

## Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2013

### Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library

**Attendees** – Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Nancy Byrd, Rhonda Boatwright, Amy Orr, Patty Tracy, Linda Giannino, Liz Shockley, Pamela Post, Pat Maitland, Kathy Moore, Sharon Egan, Lindsey Williamson, Elaine Meilahn, Marilynn Davis, Ed Tobias, Mady Tobias

The meeting was called to order by our president, Pat Brescia, at 7:05. He began by recognizing our 4 new members, Pam Post, Pat Maitland, Lindsey Williamson and Kathy Moore, who introduced themselves.

**Treasurer's Report** – Liz gave the treasurer's report. We are quite solvent. Liz gave an update of the process to get TSRC 501C7 status reinstated with the IRS. After months of struggling with a complex form that didn't seem to pertain to us, Liz finally discovered that we had been given the wrong instructions by the IRS and we have a simpler task at hand. On reinstated we need to file annually with the IRS. Liz also has a few questions that she would like to ask of a CPA so if we have any in the club and could help her out, please contact her. We also need a written narrative of the club's mission so if you would like to help with that, please contact her at [j4shock@frontiernet.net](mailto:j4shock@frontiernet.net). Once we have our status reinstated, we will also be able to collect a fairly large sum from our Smugmug account.

**Western Lessons** – Linda reported that the Western lessons did make a profit last year. Linda reported that Autumn has decided that she needs to 'retire' from the Tuesday night lessons but fortunately her sister Charlie will be taking over as instructor. During February, Autumn brought Charlie to the lessons so she could become familiar with the format and students. Autumn's last lesson will be Tuesday, 2/26 but she has agreed to return for Western Camp. The fee per lesson is now \$30 with a maximum of 4 per class. The lessons are held on Tuesdays with an 11 am session and 7 pm sessions and a noon session, if needed. Riders do not need to use western tack in order to participate. The lessons are held at Hampton Hill and new members are welcome to come and observe.

**English Lessons** – Mary was unable to attend the meeting but we will resume English lessons in April.

**Gaited Horse Lessons** – A member inquired about the possibility of offering lessons specifically tailored for gaited horses. Nancy offered to send out an email to the club to see if there is enough interest in holding a clinic for gaited horses. Nancy has been working with Todd Johnson, who specialized in gaited horses. Pat noted that the club is open to holding lessons for any group where there is enough interest and someone willing to oversee the program.

**Tack Sale** – Patty and Rhonda are interested in TSRC holding an annual tack sale, since it is no longer being held by LHA. Their idea was to change the format from LHA's so that there would not be the tack option but rather sell the tack at tables and possibly hold a silent auction. They were also thinking of including speakers to help attract people. Because we need time to advertise and plan it, they are aiming for February, 2014..

**Communications** – TSRC has been grappling with what items should be sent to the official TSRC mailing list. Some members have complained that they don't want to be sent a lot of irrelevant emails while others would like to be able to exchange emails about items for sale, events coming up, etc. The board discussed it at length and the general consensus was that the official email list should only be used to communicate official club business. However, we set up a Yahoo group a few years ago that has not been used a lot but does provide members with a means of communicating with each other. Members are welcome to post anything horse-related on it. Judy will send an invitation to all of the 2013 members who are not currently registered on the Yahoo Group. The email contains a link which sends you to Yahoo to register. You have the option of receiving each individual email, a daily digest or just going to the site to read the postings there. The advantage of using the Yahoo group is that each member can opt in or out, any time they want and change their options whenever they want. Once you are registered, you can post to the group any time by just addressing your email to [tri-stateridingclub@yahoogroups.com](mailto:tri-stateridingclub@yahoogroups.com). Patty Tracy has agreed to post general horse announcements to the group.

**Hampton Hill** – A discussion was held about various possibilities for providing non-cash repayment to Hampton Hill. Several options will be discussed with Wanda and Doris to determine their preference.

**Camp Highroad** – Liz contacted Camp Highroad and we will be able to use it again for 2 rides. The first is tentatively set up for May 5 and would be for members only. We hope to use it to attract new members by allowing them to join the morning of the ride. We still need to work out the financial details. The second ride would be our annual poker ride which is a fund-raiser for us and Camp Highroad and will be open to the public.

**Speakers at Future Meetings** – Elaine and Patty have lined up speakers for the next two meetings. Dr. James Brown from the EMC will give us a talk on dealing with emergency leg wounds at the March meeting and Dr. Lani Newcomb will speak to us on condition and hydration of the sport horse at the April meeting.

**Please note: On evenings where we have a scheduled speaker, the speaker will begin promptly at 7 pm and end at 7:30. As a courtesy to our speakers, please be seated at 7 pm. Thanks!**

**Drawing for Free Lesson** – it was won by Marilyn Davis. **Note:** Any member attending the meeting is put in a drawing for a free lesson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia