

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2013

Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library

Attendees – Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Nancy Byrd, Leanne Accorti, Amy Orr, Patty Tracy, Linda Giannino, Liz Shockley, Dorothy Beach, Mary Gustafson, Angela Rary, Elaine Meilahn, Marilyn Davis, Ed Tobias, Mady Tobias

Featured Presentation -- Dr. James Brown, DVM, gave us a very informative presentation on emergency equine management, which focused on trauma and wound management. He discussed the need to have an action plan, steps to take while waiting for the vet, how to determine if veterinary care is needed, items to have on hand for dealing with wounds and the length of time needed for a wound to completely heal. The EMC had also set up a display of items to have on hand to deal with wounds and they were available for sale.

The meeting was called to order at 7:51 by President Pat Brescia.

Treasurer's Report – Liz gave the treasurer's report.

Gaited Horse Clinic/Lessons – Nancy surveyed the membership and received responses from 9 members interested in doing lessons specifically for gaited horses. She has been in touch with Todd Johnson who would like to host a clinic at his farm in Berryville (very close to Last Frontier Farm). More details need to be worked out regarding pricing, dates and structure of class or clinic. Nancy will get more information.

Camp Highroad New Member Ride – Liz reported that this ride will occur on Sunday May 5 at 1:30 pm. It is open to all existing members for a fee of \$20 or new members can join on the day, pay our \$40 membership fee and do the ride for free. Water and snacks will be provided. We need a couple of volunteers to help with parking and registration. Preregistration is encouraged but not required. We will ride out in groups so that new members can become acquainted with existing members. The brochure is on the website. Everyone is encouraged to print a few out and post them at tack stores, vet offices, etc. If you would like to help out at the ride please contact Liz at j4shock@frontiernet.net. Thanks to Mary for creating a lovely brochure for the ride.

Western Lessons – Linda reported that there has been a smooth transition in instruction from Autumn to Charli. Linda has received a lot of positive feedback on Charli's instruction as well as the new smaller class size.

English Lessons – Mary brought signup sheets for the upcoming April lessons. All regular lessons will be held at Hampton Hill Farm. Judi Novak and Janie Rentz will be instructing there on alternate weeks. In addition, Mary is offering jumping lessons with Paul Ebersole at his Champagne Wishes farm in Purcellville for the more serious riders (Beginner Novice/Novice and Novice/Training levels) and a set of semi-private dressage lessons with Mary Flood at her Wildfire Farm in Lovettsville.

Camp – Elaine will be organizing the English camps at Sharon White's this year. The dates have already been established: Camp 1 – begins June 10 (Monday – Thursday 5 – 8 pm), Camp 2 – begins June 17 and Camp 3 begins June 24. The Friday of each week will serve as a rain date if needed. **Please Note: Elaine and Sharon would like to hear from the potential campers regarding what they would like to do and learn at camp so they can tailor the 6 camp descriptions to the goals of the riders. Please contact Elaine at elaine.meilahn@gmail.com by April 1 with your comments and suggestions.**

Yahoo Group – If you would like to join the TSRC Yahoo Group, please email me (Judy) at newmont@hotmail.com and I will send you an invitation. The invitation will give you a link to sign up. Once you sign up you can set your own preferences as to whether you receive the emails in a digest, individually or you only read them on Yahoo. This group is intended for our members to converse with each other and post general horse announcements, advertise horse related items for sale, etc. I try to send every new member an invitation when they join TSRC but emails change so contact me if you want to sign up.

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 18, 2013. Dr. Lani Newcomb will be giving us a presentation on conditioning and hydrating the sport horse. **Please arrive and be seated so we can begin promptly at 7 pm.**

Drawing for Free Lesson – it was won by Linda Giannino. **Note:** Any member attending the meeting is entered into a drawing for a free lesson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia