

## MINUTES – TRI-STATE RIDING CLUB – MAY 18, 2017

Meeting called to order by Robyn Harter, president, at 7:05p

Attending: Liz Shockley, Robyn Harter, Patty Tracy, Bambi Welch-Earl, Marcy Cantatore, Hila Wever, Carol Stocks, Mary Gustafson, Linda Giannino, Allison Hodge, Phil Reppert, Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Hannah Schofield, Jen Sullivan, Patti Psaris, Elaine Meilahn, Marilynn Davis, Bill Aiton.

**Speaker:** Paige Poss of Ironfree Hoof, presenting on hoof anatomy. Paige gave out handouts on finding the digital pulse. Her talk focused on damage to the laminae and coffin bone from laminitis with slides as well as bone specimens.

**CeeCoach purchase proposed:** Judy and Pat Brescia brought samples of the CeeCoach system used for communication during a lesson by the instructor and up to 4 students plus a unit record sound for video recording the lesson. Best for ring use as range would not be sufficient for cross-country lessons. Units can be used with any headphone. A motion was made to buy a set of six for TSRC, to reside with the Brescias who will bring them to Mary Flood's for TSRC lessons. They will be tested at Mary Flood's to decide whether to offer them at additional lesson venues.

**Dressage Camp:** Mary Gustafson announced that there will again be two dressage camps for 2017, held at Wildfire Farm. Camp 1 will begin on Aug 21 and Camp 2 on Aug 28. Two groups at different levels will be offered with daily 85min sessions for each group to be held Mon-Wed with Friday to showcase the lessons learned by offering a 'fix-a-test' of the rider's choice. Mark your calendars.

**SmugMug:** TSRC lessons that are recorded by Pat Brescia are posted on SmugMug as photos and often as videos within a few days of the lesson. Photos can be purchased very reasonably on SmugMug and the videos are free. (Thank you Pat!)

**USTR Memorial Day Ride:** Bill Aiton announced that this year's USTR Memorial Day Ride will be held at the Blue Ridge Center on Sunday May 28 with Monday as a rain date. Proceeds will go to Ride-On-Ranch, Little Fork Equine Emergency Rescue, and The Blue Ridge Center. There are trails which do not require shod horses.

**Mechanical Cow:** A suggestion was made that TSRC offer a 'mechanical cow clinic' prior to the Western cow camp this year. Linda said that she will check with Ride-On-Ranch for available dates and will aim to offer it on a weekend.

**Next Meeting:** NOTE – there will be NO TSRC meeting in June due to the camps, and the next meeting will be in July. Welch-Earl.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine Meilahn on behalf of Sharon Peart, TSRC secretary