

**Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2016**  
**Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, VA**

**Attendees:** Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia , Liz Shockley, Elaine Meilahn, , Sharon Peart, Linda Giannino, Mary Gustafson, Jen Sullivan, Patty Tracy, Bambi Welch Earl, Marilyn Davis, Martha Hummer, Elaine Meilahn, Hannah Schofield, Allison Hodge.

**Pat Brescia** called the meeting to order.

**The Treasurer's Report was read.**

- A deposit has been sent to Kelly's Ford for offsite camp.
- The mechanical cow has been purchased.

**Western Camp**

The camp was taught by Charlie and Autumn. The weather cooperated and no parking issues were experienced. Linda Giannino intends on emailing participants for feedback. There were a couple of green horses in the mix and it might be better in the future to put the greener horses in one group and more advanced in the other. Some participants have never come to a western lesson but attend western camp. The mechanical cow was introduced carefully and the party at the end of camp was wonderful.

The mechanical cow named "Tinkerbell" is available for Tri-State Members use but an operator must be identified. After each use the cow has to be dismantled and stored so that Ride on Ranch can utilize their indoor for their own riding programs.

The possibility of a cow clinic for the fall was discussed.

**English Camp**

One issue was experienced when a rider was asked to repeat an exercise several times and ended up with heat exhaustion. Apart from this incident, camp was very positive with riders being asked to step slightly out of their comfort zone.

Some participants on arrival at Last Frontier Farm immediately went out to the cross country course without the presence of the instructor. Camp information should clarify that use of any of the jumps at Last Frontier Farm should be in the presence of an instructor. It would also be a good idea to identify a leader for each camp group to keep the group on track and maximize productivity. The use of neck straps should also be encouraged as an extra point towards safety.

The flat group should have the opportunity to ride outside at some point during each camp and could work on ground pole/grid work in the outdoor arena for example. One flat group should be offered specifically for green horses. Members should be asked to have at least a couple of lessons before camp to prepare, giving the club the opportunity to place participants in the correct level of group. A suggestion was made that members are asked to join the club before March 1 and take one lesson prior to the commencement of camp.

There was a request for another lower level jumping group to be included in the mix for next year's camp selection. Core members of the club are lower level jumpers.

## **Kelly's Ford**

This will be an away camp and there will be an opportunity for individuals to come and use the facilities as a day camper. The camp will start on Wednesday October 12 and will last for three days. Check in will be at 2:00 pm on the first day. Martha Wunder will be the on-site trainer and will work on flat work for 1.5 hrs on the first day.

There will be two groups of four riders. One group will be Level II eventers but the other group could be tailored to requirements of participants. The groups will take maximum advantage of the facilities. There will be lessons on the morning of Thursday October 13 and trail riding in the afternoon. The cost is \$375.00 which includes accommodation, use of facilities and breakfast. There is a pub nearby for dinner which will be an additional cost. For those individuals that would like to come for a day to use the facilities and not stay the cost is \$30.00 per day.

## **Trailer Operation and Care**

A special event is being consider to teach correct trailering techniques. How to reverse safely, checking of tires, hitch and other safety issues that may be encountered. Consideration is being given as to who could teach this camp. One suggestion was Trailer Care, Hamilton.

**Action: Robyn Harter to add information to camp registration information outlining the 'no jump without instructor' policy**

**Action: Robyn Harter – Add additional lower level jumping group to camp offerings**

**Action: Linda Giannino – Identify person to be point of contact for mechanical cow use**

**The free lesson was won by Sharon Peart.**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Peart