

# **Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2015**

## **Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, VA**

**Attendees:** Liz Shockley, Sharon Peart, Linda Giannino, Mary Gustafson, Marilyn Davis, Rosemary Lawler, Jessica Eads, Pat Whittle, Elaine Meilahn, Diana Hutchinson, Paige Phifer, Hila Wever,

**Mary Gustafson** called the meeting to order.

**The Treasurer's Report was read.**

**A gift of \$250.00 was given to Loudoun Therapeutic Riding.**

### **Western Lessons – Linda Giannino**

All western lessons are now held during the day and as long as members are interested in continuing lessons through the winter they will be organized. The lessons will be at either Morven Park or at Rosie Lawler's farm.

Both groups of the upcoming cow clinic to be held on November 14th are full and there is a wait list. Consideration is being made to add another experienced group on Sunday which will offer six more slots.

The beginning novice group – Introduce horses to cows in a controlled environment using live and mechanical cows. Horses learn quickly and are out in the field working them by the end of the clinic.

A suggestion was made to hold another cow clinic in the spring.

### **English Lessons**

Another lunging clinic is being considered to be held in January or April. Saturday lessons at Sharon White's is also a possibility.

### **Charitable Donations**

Consideration is being made to give a donation to Ride on Ranch, the Equine Medical Center compassionate care fund and to support a rescue horse in some way.

A motion was put forward to send out a list of suggested organizations to support to TSRC membership for consideration before the next meeting in November. 10% of available club funds is typically donated to worthy causes at the end of each year.

### **Sound System Purchase**

Consideration is being given by the TSRC board to purchase a sound system that can be used during English and Western lessons. Mary Flood uses a system successfully during dressage lessons. This system could enhance video footage as a recording of the lesson can be made. This system also allows auditors to hear and enhance their learning experience.

### **Camp Highroad**

Organized and ready for October 31<sup>st</sup>. Trails will be ridden before by Liz Shockley and Robyn Harter and marked ready for the ride. Lunch will be under the pine trees overlooking the pond.

### **Winter Party – Ride On Ranch**

A tentative date of January 23<sup>rd</sup> was discussed for the TSRC Winter Party.

### **Tack Sale**

Due to the inability to find someone to volunteer to organize the tack sale, it was decided to contact Loudoun County Equine Alliance and see if they would like to host it in 2016. The hope is that TSRC can maybe still stay involved in some way in the future.

**The free lesson was won by Sharon Peart**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Thursday, November 19, 2015

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Peart