

Tri-State Riding Club Minutes

November 19, 2009

Attendees: Rhonda Boatwright, Patty Tracy, Diane Hutchinson, Mary Gustafson, Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia, Mary Sitnik, Marilynn Davis, Andrea Brownstein, Diane Grove, Amy Orr, Ellen Sanford, Laura Guillaudeu, Leanne Accorti, Mike Wilkins, Rosemary Lawler, Susan Payne, Leslie Gottesman

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Leslie Gottesman at 7:05 pm.
- The minutes of the October 2009 meeting were accepted.
- **English Lessons:** Patty Tracy will be training director thru the last lesson of 2009. Mary Gustafson will take over as English training director commencing Jan 1, 2010. Thank you Patty Tracy, for all of your years of hard work and dedicated service! Mary distributed surveys and would like to get input from as many as possible. She will be working with others to divide up the various programs and events into manageable units. Mary will run the lessons, Leslie G will handle the English camps and Andrea B will head up the obstacle clinic. Mary has already contacted various parties who are open to us using their facilities; include Turner Park in Great Falls and Lincoln Equestrian Center. She will be formulating plans based on the surveys and will report the results at the January meeting.
- **Gymkhana:** A great time was had by all, weather was great. Amy organized it and thanked everyone for their help, especially Leslie, Rosie, Rhonda, Patty and Wanda. Also, big thanks to Amy!
- **VA Horse Council** – Leslie read a letter from the VA Horse Council requesting financial support for their Legislative Reception, to be held in Richmond On Feb. 4, 2010. Various levels of support were suggested each which allowed a certain number of club representatives to attend the reception. The levels of support ranged from \$125 to \$2000. A motion was made and passed to contribute \$125 which enables TSRC to have one representative attend the reception. **Any member interested in attending this reception should contact Rosemary.**
- **Elections** – Voting is currently underway to elect the next Vice President and Secretary positions for 2010 – 2011. Leslie has already received 32 ballots. Please vote by Nov. 30.
- **2010 Membership** – Please remember to download the membership forms and renew for 2010. The checks will not be cashed until after Jan. 1, 2010.
- **Purcellville Parade** – This will be held at 12 noon on December 12. Liz Shockley will be coordinating the event for TSRC. Please let Liz know the number of horse and trailers you will be bringing and the size of your trailer. Parking will be in the teachers' lot of LVHS. Because of a wrestling match, parking will be tight again this year. Riders are

encouraged to dress up in festive attire. We have two banner carriers but are still in need of a pooper scooper - rumor has it that it is a very fun job!

- **Franklin Park Horse Facility Fund** – Leslie reported that \$3,763 has been donated to the fund and they are now just waiting for county approval before work can begin. Thanks to all who donated.
- **Holiday Party** – Leeanne Accorti is coordinating this effort. It will be held at the old stone school in Hillsboro from 7 – 11 on December 19. If you are on the setup committee, please arrive by 6 pm. Please sign up to bring a dish. The club will be providing the main dish. We will be having games and a gift exchange. If you want to participate in the gift exchange bring a gift up to \$25 in value and horse related. The party is BYOB – we have a temporary ABC license so if you wish to imbibe, bring your beverage of choice.
- **Upcoming Activities** – There will be a trail ride the Friday after Thanksgiving at Great Falls for anyone interested. Ride out from Great Falls National Park main entrance. Meet at 10:30 and ride out at 11 am. There is a \$5 fee to get into the park. Everyone is responsible for themselves as its an open ride. Contact david.roseman@cox.net or Carlin5150@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.
- **Shirts** – We have a variety of shirts left in our inventory from past year. We had some ancient polo shirts left over from the ‘OPRC’ days which were given to members at the meeting. We also have a lot of T shirts will be put to use at future events.
- **Western Lessons** – Rosemary reported that the last western lessons of the year will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 24. The lessons will start up again in March, 2010 and Linda Giannino will be acting as western lessons coordinator.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia