



Friday, November 16, 2018

MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was held at Another Turn Tack Shop, Purcellville, VA, at 7:00 pm.

Called to order by President Robyn Harter at or about 7:00 pm.

The following Officers were in attendance:

President Robyn Harter

Vice President Hila Wever

Secretary Judith Lovegrove

Treasurer Liz Shockley

Marketing Judy Brescia

English Lesson Coordinators Mary Gustafson and Elaine Meilahn

Western Lesson Coordinators Linda Giannino and Susan Payne

Special Events Coordinator Elaine Meilahn

The following officers were not in attendance:

None

26 Members were in attendance. New member Perry Macalanoush was welcomed. The meeting was rescheduled from last night because of weather. The meeting was preceded by an hour of socializing and shopping, with a pot luck, at the Shop.

1. Treasurer: Liz. Bank balance is over \$18,000.

Over 50% of members who take lessons now pay via pay pal.

Donations suggested:

\$600 to USEF, which donates 100% to nonprofit equine/animal rescue organizations in the areas affected by the fire (“Camp Fire”) in California, which is the worst in the state’s history.

\$600 to Ride on Ranch Angel fund.

\$600 to Panama City Florida horse rescue in light of the damage caused by Hurricane Michael.

Mary Gustafson moved to donate \$1800 to the three funds stated above, \$600 to each fund. I seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

2. Election for treasurer and president: Hila/VP. Liz (treasurer) and Robyn (president) offered to do another term but if anyone wants to nominate anyone or them that would be fine.
3. Christmas Parade. Gary will go again. But Judy is not available to coordinate. December 15, 2018. Still need coordinator but if no one steps forward, members can participate on their own if they coordinate with the USTR.
4. English Riding Lessons. Elaine and Mary. Mary put out schedule.

Open position: Still need English Lesson Seller/Coordinator. Contact Elaine or Mary if interested.

5. Western Riding Lessons: Linda Giannani. Susan Payne will begin in January.

Use Morven in December. \$50 per person. \$40 per person when we use ROR. 2 sessions on Tuesdays are filled and no others have been scheduled by Morven Manager at the same time. Stephanie is a good instructor. They use Tinker Bell the mechanical cow on Tuesdays at 11:00.

6. Winter Party. At ROR. Possible dates January 5, 12, with 12 and 19 snow dates, or 26 (Saturday nights).
7. Tack Sale. At Fairgrounds February 16. Same coordinator as last year. Discussed whether or not less people show up to sell each year. But as tables sold out last year we will likely go forward with the sale again.
8. Automation of the English lesson Sign Up process. Perry and Jackie (names?) discussed putting the English lesson schedule into an application to facilitate automatic sign up by the member via web, facebook site, or an email circulated form. Concerns about privacy were discussed. Unless more than names and emails are circulated there are no privacy issues that must be addressed legally. Further, it may be possible to do without disclosing sign up names and emails to other members who sign up at the time the class schedule is circulated if it is on the web. Names are circulated via email now and that has never been an issue to members. It was encouraged to create an automated sign up process to simplify the work of the lesson coordinators. Any such process could be used for Western lessons as well.

Meeting was adjourned at or about 8:30.