

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2015 Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, VA

Attendees: Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia, Nicole Caruso, Jessica Eads, Liz Shockley, Elaine Meilahn, Rhonda Boatwright, Patty Tracy, Sharon Peart, Linda Giannino, Mary Gustafson, Ashley Russell, Rosie Lawler, Hila Wever, Judith Lafleur-Lovegrove, John Lovegrove, Marilyn Davis, Ann Menninger, John Moore, Kathy Broaddus, Sonja Adams, Paula Horne, Andrea Justus

Pat Brescia called the meeting to order.

As of March 19, 2015 ninety nine members have paid membership dues for 2015.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

The Tri State Riding Club has now officially joined Loudoun County Equine Alliance (LCEA) and is pleased to announce that Dorothy Beach, a Tri State member has been confirmed as a Board Member of LCEA.

English Lessons – Mary Gustafson

Mary Gustafson presented the English lesson schedule for April, May and June 2015. In May, lessons will be moved to True Liberty Farm but will continue to be held at Morven Park during inclement weather. True Liberty Farm features a selection of cross country jumps with great footing, access for which is listed in the June calendar.

Later in the summer, weeks beginning August 17 and 24, a dressage camp will be held by Mary Flood. Registration packets will be available at the May 21 meeting and registration will begin on May 22 and will be postmark dependant. The camp will run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week with an optional "fix a test" dressage test held on Friday of each week. Each day will feature 80 minute sessions and will cost members \$200.00 for the four days.

English camp dates for Sharon White – Last Frontier Farm – June 15, June 22, and June 29.

Melissa Hunsberger is coming back to the region but has unfortunately not been able to renew her lease at Capstone Farm. A new venue will be announced as soon as possible. Until this has been decided, Morven Park has been reserved to host lessons.

Complaint: Morven Park - Standards and poles for use in the lessons are housed too far from the ring.

Western Lessons – Linda Giannino

Western camp will be held week beginning June 15. Western lessons have been offered at two different times during the day; evening lessons have not proved popular and have not been filled.

New Business

Dover Saddlery Tent Sale - Dover Saddlery have asked if Tri State would like to participate in their planned open house on Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11. The tent event will be held from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm. Tri State has a tent with side panels that can be utilized and videos of Tri State events and lessons can be shown during the day. Pat Brescia asked for volunteers.

Temple Hall Farm – John Moore – Temple Hall is planning to host a fun obstacle day. A meeting was held last week with Tri State Board Members to discuss possibilities. The event would be open to all comers and would be a timed trail event with optional jumps and obstacles with different classes for youth and adults. The obstacles would be natural i.e., things that you would normally see out on the trail. Temple Hall would like to make this an annual event. The idea is to utilize the entire trail system and confine the obstacle course to an enclosed area in case of a rider falling. John Moore is looking for people to help with the event. A room in the new building will be utilized as a cool off area where food would be available. Tri State will be able to have a display to promote the club in this building. The entrance fee to competitors is TBD and ribbons and prizes would be offered. A team competition would be offered where competitors are connected together for a five mile trail ride.

A decision was made to put a special committee together to help John Moore organize the event. Mr. Moore will be sending out a “save the date” notice for July 18 with a rain date of July 19.

Temple Hall trails open to the public on April 1.

The free lesson was won by Sonja Adams.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Temple Hall Farm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Peart