

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2013

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Attendees – Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Nancy Byrd, Christine Dale, Amy Orr, Patty Tracy, Linda Giannino, Liz Shockley, Rhonda Boatwright, Lani Newcomb, Kathy Broaddus, Mary Gustafson, Diane McCool, Rosemary Lawler, Linda Muenz, Erran Muenz, Caroline Athey, Elaine Meilahn, Debbie Yassine, Lisa Turk, Robyn Harter, Samantha Rowland, Steph Keefe (and one name I could not decipher).

Featured Presentation -- TSRC member Lani Newcomb, DVM (Broad Run Vet Service), gave us a very informative presentation on equine hydration in summer heat. Dr. Newcomb included a lot of interesting statistics (i.e., a horse can produce over 4 gallons of sweat per hour; for every calorie burned around 75% goes to producing heat and 25% produces the energy to do the task). Factors that can make the cooling process even less efficient include humidity, heavy muscling and excess fat. She gave lots of tips for cooling a horse efficiently and ways to increase hydration before and during work. She also stressed that when cooling a horse, cold water needs to constantly put on the horse and scraped off in order for the horse to continue to cool.

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 by President Pat Brescia.

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

Camp Highroad New Member Ride – Liz has put ads in the Equiery and Horse Talk but reported that we have not gotten a big response for this ride. She urged all members to print the flyer and post it and email it to other horse people. Liz is planning on marking the trail the week before. We will ride in a couple of groups. The cost is \$20 for members and \$40 for people joining the club on the day of the ride (i.e., new members pay our \$40 membership fee and do the ride for free). Water and snacks will be provided. If you are planning on riding or would like to help out please contact Liz at j4shock@frontiernet.net.

Western Camp – Linda reported Western Camp will be held June 17 -21 (4:30 – 8 pm) at Hampton Hill. Autumn O'Hara and Charli Wacker will be instructing and a maximum of 16 riders can attend. The signup forms are on the website. The camp will cover reining, team penning, cattle work, roping and trail work.

English Camp – Elaine reported that there will again be three weeks of English Camp again. The camps will be taught by Sharon White and Tim Bourke and will vary by level. The camps are held at Sharon's Last Frontier Farm in Summit Point, WV and will run Monday – Thursday from 5 pm – 8 pm. Please bring your own snacks and water. The dates are June 10 -13 - Flatwork and Elementary (max height 2'), June 17 – 20 - Baby Novice (max height 2'3') and Beginner Novice (max height 2'7") and July 1 – 4 – Novice (max height 2'11") and Training (max height 3'3"). The forms are available on the website.

Note: Both camps will be filled in order of postmarked entry. Once you sign up for a camp you are committed for pay for it unless your spot can be filled but the checks will not be cashed before the time of camp. The cost of each week of camp is \$250.

Purchase of New Equipment – Mary and Elaine inventoried the jumps at Hampton Hill and their condition. They came up with a list of desired new equipment, as well as the cost of repairing existing equipment. A motion was made and carried to allocate up to \$2500 to improve our jumps and equipment (including the purchase of 12 new cones for the Western program). We have been very fortunate to have been given a dressage arena from Sheryl and Eric Williams. Our lesson program should greatly benefit from these new additions.

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, May 16, 2013.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia