

# **Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2016**

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

**Attendees:** Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia , Liz Shockley, Elaine Meilahn, , Sharon Peart, Linda Giannino, Mary Gustafson, , Hila Wever, Paula Horne, Martha Hummer, Bambi Welch, Anya Stiller, Jen Sullivan, Patty Tracy, Sonja Adams, Allison Bryant, Nancy Reppert, Diane Hutchinson, Jill Jakalevicius, Pat Whittle, Nicole Caruso, Stephani Jennings, Mike Jennings, Robyn Harter, Marilyn Davis, Gary White, Patty Tracy, Paige Phifer

**Pat Brescia** called the meeting to order.

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

### **Grooming Clinic**

A grooming clinic will be offered on April 10, 2016 from 9:30 am until 5:00 pm. The presenter, Cat Hill works for Phillip Dutton, a renowned eventer. Cat Hill and Emma Ford have written a book on the subject which will be available to purchase on the day (signed!).

The cost of this clinic is \$25.00 and the day will be broken up into four sessions:

- Stable Management and Safety
- Clipping for work and show.
- Hairy Bits!
- Tack Fitting, Boots and Leg Care

The clinic will be held at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in the main treatment room and will be limited to 25 participants. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chair and lunch.

### **Lunging Clinic**

A lunging clinic hosted by Mary Flood will be held on April 17, 2016. Registration will be by mail and only eight places are available for participants. The cost of this clinic is \$145.00 to participate with your horse and \$65.00 to audit. The participants will learn how to long line their horse as well as working with long lines over poles. In the morning there will be an option to either work in hand with your horse or work on your position mounted on the lunge line. Each session will last for 40 minutes. This is a fabulous opportunity to learn how to lunge properly which is an art form!

### **Western Lessons**

Western lessons have been continued through January and part of February at Morven Park and will continue to be held at 11:00 am every Tuesday. Western camp will be held on June 27, 2016, partly at Morven Park and partly at Ride on Ranch.

### **English Lessons**

Four pages of lesson options are being offered. A Cross County Schooling with Alyssa Peterson is being offered on April 5, 2016 at Morven Park who will charge \$50.00 to use the facility and Alyssa Peterson will be an additional \$65.00. On Sunday 24 April, 2016 a cross country schooling

opportunity is being offered at Woodstock with Martha Wunder for \$50.00 - beginner novice to novice level.

### **Camp**

To be held once again at Last Frontier Farm. The dates will be June 13, June 27 and July 4 with each Friday of those weeks being the optional rain date. There will be three sessions per camp. Registration will be open next month and there will be levels for all and will run from 5:00 pm to dark.

Please let one of the board members know if you are intending on going to both the English and Western camps so that accommodations can be made. The price remains at \$250.00 for the four night program with two lessons per night. No refunds will be offered.

### **Hunt Club Farms, Berryville**

<http://huntclubfarms.net/>

Hunt Club Farms is an eventing facility in Berryville, VA. They have an outdoor arena as well as an indoor ring and a full cross country course with a water feature. They offer cross country schooling once a month and are holding a recognized combined test at the facility on March 25, 2016. They offer schooling opportunities on the first Thursday and Friday each month and occasionally hold a ride and wine event. Hunt Club Farms and are always looking for volunteers. To volunteer you do not need to have any experience and can be trained on the day. Incentives are offered to volunteers.

### **Loudoun County Equine Alliance**

The Loudoun County Equine Alliance (LCEA) are holding an Equine Expo on March 31<sup>st</sup> at Eight Chains North, Otium Vineyard in Purcellville. This will be a gathering of local equine businesses and people. Attendance is free and the event will run from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Results of an Equine Study will be made available during the evening.

### **Crystal Crown Judged Trail Ride – Robyn Harter**

This will take place the Sunday following camp on July 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a part of a series of judged pleasure rides which entails negotiating various obstacles. Competitors range from very casual to serious competitors and culminates in an awards banquet at the end of the season. Snickersville Hounds have previously sponsored this event but wish to make 2016 their last year. It has been suggested that Tri-State take on the responsibility of this event from 2017 onwards.

**Action: Patty Tracy to talk to the organizers to further understand this commitment.**

**The free lesson was won by Linda Giannino.**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Peart