

TRSC Minute Meetings May 2009

Attendees: Leanne Accorti, Rhonda Boatwright, Andrea Brownstein, Nancy Byrd, Marilyn Davis, Susan Doherty, Sharlene Febrey, Wanda Flannagan, Linda Giannino, Leslie Gottesman, Diane Grove, Laura Guillaudeau, Mary Gustafson, Marleen Hession, Andrea Justus, Robert Justus, Elaine Meilahn, Lani Newcomb, Amy Orr, Tonya Royston, Liz Shockley, Mary Sitnik, Patty Tracy, Sheryl Williams, Lisa Young

The May 21, 2009 meeting of the Tri-State Riding Club was called to order at 7:08 pm by Vice President Leslie Gottesman.

Minutes from the April meeting were accepted, noting the corrected date for the Holiday Party to December 19, 2009.

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

Schedule and Announcements of TSRC Events:

Western Lessons: Linda Giannino indicated they are wonderful!

English Lessons: Patty Tracy reports they are going great (a positive roar erupted from the crowd!). We will take a 'lesson break' for a bit in the summer and pick up again in the fall.

Obstacle Clinic:

Great weekend – excellent job was done by all. We have additional T-Shirts for sale to the membership at a TBD price. Obstacle clinic continues to be a tremendous learning opportunity for the community and for us. Great job by the Ring Assistants on the day. Patty surveyed the parking lot in the afternoon. All she spoke with indicated they would return. The most liked obstacle was the soccer ball followed by Loch Ness and the Grist Mill. Least liked obstacle was the tilt bridge followed by the smoke machine. While they were not liked, participants did not want us to get rid of them. When asked what one change should be made, responses included do it more than once per year; put the soccer ball farther away so they can REALLY play, make the tilt bridge wider, and make the jousting rings bigger. People liked having numerous obstacles to work with and liked the freedom to move between obstacles.

The colored Leis were really helpful in managing the day and helped the photographers as well. Learned we need better signage to keep people off Old Dory Lane. Learned we really need to feed our helpers. Learned two shifts of helpers would be better or have folks to rotate in.

Patty Tracy thanked the many folks who helped with all aspects of the event – before, during, and after. Outstanding job was done by all. A special thanks to Rosemary Lawler for allowing us to use your farm for such a fantastic event.

Smug Mug was used to make the pictures available to participants. This proved to be an excellent method to get them out and available to everyone. It is a win/win for our participants and us. Pat will start putting last year's obstacle clinic pictures out there as well as pictures from our own lessons and other events. www.smugmug.com is the site; Pat will put the direct link to our pictures on our TSRC website.

Western Camp:

Western camp is full with a wait list. Auditing is free for the members (4:30 to 8).

English Camp:

English camps are now open for signup. Groups will ride Monday through Thursday with the first session beginning at 5pm. Sessions include Intermediate Jumping and Intermediate Flat Work June 29th – July 2nd; Beginner Jumping and Beginner Flat work July 20th – July 23rd; and Mixed Bag (Intermediate Flat and Beginner Jumping) August 10th – August 13. Camp will be held at Sharon White's Last Frontier Farm.

Groups will be 6 riders per and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Accounts Receivable Volunteer:

This person would be responsible for handling the billing and invoicing for the lessons; invoicing once per month. Liz indicated it would make sense for her as the Treasurer to take on that role. Thanks, Liz! Linda Giannino suggested the invoices be e-mailed.

Volunteer Card Expiration Date:

Looking at the back of the volunteer cards, you will note they have an expiration of 2009. This creates a problem for those who receive them at the end of the year. It was put to the floor that the expiration date be removed. A discussion ensued re: dollars vs. percentage discount as is stated on the card today. A motion was made by Susan Doherty and seconded by Mary Sitnik. The motion carried - we agreed to remove the expiration date and say the card can be used for a \$25 credit toward any TSRC event. This is effective beginning 2009.

Miscellaneous:

Judy is looking for someone to go with her to a young horse show at Cheryl Andersons next weekend.

Just a quick reminder to everyone, Rubicon Farm's Horse Trial is coming up June 6th and 7th. It takes 75 volunteers each day to make a Horse Trial run. TSRC has been a tremendous supporter of this event – it is an excellent opportunity to give to the sport of Eventing and to cheer on our instructors as they compete. To volunteer, contact Eric Williams at eric_williams@agilent.com .

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: June 18, 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