

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2012

Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library

Attendees – Nancy Byrd, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Amy Orr, Robyn Harter, Patty Tracy, Linda Giannino. Liz Shockley, Angela Rary, Mary Gustafson, Rosemary Lawler, Elaine Meilahn, Marilyn Davis, Romy Walker

The meeting was called to order by our president, Nancy Byrd, around 7 pm. She began with a piece of historical equine trivia, that in Oliver Cromwell's time, horse racing was illegal.

Treasurer's Report – Liz gave the treasurer's report. We are quite solvent. Liz and Linda spoke with Wanda regarding the Hampton Hill facility rental. We are keeping track of the accrued amount and will offer possibilities of alternate forms of compensation, such as facility improvements or free lessons. One possibility is to treat the arena for the dust problem. Rosemary investigated one product called Arena Clean and Patty Tracy provided some information on using magnesium chloride. Patty volunteered to research the matter further and provide an estimate for installing the magnesium chloride. (**Note:** part of this discussion took place later in the meeting but I am consolidating the discussion for readability) Liz also reported that the Portapotty was removed from Hampton Hill after the gymkhana, since it was determined that it is virtually never used and we pay a monthly fee on it. We will provide one during the week of camp.

Gymkhana – Amy reported that gymkhana was a big success and even the weather was great. The person who agreed to cater the lunch did a fantastic job, fed lots of people and then refused payment. The club voted to send her a thank you note and a gift card from Wegmans. Nancy and Amy were going to coordinate the effort.

Western Lessons – Linda reported that the lessons schedule for Tuesdays at 11 am are now filling and she will continue to schedule them as long as they fill. She will be increasing the price of the lessons from \$25 to \$30 as of January 1, 2013 and decreasing the class size to 4. If necessary, a third session can be added.

TSRC 'Stuff' – Patty Tracy provided a photo of her basement, where she has been housing all of the TSRC belongings for many years. All agreed that the club needs to go thru the stuff, dispose of what is no longer needed and find a commercial place to store whatever is deemed of value. Thank you Patty for the use of your basement all of these years.

Holiday Party – Nancy reported that the Old Hillsboro School has again been rented for our Holiday Party, which will be held on Jan 12. It is rented from 6 pm – 11 pm to allow for setup and cleanup. Since Patty has all of the TRSC belongings, she and Rhonda offered to do the setup and decorating. Amy offered to get the ABC license, Liz offered to buy the meats at Wegmans, Mary offered to coordinate the food and Judy offered to do the games.

December Meeting – Rosemary offered to host the December meeting at her house. Linda will help her and it will be held on Thursday, December 20. Thank you Rosie.

Christmas Parade – The Purcellville Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 8 and several members wanted to participate. The riders will park at Loudoun Valley High. The parade will commence at noon. Amy volunteered to carry the banner. We may need to volunteer to provide a volunteer to help with the parking.

Donations – The club voted to donate \$600 to the EMC since we are allowed to use the library for free all year. A long discussion followed of whether the club should make other year end donations and, if so, what the amount should be. A motion was made to donate \$1000 to Ride-On Ranch and it passed.

Safety Clinic – Both Elaine and Patty explored different options for a future safety clinic. Patty reported that Lani Newcomb is willing to do a clinic in exchange for a donation to a charity of her choice. She would like to include Endurance Riding in her clinic. Elaine will explore having James Brown, DVM, give a talk to the club, as he is the Emergency Services Vet at the EMC. It was agreed that both should be pursued.

Obstacle Clinic – Rosemary said that she would like to again host an obstacle clinic for the club next April. A fee will be charged in order to raise funds for the club.

Elections – Elaine has sent out the ballots for the elections. All email ballots are due back by Dec 13. If members wish to vote by paper ballot, they can bring them to the Dec. 20 meeting.

Drawing for Free Lesson – it was won by Judy (yippee!).

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia