called to order at 7:06pm by President Rosemary Lawler.

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

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

Club Collaboration

Yvonne Wheaton spoke about the collaboration between USTR, TSRC, and LHC. The groups have representatives that meet periodically to discuss bringing horse people together for the benefit of all. Last year, USTR opted to donate funds to a Loudoun County Equine Facilities general fund. Putting funds in demonstrates our commitment to equestrian facilities. The group is putting forward plans for Franklin Park to raise visibility and potential funds. Other parks with an equestrian focus are Heritage Park and the Lovettsville Park Concept.

Lessons

English – a few openings remain on the calendar through April 15th. If you take a jump lesson, please be prepared to help move jumps in and out.

Western – Tuesday nights with Drew Bois and Sunday afternoons with Mandy Bailey. These lessons are full through April. Sign-up for May and beyond will begin at the April meeting. Western concepts for English riders seems to be a great success. Rosemary Lawler took a few minutes to brag about Pat Brescia (yes, he was on a horse in a lesson situation!) doing figure 8's with an ear to ear grin and Patty Psaris riding around on the buckle after learning the virtues of a one rein stop. (That's what it's all about ~ having fun!)

Obstacle Clinic

Only 17 openings remain. Liz Shockley is our volunteer coordinator. April 26th will be 'Prep the Farm' day and we will need LOTS of help. May 1st the design & build committee needs hands after 3pm to help put the obstacles together. May 2nd is Clinic Day! There will be 2 shifts for volunteers – 8:30am to 12:30pm and 12pm to 4pm. May 3rd is clean up day beginning at 2pm. Volunteer play time starts at 9am on the 3rd – that means gates open at 9am so please be courteous to our hostess and not arrive at her driveway until after 9am. Please note, purchasing items or donating money does not get you access to Volunteer play time – only good old-fashioned hands on volunteerism counts.

Volunteer cards can be 'punched' for the hours you put in. 8 hours of volunteer time gets you \$25 toward any TSRC activity.

We have 39 obstacle ideas for the clinic on the table. The theme is Horses and Work. The arena will be a 'Tropical Paradise'. Pat Brescia is looking for the use of a stuffed elephant – no worries, it will not get horse slobberd!

Please remember – THE ONLY ACCESS TO THE CLINIC IS ROSEMARY’S DRIVEWAY. NO TRAFFIC IS PERMITTED ON OLD DORY LANE AS IT IS PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Camp

Western camp dates are 6/8 – 12 at Hampton Hill Farm. There will be 2 ability levels (2 groups of 8).

English camp dates are 6/29 – 7/2; 7/21-23; and 8/10-13. There will be 2 groups per week with 6 riders per group.

Christmas Party

It is time to begin investigating locations. We discussed budgets and voted for December 12th as our date. If you are interested in volunteering your home for the party, please contact Leann Accorti.

Hospitality Chair Needed

Rosemary is looking for a volunteer or 2 to chair a hospitality committee and take control of ensuring there are snacks/desserts/potluck at meetings. This is in line with our goal of keeping meetings short and fun. Any interest? Contact Rosemary.

Miscellaneous

A donation to the Washington Humane Society was approved some time ago. We have left 3 messages to ensure monies go as we expect them to and have had no response from WHS. It is not at all clear that WHS ever even took possession of the abused horses. Thus, the money has not been sent to WHS at this time.

Don’t forget – the TSRC Waiver has been updated to reflect the change in Virginia code references. If you haven’t already done so, please sign and updated copy and provide it to Patty Tracy. The form can be found on our website.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm. J

Next meeting: April 16, 2009 at 7pm, at Loudoun Parks & Recreation Senior Activity Center in Leesburg, 215 Depot Court SE (just down the road from Tuskie).

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Williams
Secretary, TSRC