



Tri-State Riding Club Meeting started on Thursday, October 16 at 6:30p with a demonstration/presentation by TSRC member (equine veterinarian, event rider, and National Pony Club examiner) Dr. Paula Horne on Assessment of Conditioning in horses. Robyn Harter brought her eventor/foxhunter, Jewell, and rode her in timed 'sets' at the trot (5 min) and canter (3 min) allowing those present to assess her heart rate and respiration prior to and after exercise. Dr. Horne then had members take heart rate and respiration on two unfit horses and compare those to the measurements for Jewell. In addition, 'hands-on' practice to measure digital pulses was offered. A slide presentation on conditioning was given by Dr. Horne.

The business meeting was called to order by Pat Brescia, President, at 8:22pm.

Members present: Pat Brescia, Paula Horne, Judy Brescia, Patty Tracy, Rhonda Boatwright, Marilyn Davis, Laura Mahoney, Sharon Egan, Nicole Caruso, Jessica Eads, Elaine Meilahn, Mary Gustafson, and Liz Shockley.

Liz Shockley, treasurer, reported that the IRS forms for non-profit status for TSRC have been filed and must be annually renewed via a 990N form. She was assisted by Roy Beach (member Dorothy Beach's husband).

Liz Shockley reported on final plans for the Club 'Fun Ride' at Camp Highroad on Oct 26. Pre-entries are still quite low but she is optimistic for a good turnout on the day. Additional raffle prizes are needed. Paula Horne volunteered to contact several equine product vendors to donate prizes. Volunteers are needed on the day of the ride for parking.

Mary Gustafson, English Riding Director, provided sign-up sheets for lessons through December including another event series at Last Frontier Farm, similar to last year's.

Pat Brescia noted that Ride On Ranch is having a Fun Day on October 25 starting at 10am. Linda Giannino's Harvey will be attired in a costume borrowed from Judy Brescia's MacKenzie.

Patty Tracy announced Feb 21 is the date set for the TSRC annual tack sale at the Lovettsville Game Club. The Club will be available for set-up on Friday evening. In the event of snow, the lot will be plowed, but if the snow is predicted to be heavy, the Sale will be canceled (specified in the contract with the Game Club).

Liz Shockley reminded members to nominate charities for TSRC annual donations. Liz mentioned that EMC will be a recipient again this year of a \$500 donation.

Mary Gustafson suggested that the annual holiday party be held at Temple Hall Farm this year if the facilities are suitable and a date can be reserved. Mary will check with John and aim for Jan 24.

Pat Brescia noted that nominations for the offices of President and Treasurer should be given to Elaine Meilahn, Vice President and that elections will be held prior to Christmas. Elaine will send out an email to all members soliciting nominations and setting out the election process.

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Pat Brescia and Mary Gustafson reported that the move of the TSRC cross country and stadium jumps from Hampton Hills to TruLiberty Farm (TSRC member Ashley Russell, owner) is scheduled for October 19 and that at least one more flatbed trailer is needed. Mary will post scheduled cross-country schooling schedule and rules of use for the jump course on the TSRC website. The waivers for TruLiberty Farm are available just inside the barn door and need to be signed by all TSRC members who use the facility. Marilyn Davis suggested that TSRC should consider an 'exit strategy' as part of the arrangement with TruLiberty farm. Everyone agreed that we owe Hampton Hills Farm a big 'Thank You' for their years of hosting TSRC lessons and events and also a big 'Thank You' to Ashley Russell for the generous offer of her lovely farm as a site for the TSRC cross country jumps.

Sharon Egan announced the USTR 'Chili Ride' on Nov 9 and encouraged TSRC riders to participate.

The free TSRC lesson certificate was won by Jessica Eads.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm by Pat Brescia.