

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2016

Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, VA

Attendees: Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia , Liz Shockley, Elaine Meilahn, , Sharon Peart, Linda Giannino, , Hila Wever, Martha Hummer, Anya Stiller, Jen Sullivan, Patty Tracy, , Diane Hutchinson, Jill Jakalevicius, Robyn Harter, Marilyn Davis, Patty Tracy, Anya Stiller, Chloe Field, Kathi Watts, Aeron Mack Hynes, Marilyn Davis, Laura Guillaudea, Jan Benjamin, Alison Hodge, Laura Mahoney, Jacqui Crews, Christine Thomas, Jen Sullivan, Donna Poe, Michelle Johns, Nicole Caruso, Jessica Eads, Paige Geier, Nancy Reppert, Karyn Wilson,

Pat Brescia called the meeting to order.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Joanne Hart – Loudoun Therapeutic Riding

Joanne gave an overview of the history of Loudoun Therapeutic Riding (LTR) and her long history with the organization.

The therapeutic riding program is held during the week, utilizing the indoor arena but weekend use is restricted due to horse shows and other Morven Park events being held at the weekends.

The LTR program provides access to Loudoun County Public School students three days a week. Students come from Douglas High School in Leesburg and other community schools. The Center also has a relationship with Northspring which represents children aged from 7 – 17 from generally abusive backgrounds. LTR provides access to riding and carriage driving to Northspring students who are mostly able bodied. Clinicians from the school come to watch the lessons and they are amazed at how differently these young people act around the horses as their partnership grows.

LTR also provides therapeutic riding to adults; one post a severe stroke that wanted to get back on a horse again and another 74 year old cerebral palsy victim who understands the physical benefits of riding.

Volunteers are key to the success of LTR. Nine volunteers are needed per class as well as barn buddies, younger children who come to help with their mom. At the age of 14 they can come

Lunging Clinic

A lunging clinic hosted by Mary Flood will be held on April 17, 2016. Registration will be by mail and only eight places are available for participants. The cost of this clinic is \$145.00 to participate with your horse and \$65.00 to audit. The participants will learn how to long line their horse as well as working with long lines over poles. In the morning there will be an option to either work in hand with your horse or work on your position mounted on the lunge line. Each session will last for 40 minutes. This is a fabulous opportunity to learn how to lunge properly which is an art form!

Western Lessons

Western lessons have been continued through January and part of February at Morven Park and will continue to be held at 11:00 am every Tuesday. Western camp will be held on June 27, 2016, partly at Morven Park and partly at Ride on Ranch.

English Lessons

Four pages of lesson options are being offered. A Cross County Schooling with Alyssa Peterson is being offered on April 5, 2016 at Morven Park who will charge \$50.00 to use the facility and Alyssa Peterson will be an additional \$65.00. On Sunday 24 April, 2016 a cross country schooling opportunity is being offered at Woodstock with Martha Wunder for \$50.00 - beginner novice to novice level.

Camp

To be held once again at Last Frontier Farm. The dates will be June 13, June 27 and July 4 with each Friday of those weeks being the optional rain date. There will be three sessions per camp. Registration will be open next month and there will be levels for all and will run from 5:00 pm to dark.

Please let one of the board members know if you are intending on going to both the English and Western camps so that accommodations can be made. The price remains at \$250.00 for the four night program with two lessons per night. No refunds will be offered.

Action: Patty Tracy to talk to the organizers to further understand this commitment.

The free lesson was won by Marilyn Davis.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Peart