

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2012

Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library

Attendees – Nancy Byrd, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Patty Tracy, Amy Orr, Betsy Dove, Janice Butt, Pam Noyes (guest), Linda Giannino, Diane Grove, Paige Phifer, Mary Gustafson, Elaine Meilahn, Marilyn Davis

Guest Speaker – The meeting was called to order by our president, Nancy Byrd, at 7:00. A very informative presentation was made Corey Childs, Extension Agent. Mr. Childs covered various aspects of pasture management with special emphasis on farms with small acreages. There were still lots of questions at the end of his presentation and we hope to have another presentation from him in the future.

Gymkhana – Amy has tentatively scheduled the gymkhana for Sunday, Nov. 11, beginning at 10 AM. A discussion was held on replacing the sound system for Hampton Hill. The original system was damaged at a previous gymkhana when it was used for the first time. Amy agreed to investigate replacement systems and was authorized to purchase the system if the cost does not exceed \$300. If the cost is more, a vote will be held to authorize the funds.

Donations – Since the end of the year is getting close, members were asked to consider donations to charitable causes. Mary suggested that we look into providing a large site map for Temple Hall Farm, since it has proven very popular with our members. Mary will meet with John Moore to discuss the particulars, including restrictions and report back to the club. Other suggestions for charitable gifts are welcome.

Elections – The offices of President and Treasurer are up for election this year. Both Nancy and Liz have agreed to run for re-election but other nominations are welcome. Elaine will be conducting the elections and will send an email out detailing the procedures for the elections. If you would like to run for an office or nominate someone else for an office, please watch for Elaine's email. The ballot will be available as of our Nov. 15 meeting.

Summer Trail Ride at Valley View – The ride was held on Sept. 8 with 23 people attending. The weather was beautiful, everyone stayed on and the ride was followed by a lovely lunch. The consensus of the attendees was that we would love to do another ride.

Holiday Party – The consensus of the attendees was to plan to have our Holiday Party on January 12 at the old school house in Hillsboro.

Western Lessons – Continue to be held on Tuesday evenings at Hampton Hill at 7 pm. The daytime lessons at 11 AM do not always fill and have been somewhat problematic. Linda will see how the turnout goes in October to see whether to continue scheduling them. Please contact Linda at barqueen@loudounwireless.com if you would like to attend.

English Lessons – Mary set out sign out sheets for a variety of lessons with a variety of instructors. The lesson at Last Frontier Farm had to be rescheduled due to the weather last Tuesday.

Note – Members have requested that people do not respond to club emails using `reply all`. (Note: I will try to ensure this cannot happen in the future by not allowing the mailing list to show in my emails)

Clinic – Nancy reminded us that Todd Johnson of JBit Ranch would like to do a clinic for us. If members have ideas of clinic topics, please contact Nancy.

Lesson Raffle – It took 3 draws to see who won the lesson. Amy was the winner (I think).

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia