

Minutes for TSRC meeting 7pm October 17, 2013

Attendees – Pat Brescia, Liz Shockley, Mary Gustafson, Sharon Egan, Pamela Post, Pat Armstrong, Elaine Meilahn, Patty Tracy

Liz gave the treasurer's report.

Meeting started at 7:10 with an impromptu discussion of the history of TSRC. Credit was given to Diann Landau as the individual who was most influential in organizing TSRC. It was a spin off organization of the Old Peoples' Riding Club. Diann had the vision to organize TSRC as a Pony Club for adults.

Tack Sale

Patty Tracy representing both herself and Rhonda Boatwright who injured her Achilles tendon the day of the meeting, discussed a proposal to hold a TSRC outreach event at the Lovettsville Game Club. The proposed date is Saturday, February 22, 2014. The price for one day usage of the facility is \$100 deposit plus \$400 usage fee. The event would include selling booth space to equine related businesses and non profits, lectures held during the day, hourly raffles, TSRC booth staffed by member volunteers, a video presentation designed by Pat Brescia, food (which is for sale by the Game Club and would profit them only). The fee for 12' x 12' booths to non members would be \$35 and \$25 for members. Twenty five booth spaces are available. Patty and Rhonda will be asking for volunteers from the club to assist in the organization and running of this event. President, Pat Brescia authorized the club to pay the \$100 deposit. It was agreed by all present that this was a good outreach and PR opportunity.

Driving Clinic

On behalf of Vicki Baturay who is the organizer of the clinic, Elaine Meilahn inquired about facility fees at Hampton Hill. Regular lessons are \$30 per lesson and \$500 per one week (5 days) camp. She will report this finding to Vicki. The driving clinic is scheduled to happen on Saturday, November 23, 2013. Further details are yet to be determined and will be announced to membership soon.

English Lesson Program

November has nearly full participation in regular lessons and the Last Frontier Farm Event Series. Only a few spots remain available. Look for updates by email. December lessons will be announced at the November meeting. The director is considering having Saturday series type lessons during the doldrums between January and March, 2014. Look for details in December. New trainers, Melissa Hunsberger and Paul Ebersole, have been brought on board.

Cow clinic

Almost full. There is one spot on Sunday. It promises to be a great time.

Gymkhana

Amy Orr, represented by Mary Gustafson, said that she would be willing to organize a gymkhana in March or April of 2014.

Elections

Nominations for the office of Vice President and Secretary will be received until the November 21 meeting. After which time voting will take place via email. Results to be announced at the January party.

Annual Party

January 18 is the primary date with January 25 as a back up. The location will once again be the Hillsboro Old School. It will follow the same format as years past, the club will provide ham and roast beef, plates, utensils, cups, coolers with ice. Members provide their own "beverage" and a dish to share. Sharon Eagan has to bring her corn thing. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and tear down or anything else you may be good at.

Miscellaneous

Elaine Meilahn has suggested that all members participate in a survey sponsored by Loudoun County and conducted by the University of Virginia that has been designed to collect data on the status of the equine industry in Virginia. It will be coming your way soon. Participation is voluntary.

Additionally, Elaine, who has been working diligently to provide the club with outstanding mini lectures at many of our meetings will be rescheduling Rosie Barwick. Rosie had been scheduled a ways back but postponed due to a bad back. Her lecture is "Leg bandaging" and will include demonstration on a live horse in the clinic.

Patty Tracy won the free lesson drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Next Meeting - Thursday, November 21 - 7 PM at the EMC Library.