

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2011

Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library

Attendees – Nancy Byrd, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Patty Tracy, Amy Orr, Mary Gustafson, Diane Grove, Linda Giannino, Susan Payne, Rosie Lawler, Andrea Justus, Debbie Yassine, Elaine Meilahn

Guest Speaker – Joe Most, of Most Equine Solutions, gave a talk on farriery based on biomechanics in order to bring a horse back into balance. He looks at the horse as a series of A-frames and arches and measuring to find areas out of balance which are brought back into balance via corrective shoeing/trimming. For more information, please visit his website at www.mostequinesolutions.com.

Treasurer's Report - The meeting was called to order by our president, Nancy Byrd at 7:05 pm. She began with the treasurer's report which showed us to have a healthy balance.

Gymkhana – Amy reported that the gymkhana will be held on Nov.13 at Hampton Hill at 10 am.

Holiday Party Venues – Harmony Hall rents for \$150 per hour including the kitchen but not including the stove (which is an additional \$50). Its capacity is 240 people and would cost \$750 - \$1000 for the party. Amy volunteered to check out the Rust Sanctuary. The party will be held on a Saturday in January.

Foxhunting Camp – Mary reported that the 7 members who participated in the Foxhunting Camp had a wonderful time. They learned about the hounds, visited the Museum of Hounds and Hunting, walked the hounds, rode out and finally went out with the actual hunt in the second field. Loudoun West welcomes people capping with them and will help newbies. They are sharing privileges with Fairfax Hunt so many fixtures are available

English Lessons – The fall lessons are back in full swing. Please contact Mary before the 20th if you want to sign up for any September lessons as she will be out of town from 9/20 – 9/28.

Western Lessons – There is currently one lesson held on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. A second evening lesson could be added but currently Autumn cannot teach during the day due to her work schedule. The lessons continue to make a little money.

Outreach and Charitable Donations - Judy would like to revive the committee to explore possible community outreach and philanthropic efforts on behalf of TSRC, as our treasury is quite healthy. We would like to meet or at least communicate via email with ideas and then present them to the general membership for a vote. If you are interested in participating on the committee, or would just like to suggest a possible donation for TSRC to make, please contact Judy (ie, me) at Newmont@hotmail.com.

Elections – The terms for the Secretary and Vice President expire at the end of this year. If you are interested in running for one of these positions or would like to nominate someone for one of the offices, the nominations will be taken in November.

DVD's – Pat reported that there are still DVD's available from each of the 3 English camps held at Sharon's. The cost is \$10 and the entire amount will be donated to Sharon. Please contact Pat at Newmont@hotmail.com and we'll get you the DVD.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia