

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2011

Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library

Attendees – Nancy Byrd, Mary Gustafson, Leslie Gottesman, Linda Giannino, Liz Shockley, Leanne Accorti, Sharon Peart, Laura Guillandeu, Rosemary Lawler, Lani Newcomb, Diane Grove, Robert Justus, Andrea Justus, Amy Orr, Wanda Flanagan, Jessica Shockley, Rhonda Boatwright, Patty Tracy, Lauren Ranks, Carol Anderson

Intro remarks - The meeting was called to order by our president, Nancy Byrd at 7:07 pm.

Treasurer's Report – Liz gave the treasurer's report, we are still quite solvent.

Camp Highroad Ride - Liz spoke with the people at Camp Highroad about potential dates for a trail ride. She told them we were interested in either August 13, 14, 27 or 28. All are available but Sundays would be preferred, less chance for conflicts with other groups. The consensus in the meeting was that we should go for Sunday August 14th. We will try for a 2 -2.5 hour ride over varied terrain. Liz offered a financial donation or a donation of volunteer hours and they said financial would better suit them, perhaps we will give a percentage of the take. Tentative ride out would be between 10 and 11 AM, tentative price would be \$35 per person and would include drinks and snacks. We will again borrow Linda's trail marking ribbons. Linda, Mary and Leslie volunteered to help Liz pound out the details of the ride.

Western Lessons – The lessons are breaking even or showing a little profit. Autumn has had a schedule change and Thursday morning lessons are off the table. If there is enough interest, a second class can be added to the Tuesday evening schedule.

Western Camp – Is done and ran very smoothly, thanks in large part to Linda's fantastic organization and planning. There were lots of smiles and happy campers! Autumn found a marvelous person to teach the campers to work with cattle.

English Camp –The camps will again be held at Sharon White's farm in Summit Point, WV. Sharon and Tim will be teaching and the dates will be: 1) June 20 – 23, 2) June 27 – 30 and 3) July 5 – 8. Currently only two of the six groups have filled. There are still two spots available in the flat class, 3 spots in Beginner Novice (2'7" max) and 3 spots in Novice (2'11" max). Each camp can have a total of 12 students (six per session).

English Lessons – Mary reported signup sheets for new lessons were available. Last Wednesday's lessons at Hampton Hill were rained out, strange weather we've been having! The Rubicon Horse Trial is coming up June 11 & 12 and they are looking for volunteers. If interested please email rubiconfarm@lucketts.net or weilliams@electrorent.com. Volunteering will waive your \$25 facility charge on the TSRC only XC schooling day at Rubicon on June 19th. Mary Flood lessons have been suspended until the end of summer.

Guest Lecturers – There was a discussion about having guest lecturers at TSRC meetings. Members can submit ideas for topics. Rosie Lawler will spear head this endeavor.

Membership – Andrea said that we are up to 90 members for 2011. She has created a basic membership roster from those members who indicated they would like to be included.

Summer Party – Will be held at Robyn Harter's house, Patty will contact Robyn to discuss organizing.

Cookbook Project – There is no deadline for recipe submissions and a few recipes have already been received.

Holiday Party – Nancy reported that she visited Sunset Hills Vineyard to gather information for a potential party site. They indicated that we were on the early side for planning. In January, the price for rental comes down, we can rent the entire barn for \$3,000 - price includes one case of mixed wine...or was it two cases?! We can have a band or they have the ability to connect an iPod for music. They have a list of 5 approved caterers that they will share with us should we pursue this further. Rosie will check into the possibility of holding the party at 8 Chains North again. Linda Giannino recommends the Herndon caterer that she used for her son's graduation party. The food was delicious and very reasonably priced.

Administrative Discussion – Nancy relayed that an unfortunate situation developed this week regarding the cancellation policy for lessons. A member was unhappy to learn that she was obligated to pay for a lesson even though unable to attend. While this has been a long-standing and understood policy in the club, we will now document it, along with other club "rules", and have every member sign to acknowledge that they've read, understand and agree to the "rules". For future membership years, we will add this acknowledgement to the membership form. For now, we will post the "rules" on the website and will email a form to the membership to be signed, returned and filed with membership documents.

Jumps – A customer of Patty's gave her jumps to donate to the club. They are in fabulous shape, just a few minor repairs necessary here and there. Wanda said that storing them at Hampton Hill would not be a problem. Patty asked that the club send a thank you note to the woman making the donation.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Gottesman for Judy Brescia