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**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

**MEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting was held The Marion Du Pont Equine Medical Center (EMC) at 7:00 pm.

Called to order by Secretary Liz Schockley at or about 7:00 pm.

The following Officers were in attendance:

Vice President Hila Wever

Secretary Judith Lovegrove

Treasurer Liz Shockley

Marketing Judy Brescia

English Lesson **Coordinators** Elaine Meilahn and Judy Brescia

Western Lesson Coordinator Susan Payne

Special Events Coordinator Elaine Meilahn

The following officers were not in attendance:

President Robyn Harter

New members were welcomed.

1. Treasurer: Liz. Bank balance is over \$17,823

Insurance: we have existing insurance and have been with this company for a long time but Liz is checking out others that maybe easier to work with. Had a challenge back in the fall and the underwriters wanted us to put the venue on our policy, but that seemed overkill as we are on the venues' insurance. We

pay \$4-500 now. May be higher premium with new company. Underwriting at new company is looking at it. Renewal April 2. May be better coverage. Liz is checking with Linda Zebo. Michael at Moore and Clemons was suggested.

## 2. English Lessons, Elaine:

Requests you tell her if you want something we don't offer in English Lessons. Intro to XC coming up lessons coming up with Rebecca Lee. They will be at Woodstock and/or Gordonsdale XC courses.

Clinics: Mary Flood will have an in-hand clinic end of March 31, 2019, and there is still some space. Amazing FEI trainer and she teaches long line and lunge. Morning is spent riding, then Mary will have 8 35 min sessions in the afternoon working with each of your horses. Wildfire Farm.

September 7 Wendy Murdoch clinic coming up again.

Kaye Pfaff of Cool Breeze Equestrian Clinic – Middleburg - Eventing is a prospect for training.

Bruce Leland Jumper Trainer, he will teach for us at Milestone, April 8. Noon Monday.

In response to a query as to how she assesses a trainer: Elaine checks for confidence, safety, experienced; she will go watch, if like, hire, and if students like, keep.

Will move back to Tru Liberty Farm for outdoor lessons soon.

Possible Julien Beaugnon clinic to come up. Elaine met him at Loudoun County Equine Expo. Julien worked with the horses at the Cavalier show for 10 years. Julien focuses on horsemanship, liberty, dressage, etc. Will coordinate a clinic or lessons.

### 3. Western Lessons, Susan:

Cutting Lesson April 16, 2019: lessons with Tinkerbelle and then with real cows. At Ride on Ranch (ROR). Mike wants riders familiar with Tinkerbelle first. Heifers are better for training than Steers. Pattern and obstacles on other five Tuesdays and alternate between ROR and Morven because we commute from both.

Don't have to have a western saddle: cutting, Australian, English, all work.

Working on clinic for summer.

4. Eventing Camp: June 10, 17 and 24 at Last Frontier Farm, Sharon White's farm. Instructors TBD. Sign up at next meeting. Only open to members who are paid up on membership dues.
5. Working Equitation Clinic at Miran Farm, south of Leesburg. More information to follow.
6. Crystal Crown Trail Ride June 29 at Camp Highroad in Middleburg. **NEED VOLUNTEERS!!** Need 40-50 volunteers.

Need volunteers to help set up day before to set up obstacles on the course. Also the day of we need two to man each obstacle (judge and assist), and others to direct traffic, sign up, deliver lunches and water, set up lunch for participants after, clean up, take down of obstacles, etc. Passed a sign up list around.

7. Liz noted a new ditch jump at tru liberty. Corner jump is anticipated in the future. We purchased some XC jumps in the past. Need to paint XC and Stadium jumps.

8. Pat noted: Former members are coming back. Jan Maday's daughter Megan needs a place to stay furnished because her house burned down last week. Contact Liz Schockly if you want to help out.

Winner of free lesson: 13 Karen McCarthy

Meeting was adjourned on or about 8:15.