

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2016

Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, VA

Attendees: Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia, Elaine Meilahn, Sharon Peart, Linda Giannino, Marilyn Davis, Gary White

Pat Brescia called the meeting to order.

The Treasurer's Report was not available.

Dr. Krista Estell – Lecture: "Upper Respiratory Disease"

Dr. Estell gave a fascinating lecture on Upper Respiratory Disease. An anatomical review was followed by an in-depth description of clinical signs and diagnosis as well as a review of common respiratory diseases.

Tack Sale

The **Tri-State Tack Sale** will be held on February 18th 2017 with a snow date of February 19th at the **Lovettsville Game Protective Association**, 16 S Berlin Pike, Lovettsville, VA 20180. The lead organizer for this event is Talia Czipski.

Winter Party

This will be held sometime in mid-January 2017. Further details to follow.

Christmas Parade Purcellville, Virginia

The United States Trail Riding Association (USTR) is the host for the mounted group for the Christmas Parade event which will be held on December 10, 2016. Riders will meet in the South parking lot near the practice field at Loudoun Valley High School; the lot closest to town.

Mechanical Cow Introduction and Western Lessons

An evening clinic will be offered on the evening of Thursday, December 8, 2016. Western lessons will continue to be available during the day through the winter months.

English Lessons

The December schedule has been emailed to members. Mary Gustafson is on holiday from November 27th – December 13 and would like riders to confirm slots prior to November 25th if possible. After this date only emergency changes will be made which will be handled by Elaine Meilahn.

End of Year Tri-State Donations

Four different requests for support have been suggested by members:

1. Horse belonging to Sue Webb who passed away on October 15, 2016 have been taken on by the Middleburg Humane Foundation who are requesting donations of support for the horses which are likely to be in their care for a long time.
2. Central Horse Rescue who have nine blind horses in their care which need support.
3. Project Horse – Therapeutic program – donation to support African orphan with mental health problems. Parents are seeking therapy for daughter which is not covered by insurance.
4. Loudoun Therapeutic Riding – Looking for funding for a special wheelchair that can be placed in a driving cart called a Tomato Chair. It can be used in multiple vehicles.

Action: A motion was made and approved to support options 1, 3 and 4.

The free lesson was won by Linda Giannino.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2017

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Peart