

Tri-State Riding Club Monthly General Membership Meeting 17 July, 2014 - Minutes taken by E Meilahn

In attendance: 15 members

Called to order by Pat Brescia at 7:15p.

Judy Brescia suggested a one-day TSRC clinic at Last Frontier Farm with Sharon White or Tim Burke. Discussion then turned to the possibility of a new cross-country and pacing clinic at Temple Hall Farm. Mary G will try to fit these suggestions into the English lesson program.

Pat Brescia reported that he let Wanda and her mother know that we will need to move the jumps and the dressage ring out of Hampton Hill as we need to be able to use them. He reiterated to Wanda that we are grateful for the opportunity to have been located at Hampton Hill and would like to return if that becomes possible. A possible alternative site was mentioned by Mary G and that is Spurlocks' field on Featherbed Lane near Leslie.

In addition, Linda Giannino suggested that the large tract of land next to her might serve as a site for the TSRC cross-country jumps but she would need to speak with the owner of the land. Concerns about accessibility were voiced as that land is quite a way from a main road.

Linda G reported on the Western Lesson program and the camp experience at Ride On Ranch and felt that it was very positive and that moving between Morven Park and Ride On Ranch did not present an obstacle to camp participants.

Elaine M asked those present for suggestions for educational presentations to the club. Pat Brescia said that Dr. Paula Horne (a club member) would be willing to speak to the club about any equine health issue that we wished. One suggestion from Amy Schull was for a presentation on equine vaccines. Elaine will follow up.

Liz S introduced the idea of a TSRC trail ride at Camp Highroad to be held in late Sept or early Oct, as a 'go as you please' ride. Discussion of whether we should offer a poker ride ensued but most felt it took quite a lot a more effort to produce. Mary will produce a flyer to advertise the ride.

Patty Tracy has checked on email communication plan for TSRC but the committee has not been able to meet. She and Rhonda have suggested the following criteria for advertisements to be circulated among TSRC members: 1) horse – related; 2) come from a member; and, 3) located within 50 miles of Leesburg. She is giving this plan a 60 day trial. Elaine to provide Patty with a current membership email list.

Patty suggested that we do a second TSRC tack sale in February and the members present enthusiastically endorsed that suggestion.

An email has been circulating about changes to the Franklin Park horse trails which Patty will distribute.

At the meeting, a new member, Ashley Russell, offered her ring (with plenty of parking) for the Club's use on Kite Lane in Lovettsville. She is an eventer recruited to TSRC by Patty Tracy.

The English lesson sign-up sheets were passed around by Mary G.

A drawing for a free lesson was held and won by Mark Grimes.

The meeting was adjourned by P Brescia .