

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2014 Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, VA

Attendees: Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia, Nicole Caruso, Jessica Eads, Liz Shockley, Mary Gustafson, Elaine Meilahn, Amy Orr, Robyn Harter, Rhonda Boatwright, Patty Tracy, Sharon Peart, Paula Horne, Linda Giannino, Heidi Uffelman, Jaqui Crews, Sonja Adams, Marilyn Davis, Amy Schull

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Old Business

A document regarding a TSRC bylaw outlining a policy for replacement of TSRC board members needs to be written.

A discussion ensued as to whether to donate TSRC jumps to Temple Hall. The general consensus was a reluctance to give up this capital investment without further consideration.

Alternative locations were discussed: Ashley Russell who has an LLC is looking to purchase some cross country elements for her farm. Suzanne DeSaix has expressed an interest in housing the jumps at her property. She has an outdoor ring and a large open field. TSRC will have to explore the liability ramifications but this is a generous offer.

Riverchase was suggested; they have a new indoor with a lot of field space and lots of parking. Other suggestions included Foxchase in Middleburg and Temple Hall Farm.

Western Lessons – Linda Giannino: There have been fewer signups for Western lessons and several lessons have been cancelled due to inclement weather. The day time lessons have typically been at Morven Park and the evening lessons at Ride on Ranch. Riders from western Loudoun particularly like this venue. Morven Park did have an accommodation problem a couple of times and a number of passes were given to people affected by this. In the fall there are plans to have another cow clinic. The program is moving quietly and smoothly and Linda reminded the group that participants were not required to ride in a western saddle. There are plans to introduce a trail work program at Morven Park. Laura Doyle at Morven Park has been very helpful and is very pro horse related activities and is willing to work with TSRC.

English Lessons – Mary Gustafson: Lesson sign up was available at the meeting. Mary will be on vacation from September 16th for two weeks and Linda Giannino will cover her during this time.

A discussion ensued regarding emails sent to TSRC members. Patty Tracy sticks to a strict criteria for suitable, news worthy emails to members. The event or item must be within 50 miles of Leesburg and must be horse related; sometimes a fine line has to be drawn.

Camp Highroad – Trail Ride – Liz Shockley: The Camp Highroad Trail Ride will be held on Sunday October 26th at 1 pm. The cost will be \$25.00 for preregistration and there will be an option for TSRC membership and trail ride for a cost of \$55.00. Liz asked for help with solicitation of raffle donations. Dover, Farm Credit and Southern States in Purcellville were suggested as possible donors. A news release will have to be written and help will be required on the day to organize the event. Food, bottled water, granola Bars and Carrots will be on hand for participants.

Marilyn Davis offered to distribute flyers to Warrenton and Marshall.

Dr. Paula Horne offered to cover Great Falls and Purcellville.

Amy Orr will cover the Leesburg area.

Sonia Adams will cover Hamilton and Purcellville.

Presentations: There are plans to have a talk regarding emergency trailer kits. Dr. Horne offered to lecture on conditioning for competition.

There was a discussion regarding whether or not to allow filming of TSRC lectures or whether to limit access to TSRC members in attendance only.

Liz Shockley won the drawing for a free lesson.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18th 2014.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Peart