

## Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – Jan. 20, 2011

Attendees – Nancy Byrd, Liz Shockley, Jessica Shockley, Patty Iacone, Marion Esposito, Leanne Accorti, Donna Poe, Pam Hooper, Laurie Allen, Andrea Justus, Robert Justus, Mary Gustafson, Christen Lambert, Marilyn Davis, Diane Grove, Jean Luczak, Yvonne Wheaton, Kathi Watts, Amy Orr, Elaine Meilahn, Rhonda Boatwright, Patty Tracy, Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia, Betsy Dove, Carol Anderson, Leslie Gottesman, Kathy Broaddus, Janice Butt, Sharon Peart

**New Meeting Location – Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library** - Thank you Elaine and Sharon for setting this up.

**Intro remarks** - The meeting was called to order by our new president, Nancy Byrd at 7:02 pm. The new members introduced themselves. Nancy noted that lesson signups, bills for prior lessons and an ad for a board were left out for members. She also reminded everyone to please get their dues in asap.

**LHA Tack Sale** – Will be held on Feb. 19 at the Lovettsville Game Protective Society. Rhonda and Patty T. volunteered to once again sell tack donated to the club if the club agreed to pay the \$50 for the table. The club voted to fund it and members were requested to check for unwanted tack that could be donated. Please only donate items that are clean and of use to someone. If you cannot get the items to Patty T before the next meeting (2/17), you can bring them to the meeting and they will take them. Also members were reminded that the sale provides some great shopping. Mary G. offered to make up a new brochure to hand out to prospective members.

**Treasurer's Report** - Liz gave the treasurer's report. The club maintained itself on lessons, camp and the fundraiser. At the last meeting in 2010, the club voted to donate \$1800 to worthy causes. A motion was made at that meeting to donate \$500 to Kristin Bachman, one of our instructors, in order to help her transport her horse to California in order to qualify for Rolex. She took her horse, placed 5<sup>th</sup> and did qualify. The club was asked for suggestions of where they would like to see the remaining \$1300 donated. Linda G received 5 suggestions, the one most mentioned being Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation. We ran out of time to hold a general vote but when it was brought to our attention that all donations made in December to LTRF would be matched, the Board voted to donate the remaining \$1300 to LTRF. This effectively gave them \$2600. Thank you letters were received from both parties.

**Virginia Horse Council** - Discussion was held over renewing the club's membership in the Virginia Horse Council. The club voted to pay the \$50 renewal fee. The Council brings horse issues to the attention of the legislature and works for trail preservation.

**English Lessons** - Mary Gustafson reported on the English Lessons. She provides a variety of lessons divided into a spring semester and a fall semester. The regular lessons are held at Hampton Hill Farm on Weds evenings and begin in March for the spring and end in June. During the summer three summer camps are held at Sharon White's farm. In the fall the lessons pick up again at Hampton Hill until November. We have a variety of excellent instructors. Additionally we have dressage lessons scheduled

with Mary Flood at her farm in Lovettsville and flat and jumping lessons at Sharon White's farm near Berryville. Other lessons and venues are scheduled occasionally.

**Western Lessons** - Nancy reported on the western lessons. They are currently being held at Hampton Hill Farm on Tuesday evenings and Thursdays at 11 am. The instructor is Autumn Wacker and the cost is \$25. Linda Giannino is the lesson coordinator. There will be a western camp in the summer. Riders can use English saddles in the western lessons.

**Parelli Lessons** - The club will need someone to coordinate the Parelli lessons which are taught by Pam Knight. Harriet West or Yvonne Wheaton may take it on. More information will be available later in the spring.

**Member Services** - Several members asked about a membership directory and a place to put classifieds. This led to a discussion of the website. Kathi Watts, our webmaster, reported that we get a lot of traffic and that the website can be used for a lot of functions, ie, allowing classifieds, allowing the lesson coordinators to post information about the lessons, allowing the direct posting of minutes, etc. Pat Brescia will take on updating the content and a committee will meet to discuss how to expand the website. The committee will include the lesson coordinators, Pat B, Patty Tracy and Kathi.

**TSRC Logo Wear** - Judy Brescia has some TSRC embroidered clothing for sale. If you would like a specific item, please email her at [Newmont@hotmail.com](mailto:Newmont@hotmail.com). She would also suggest on the type of items you would like have made available (ie, saddle pads, vests, etc.).

**Social Activities** - Nancy brought up the possibility of adding a social director to the club. She noted that we need to think about where to have our holiday party now so that we can book a venue. Everyone loved last year's party at 8 Chains North Winery. We will discuss it further at the next meeting.

**Fundraiser** - A discussion was held on whether TSRC wants to hold a fundraiser this year and what type of event it should be. Rosemary's farm is not available this year. Liz said that she had contacted Camp Highroad and they said we could use it for an event, possibly a JPR. We will discuss it again at future meetings.

## **Upcoming Events**

Montebello Trail Ride – May 27 – 29. Camp with your horse and ride the beautiful trails of Nelson County. Go to <http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?attrid=68810> for info.

VADA/NOVA will be sponsoring a lecture on lameness and tour of the Marion DuPont Scott Equine Medical Center on Feb. 4. Please refer to [http://www.vadanova.org/show/otherEvents/2011/VN\\_FebLecture.pdf](http://www.vadanova.org/show/otherEvents/2011/VN_FebLecture.pdf)

**Yahoo Group** – TSRC has a yahoo group for any member to post information or start discussions. Photos may also be posted there. Please go to <http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/Tri-StateRidingClub/> and sign up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.