

## Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2011

### Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library

**Attendees** – Nancy Byrd, Liz Shockley, Marilyn Davis, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Amy Orr, Mary Gustafson, Carol Anderson, Rosemary Lawler, Leslie Gottesman

**Intro remarks** - The meeting was called to order by our president, Nancy Byrd at 7:00 pm. She began with horse facts: 1) horses are not color blind 2) The average equine heart weighs 9 – 10 lbs and 3) Secretariat's heart weighed about 2 X the average.

**Treasurer's Report** – Liz reported that we are quite solvent. She has been emailing lesson bills and it has been working well and saving money. She emailed the last batch on 6/15/2011.

**Poker Ride** - Liz reported that the Poker Ride has been set for 8/14/2011 at Camp Highroad. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between TSRC and Camp Highroad. The flyers have already been created and sent to those who publicized our events in the past. The registration will be from 9 – 9:30 am with ride out at 11:00 am. Prizes will be awarded for the first 3 places, with the overall winner receiving \$100. Additionally, the top 3 winners will either receive a free TSRC annual membership or, if already a member, a free lesson. Farm Credit will also contribute some items. Linda will be handling pre-registration but we will also allow post registration. The cost is \$30 /pre-registration or \$35 /day of ride. Diane Hutchison has sent out a press release and Nancy will bring water and carrots. We need a about 6 – 8 volunteers to handle the parking and dealing of cards. If you would like to volunteer, please email Liz at [j4shock@frontier.net](mailto:j4shock@frontier.net). We will not be serving lunch but will have some snacks.

**Loudoun County Fair** – Liz is recruiting volunteers to work the gate at the Fair to be held July 26 -30. If you work 3 hours, you get in free the rest of the day. Please contact Liz if you can help.

**Western Lessons** – Rosemary reported the Tuesday night lessons are still going strong. The Thursday morning lessons are currently suspended.

**Summer Party** - Several dates in July were offered for the party to be held at Robyn's house. The members present voted to have the party on July 23 starting at 6 pm (pending Robyn's approval!). It will be a pot luck but the club will provide a main dish and some soft drinks and water. Pat will bring the pictures and video from camp. Patty T and Robyn will coordinate the party.

**English Lessons** – Mary reported that the lessons are ending for the summer.

**English Camp** – Leslie reported that we still have two openings in the Beginner Novice group in week 2 and three openings in the Novice group in week 3. The links for paperwork are below. Camp is held 5 – 8 pm Mon – Thurs for weeks 1 and 2 and Tues – Friday for week 3.

[//milesosmilestraining.com/Registration.pdf](http://milesosmilestraining.com/Registration.pdf) and

[//milesOfSmileTraining.com/CampDesc.pdf](http://milesOfSmileTraining.com/CampDesc.pdf)

**Foxhunting Camp** – Mary announced that TSRC will hold its first fox hunting camp on Sept 12 – 14. Sessions will be unmounted and mounted and will culminate in an actual cubbing meet. The clinic will be conducted by members of Loudoun West and will include a trip to the Morven Park Museum of Hounds and Hunting. Please go to the website for all of the details and thanks Mary!

**Gymkhana** – Amy Orr is planning the gymkhana which will be held in November. Details to follow.

**Guest Speakers** – Rosemary offered to set up some guest speakers to give 30 – 40 minute presentations at our meetings. Among the possible speaker are a spokesman from Myler bits, a farrier and an animal communicator.

**Holiday Party** – It will be held in January and several venues are being investigated. Details to follow.

**Cookbook Project** – The cookbook project is simmering along. Please get your recipes in to Rhonda.

**Parelli Lessons** – Rosemary discussed the Parelli lessons and the requirement that, after 3 lessons, a member wanted to continue needs to join the Parelli Savvy Club. Rosemary pointed out that our members are still getting these lessons at a great discount. Several members voiced their disagreement with the requirement that participants must join another organization in order to participate in a TSRC sponsored lesson.

**Facebook** – Pat Brescia reported that he had had a long discussion with Kathi Watts regarding the establishment of a Facebook page for TSRC. The critical security element is apparently to have a member of the Board (or 2) to be given admin rights so that in case an acting administrator decided to ‘go rogue’ they could be looked out. Kathi agreed to set up the page and Leslie agreed to act as the daily administrator so hopefully we will have the page up in the near future. Thanks Leslie and Kathi and Pat!

**Note: The July meeting will be replaced by the Pool Party on July 23. The next formal meeting will be held in August.**

The meeting was adjourned eventually.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia