

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2010

Attendees: Rosemary Lawler, Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia, Laura Guillandeu, Leeanne Accorti, Diane Grove, Nancy Byrd, Ellen Sanford, Gretchen Hummer, Sheryl Williams, Elaine Meilahn, Laurie Allen, Leslie Gottesman, Linda Giannino, Marlene Hession. Colleen Muldoon, Rhonda Boatwright, Patty Tracy, Susan Payne, Wanda Flannagan, Andrea Justus, Bob Justus, Sharon Peart, Mary Sitnik, Kathi Watts, Amy Orr, Michelle Johns, Jan Maday, Mary Gustafson, Dorothy Beach, Elaina Maze, Marilynn Davis, Robyn Harter, Liz Shockley, Jessica Shockley

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm sharp.

Rosemary Lawler introduced the Board for 2010 – Rosemary (2nd year of term as president), Andrea Justus (1st year of term as vice president), Liz Shockley (2nd year of term as treasurer), Judy Brescia (1st year of term as secretary), Mary Gustafson (1st year as English training director) and Linda Giannino (1st year as Western training director).

Rosemary presented Buddy and Doris Williams with a linoleum print of a cowgirl on a cutting horse, as well as a certificate of appreciation for allowing the club to use the lovely Hampton Hill farm for regular lessons, camp and so many functions. Their hospitality is greatly appreciated by TSRC.

Rosemary presented Wanda and Charlotte gifts of riding lesson vouchers and photographs for extending their warm hospitality to all of us attending functions at Hampton Hill.

Patty Tracy presented Pat and Judy Brescia with life membership and several other gifts for service to the club. (Thank you everyone – it has been a labor of love).

Gift presentations were made to special people who made big contributions to TSRC – Kathi Watts (website), Leeanne Accorti (holiday party), Amy Orr (gymkhana), Patty Tracy (obstacle clinic, lessons, you name it), Liz Shockley (treasurer), Leslie (vice president), Sheryl (secretary).

The November 2009 minutes were accepted.

The treasurer's report was given.

Rosemary reported that the new board had met earlier and discussed several issues to be brought up to the membership: the meeting location, how to handle class fees for unfilled classes and the general plans for the year. The board had decided that one fun event should be held quarterly where the members could get together and enjoy themselves. The first quarter's event will be the holiday party on Feb. 20 (snowed out last December).

Rosemary is looking for suggestions for the next three quarters and if anyone would like to take charge of something and select a date early. Possible events are a poker ride for members, a quadrille, a fun day as part of the Fall Color tour, a gymkhana, etc.

Meeting location – we are scheduled and paid thru Nov. 2010 at the current location but will need to find a new location that is more economical and can guarantee us the time slot. Suggestions were made as to venues in Purcellville and Lovettsville as well as Leesburg. Rosemary is going to ask the members if any would consider it a hardship to go beyond Leesburg.

Rosemary asked if the members were in accordance with the club making up the difference for unfilled lesson spots. No one objected.

English Lessons and activities – Mary has a variety of plans already in place for 2010, including lessons at 3 venues with 3 instructors during January and February. Judi Novak will do a lunging clinic and teach at Hampton Hill, Sharon White will give a few lessons at Last Frontier Farm and Jon Sonkin will be giving lessons at Lincoln Equestrian Center. Mary also plans to have a few sessions later this spring for those interested in riding in a quadrille. The weather conditions which will cause lessons to be cancelled are ice, or high winds and rain and she will let everyone know as early as possible that day via email or phone.

Coggins – we were reminded that Andrea Justus must have a coggins for any horse you plan on bringing to any TSRC activity and that Virginia State Law dictates that you do not transport a horse anywhere without a coggins in hand. Please make sure that you always have your coggins in your trailer as you may be asked to produce it at any TSRC event and will be sent home if you don't have it.

Holiday Party – LEEANNE reported that the party will be on Feb 20 at 7 pm at the old stone Hillsboro School. Again, bring your dish, and if you volunteered to setup, please arrive at 6 pm. We have an ABC license, so if you choose to partake, it's BYOB. Also if you wish to partake in the gift exchange, bring a gift and you will get a gift.

Obstacle Clinic – to be held on May 1. Patty Tracy reported on behalf of Andrea Brownstein, who will be in charge of it this year. We have some key positions to fill, including the head of the design and build committee. Several people stepped up – Linda G will do registration, Marilyn D will do treat bags, Robyn will do carrots and water dropoff. We have to ensure that no more than 99 people are on the property so we will allow 75 participants (in 3 time shifts) and need 13 volunteers to work with the horses and riders all day thru the obstacles. The registration fee will be \$45 this year and that covers 6 legs – one horse and one rider. Those bringing another person will be charged another \$45. This event is not open to TSRC on Saturday although all volunteering before, during or after the event are welcome to bring their horses on Sunday

Rhonda brought up the LHA tack sale to be held on Feb 20 and volunteered to sell some of TSRC's accumulated tack. She was readily taken up on her offer.

Mary G. showed a new logo which she has designed for Tri-State. The plan is to circulate it to the membership and let them vote on it at the next meeting. If adopted, we can begin getting some TSRC logo wear for us and our mounts.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia