

Tristate Riding Club Meeting Minutes - October

Attendees: Rosemary Lawler, Liz Shockley, Pat & Judy Brescia, Rhonda Boatwright, Patty Tracy, Mary Gustafson, Nancy Byrd, Linda Giannino, Leslie Gottesman, Sharon Egan, Peggy Niesciur, Bob & Andrea Justus, Susan Payne, Amy Orr, Leann Accorti, Wanda Flannigan, Marilyn Davis, Diane Grove, Elaine Meilahn, Jessica Shockley, Yvonne Wheaton, Sheryl Williams

The October 15, 2009 meeting of the Tri-State Riding Club was called to order at 7:03pm by President Rosemary Lawler.

Minutes from the September meeting were accepted.

The treasurers' report was given by Liz Shockley and accepted. Rosemary reminded us that it is imperative that we carry a balance in the account as there are often months where the expenses exceed the income. This was to help address the often raised question – “What is the money for?”

Lessons:

Western lessons still have some openings, but are continuing to go well. As of 1/1, Rosemary will step down as Director for the Western Lesson program. She opened it up to membership to have a replacement to take on this role. Remember, this is an appointed position that also serves on the Board. Please contact Rosemary if you are interested as we need this position filled prior to the end of the year.

Patty Tracy will not return as English Training Director for the coming year. Family life is playing a larger role for her as her son grows up (there's still hope for John too!) and she would like give others the opportunity to take on this role. This position also is an appointed position and serves on the Board.

For both Training Director positions ~ don't think if you step into the role that you have to do things as they have been done in the past. This is an opportunity to put your own signature on it. For the membership, please remember that the lesson program will not be all things to all people. Everyone should feel comfortable supplementing the group lessons with private lessons to help hone skills and develop beyond the lesson program structure.

Patty has also been the 'info lady'. Mary Gustafson put on the floor that we need to develop committees to take on the myriad of activities the club needs. We discussed at that at the next meeting, we will have signup sheets for various committee positions.

Amy gave an update on the Gymkhana. There are still a few more slots – so step up quickly if you want to participate. She is still tweaking the games a little bit. (Thank goodness, the rubber chicken has been found!)

Membership:

Membership is currently \$40. We discussed if this should change. It was discussed that the current general expenses are covered by this amount at the current membership levels. A motion was put on the floor that the membership fee stay as it is; motion was seconded; motioned passed.

We discussed adding member (& member family) skills/profession (at the members discretion) to a membership directory. This would allow club members to do business with each other if they wished, rather than play yellow pages roulette when you need a plumber.

We discussed not collecting the medical form for a central file. It is still a good idea to have one filled out and kept either in your medical armband pouch or in your truck. Remember, it is **REQUIRED** that a medical armband be worn at all TSRC riding events. Also remember, it is a VA State Law that you carry a current negative coggins with you every time you transport your horse.

Southern States Autumn fest:

Donation was made to the Ginger Snap Girls in lieu of our participation in the Autumn fest.

Farm Tour Play Day:

At Rosemary's farm on Oct 18th – use your judgment with the weather. We don't want to trash Rosemary's farm! Follow signs for parking and keep your vehicle in designated areas. She will have Chili in the tack room – bring your own drinks.

Elections:

Leslie has seven people she has not yet heard from re: nominations and whether they would be interested. She has one acceptance for VP and two for secretary.

Holiday Party:

Leanne gave an update on the holiday party ~ a signup sheet for bringing food was out at the meeting. If you were unable to attend and want to go to the Christmas party, contact Leanne with what you will bring. Sharon Egan is making progress on the games. Patty Tracy provided a listing of the supplies we have. We have the temporary ABC license, so it will be BYOB. The party will be Saturday, 12/19/2009.

Purcellville Christmas Parade:

We are in need of someone to be the organizer for the riding group for the parade. No one from USTR was able to do it this year. It involves being in touch with the town contact and then communicating with the various horse clubs. From there you will keep in touch with those who have signed up to keep them informed. In addition to riders, we need 'poop scoopers' and banner carriers. Liz Shockley has volunteered to step in.

Miscellaneous:

Rubicon Farm Horse Trial is coming up November 7th & 8th. This is a USEA recognized event and an excellent opportunity to volunteer to support a sport that many of our instructors participate in. It is also an excellent opportunity to come out and cheer on some of our members who will be competing.

Liz Shockley gave an update on putting together a trail ride at Camp High Road. Is there an interest and what kind of contribution to the camp would we be willing to make? Liz will tentatively schedule something for January with a rain date in case the weather is uncooperative. Rides in the past have involved a contribution in cash donations.

Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation is looking for places to place 2 pony mares and a gelding for the winter – November through mid-March. You can volunteer to take 1, 2, or all 3. If you can help out, contact Kathy Blaine, Program Director, at 703 771 2689. The ponies are all very well mannered and very quiet.

Ginger Snap Girls requested we add a link to their site from our site. We discussed adding a LINKS page for such requests.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting – November 19, 2009 – 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Williams
Secretary, TSRC