

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2014

Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center Library

Attendees: Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia, Linda Giannino, Nicole Caruso, Jessica Eads, Liz Shockley, Mary Gustafson, Elaine Meilahn, Sharon Peart, Amy Orr, Hila Wever, Laura Mahoney, Judith Lovegrove, John Lovegrove, Robyn Harter, Kelly Griel, Amy Schull, Gale Cayce, Patti Parris, Lorraine Herman, Ann Menninger, Donna Poe, Dorothy Beach, Rosemary Lawler, Mark Grimes, Jen Sullivan, Jacqui Crews, John Moore, Vicky Rosa, Caroline Athey, Andrea Justus, Luci Marchand.

Andrea Justice – Hunt Ride: Loudoun West Hunt will be hosting a mock hunt trail ride at Valley View Farm on Saturday May 17th. The ride will start at 9 am and will not be exclusive to Tri-State club members. There will be a jumping and non jumping group. More details to follow.

Old Business and Tri-State Charitable Donations: Two propositions were made for donations;

Mr. Ben Harper – Paralympics Dressage Rider was suggested by Sharon Peart

<http://www.benharperparalympicpursuit.org/MeetBen.html>

Ride On Ranch – Occupational Therapist – Lovettsville suggested by Liz Shockley

<http://rideonranch.org/>

Should a Tri-State member be interested in making a personal donation to Ride On Ranch please use the following link, simply copy and paste onto your browser. Every donation received will be matched by World Wide Technology (WWT):

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=325WU73E5BCCY

Both suggestions were approved for a \$500.00 donation.

English Lessons: English lessons will be held at Capstone Farm in Lovettsville which has an indoor ring with great new footing and Morven Park in the dressage ring and indoor school. On May 11th there will be a cross country schooling opportunity at Woodstock Farm in Maryland. This will be suitable for beginner novice or novice levels and the park features a large outdoor ring, cross country course and sixteen miles of trails.

Western Lessons: Lessons will continue in the Indoor at the Morven Park facility for Western lessons. The indoor has great footing and is very well lit. Hampton Hill as a venue for lessons is still unsure. There continues to be discussions regarding insurance and liability issues.

Western camp will be the first week of June and will be split between Ride on Ranch and Morven Park. The camp will include reining work, obstacles and cow work. The cow work will be held at Ride on Ranch. Dates: June 2nd – 6th and will be a maximum of twelve participants.

Temple Hall Ride: The reason for the ride, which was a great success, was to advise John Moore, Temple Hall Farm Manager of any improvements or additions that can be made to make the park more 'user' friendly and appealing. If any club members have anything in the way of additional suggestions please email John and let him know: jmoore@nvrpa.org
John Moore requested that members save any extra horse shoes that they may have which he will color code and use to mark trails at Temple Hall.

Liz Shockley won the drawing for a free lesson.

English Camp: Robyn Harter outlined the plans for the upcoming English camp June 16th – 19th and June 23rd – 26th. The camp will be held at Last Frontier Farm, Berryville Virginia which is about 30 minutes from Purcellville. There will be three sessions; flat, beginner novice and novice. Sharon and Tim create a great learning environment and will work around everyone's ability. There will be two different groups each night and each group will spend half the time with Sharon and half with Tim. New footing has been put in the jumping ring and jumps have been added to the cross county course.

One change from last year; the training group will be held the first week to take advantage of the potential for better footing. If you register for all three weeks you will be given your first and second choice during the initial registration process and your third choice will be allocated, space permitting, five days later. The registration will be made according to the post mark on the application. The advantage of attending this Tri-State meeting is that you have the advantage of collecting the application form this evening which will be posted on the Tri-State website tomorrow Friday April 18th. If you sign up for multiple camps please only send one check. If you have any questions there is an email address and phone number on the form. Do not get intimidated by camp descriptions!

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15th 2014.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Peart