

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2011

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Attendees – Nancy Byrd, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Patty Tracy, Amy Orr, Mary Gustafson, Marilyn Davis, Andrea Justus, Leanne Accorti, Liz Shockley, Laura Guillaudeu, Lisa Woods, Michelle Johns, Sharon Peart, Mary Jo Walpole, Dana Walpole

Intro Remarks – The meeting was called to order by our president, Nancy Byrd, at 7:02. She noted that we had a good turnout at the Purcellville Christmas Parade, although we had no one to carry the banner.

Elections – Our elections were held via email. Judy Brescia will remain as Secretary and our new Vice President will be Elaine Meilahn. Thanks to Andrea Justus for her two years of service as Vice President, including coordinating this election.

Treasurer's Report – Liz gave the report and we are quite solvent.

English Lesson – Mary reported that we are finished for the year with all lessons. We will continue to have Mary Flood lessons thru the winter. Mary also wants to schedule some special lessons until we resume regular lessons in the spring.

Western Lessons – Nancy reported that the cow clinic was a big success and western lessons will continue thru the winter.

Winter Party – The party will be held on January 14, 2012 at the old stone school in Hillsboro. Leanne Accorti arranged the venue, obtained a temporary ABC license and will be getting the club supplied food. Thank you Leanne for doing another party! Patty Tracy is coordinating the games. The club decided to have a 'white elephant' gift exchange. In order to participate, bring a wrapped item. It does not have to be horse related or even new – it just needs to be something that someone might want, even though you don't. The exchange involves a bunch of getting and stealing gifts and is a lot of fun. When selecting a gift, remember one man's trash is another man's treasure! You are not obligated to bring a gift if you don't want to participate in the exchange.

Road Apple Rally Winnings and Charitable Donations – TSRC bought \$100 worth of squares at the Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation (LTRF) fundraiser and we won the \$1000 prize. At the November meeting, no decisions were made in regard to what to do with the proceeds. The matter was reopened for discussion at the December meeting. Nancy had attended a meeting with Morven Park Equestrian Center representatives, where the future plans for the facility were delineated. There are plans to replace all of the barns, create trails and LTRF now has the go ahead to build a barn for the program. A vote was held to donate the \$1000 back to LTRF and it carried. Mary G. also presented her idea for awarding a scholarship to a High School Senior who is intending on pursuing Large Animal Veterinary Studies. Mary would like to develop our criteria and include the scholarship in the 2012/2013 school year.

Free Lesson Drawing - Lisa Woods was the lucky winner. A drawing will be held at each meeting for a lesson but you must attend to be entered.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia