

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2012

Ride-On Ranch, Lovettsville VA

Attendees – Nancy Byrd, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Carol Dennis, Amy Orr, Betsy Dove, Laura Guillaudeu, Liz Shockley, Diann Landau, Mary Gustafson, Rosie Lawler, Pat Brescia, Elaine Meilahn

Special Presentation – The meeting was held at Ride-On Ranch in Lovettsville so that the club could learn about Autumn O'Hara's (formerly Wacker) Equine Assisted Therapy Programs. Most of us know Autumn as our western instructor but she also holds a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy and is a certified Therapeutic riding instructor. She gave us a demonstration of hippotherapy using a delightful 5 year old student named Madison. Madison is afflicted with Cerebral Palsy and her mother told us how important the hippotherapy has been in expanding her physical capabilities. It was very apparent even to the layman how beneficial the riding was to her just in the short demonstration. After the demonstration, Autumn discussed the differences between hippotherapy and therapeutic riding and the goals of her organization. For more information on Ride-On Ranch, the website is www.ride-onranch.com. She is always in need of volunteers and financial donations.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Nancy Byrd, at 7:50.

Treasurer's Report – Liz gave the treasurer's report. We are quite solvent. She also reported that Cheryl Anderson donated a certificate to Trailer Care for a maintenance check that we can use in the future.

Temple Hall Site Map – Mary met with John Moore to discuss TSRC possibly donating a large site map to Temple Hall Farm. John has previously had an offer from someone else to provide one. He said they would like a mounting block, but if we could provide building plans, someone on the farm could build it, using their own materials.

English Lessons – Mary provided signup sheets for the November lessons. She is working on a survey for the club to determine the optimal lesson schedule.

Elections – The offices of President and Treasurer are up for election this year. Elaine reported that nominations will be accepted thru the first week of November.

Possibility of adding a 'members only' classified section to the website – The possibility of members being able to post classifieds on the website was discussed. No decision was made but various alternative suggestions were made, including tell members that they should bring flyers to the meetings if they have something to sell or using the yahoo group to send a message to those members who want to receive mail other than official club correspondence. It will be discussed further a future meetings.

Holiday Party – Nancy reported that we have booked the Old Stone Schoolhouse in Hillsboro for Saturday, January 12, 2013. It is currently booked from 6 pm to midnight to allow time for setup and cleanup. We may drop the last hour.

Gymkhana – Amy brought a signup sheet for the gymkhana and will follow with an email for all interested in participating, to let her know at WillowAmy@gmail.com. The gymkhana will be held at Hampton Hill from 10 am – 2:30 pm on Sunday, November 11.

Hampton Hill – We are not sure that the portapotty is needed at Hampton Hill except during the week of camp. We will check with Wanda before removing it. We are also exploring several donation options for Hampton Hill which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Lesson Raffle – One of our newest members, Carol Dennis, won the raffle. Congratulations Carol.

November Meeting – It will be held on Thursday, Nov 15 at 7 pm at the Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library. We will be voting on recipients of our year end donations. If you would like to suggest a recipient, please come to the meeting or email one of the board.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia