

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2011

Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library

Attendees – Nancy Byrd, Liz Shockley, Pamela Hooper, Donna Poe, Stephanie Traylor, Dawn Hendricks, Lisa Turk, Cheryl Anderson, Marilyn Davis, Patti Psaris, Elaine Meilahn, Rhonda Boatwright, Patty Tracy, Judy Brescia, Betsy Dove, Christine Kallivokas, Robyn Harter, Mady and Ed Tobias, Christine Vitkus, Christen Lambert, Laura Guillandeu, Leanne Accorti, Diane Grove, Pat Brescia, Linda Giannino

Intro remarks - The meeting was called to order by our president, Nancy Byrd at 7:00 pm. She began with horse facts 1) horses cannot breathe thru their mouths and 2) they can produce ten gallons of saliva a day.

Franklin Park – Nancy reported that the volunteers who showed up to paint the ring last Sunday were able to apply the first coat to the entire ring in 3 hours. The second coat will be done in the fall.

English Lessons – Linda provided the signup sheets for the next set of lessons as Mary was not able to make the meeting.

Western Camp – Linda reported that all but two slots of Western camp are filled. Autumn is busy fine tuning the scheduled.

English Camp – Linda provided the website links for getting to the camp paperwork. They are:

[//miles ofsmilestraining.com/Registration.pdf](http://miles ofsmilestraining.com/Registration.pdf) and

[//miles ofsmilestraining.com/CampDesc.pdf](http://miles ofsmilestraining.com/CampDesc.pdf)

There will be three weeks of camp, each with two sessions. The camp will run for 4 nights from 5 – 8 pm. The following is the schedule:

June 20 – 23 Baby Novice jumping and Intro Flatwork

June 27 – 30 Beginner Novice and Beginner Novice/both jumping

July 5 – 8 Novice jumping and First Level Flatwork (note this week runs Tues – Fri)

Western Lessons – Linda reported that the lessons are continuing on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings at 11 am. Autumn is teaching one group to do spins.

Volunteer Hours – A question was asked if volunteer hours could be used for camp. Our longstanding policy has been to allow 8 hours of volunteer time to be used for \$25 of the camp fee. A total of 24 hours may be used to pay for up to \$75 of lesson fees in a given year and all volunteer hours expire at the end of the calendar year in which they were earned.

Treasurer's Report – Liz gave the treasurer's report. Our longstanding policy is not to report the balance in the minutes.

New Member Introductions – Several new members introduced themselves, including Ed and Mady Tobias, who live in Woodstock, VT, but will be moving down here as soon as they sell their house. They have been members for two years so it was wonderful that they could actually attend a meeting.

Cookbook Project – The cookbook committee met prior to our meeting. They have decided to start with a modest project that does not incur a lot of production costs. They will be emailing members for their favorite recipes. Favorite dishes can either be for humans or equines.

Social Activities – Nancy asked if we wanted to have a summer cookout this year and, as a venue was being discussed, Robyn Harter fortuitously walked into the room. She graciously volunteered her farm again for the cookout. A date has not yet been decided but it will be after camp so we will have pictures to view. We also discussed the winter party to be held in January. Andrea Justus offered to check with Sunset Hills Winery to see if we could book an evening.

Lesson Directors – Elaine Meilahn presented a request from Diann Landau that we provide our lesson directors with a stipend toward lessons, in exchange for all of their hard work. A lot of discussion ensued about the pros and cons of such a policy. Linda, the only lesson director in attendance, stated that she did not want compensation for a volunteer position. It was agreed that the board would discuss the possibilities and report back at the next meeting.

Facebook – Cheryl Anderson requested that we consider putting up a Facebook page. The majority of the club was in favor of it but it was agreed that Pat discuss the matter with Kathi Watts so that we ensure that we are protecting the club's interests. We will need some of the Facebook savvy people to help with this project.

Smugmug – Pat reported that Smugmug told us that we would have to pay \$150 to continue to use them. He paid the renewal and the club voted to reimburse him. As we usually make \$500 from the sale of the pictures, it still pays for itself.

Lesson Bills are now emailed. If you think you should have been billed for lessons and didn't receive it via email, please let Liz know.

The meeting was adjourned around 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia