



Thursday, October 18, 2018

**MEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting was held at The Marion Du Pont Equine Medical Center (EMC) at 7:00 pm.

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

The following Officers were in attendance:

President Robyn Harter

Vice President Hila Wever

Secretary Judith Lovegrove

Treasurer Liz Shockley

Judy Brescia, Marketing

English Lesson **Coordinator** Mary Gustafson

Western Lesson Coordinator Linda Giannino

Special Events Coordinator Elaine Meilahn

The following officers were not in attendance:

None

26 Members were in attendance.

1. Guest Speakers: Diane Landau and Rhonda Boatwright talked about the formation and history of the TSRC.

Diane Landau started the club in 2000. She had read an article about “The Old People’s Riding Club” (OPRC) in Ireland and thought it would be fun

here in the US. The idea was to create a riding club for those 21 or older. In Maryland there was a chapter of the OPRC so Diane formed this club and operated under their charter and rules. Linda Bleu, Jean Gartner, Mary Potter, a couple from Maryland joined and initially they went through pony club ratings, as in the OPRC. There were some limitations, e.g., coverage under insurance, a rule that they could only host 4 events a year, etc. Then Diane discovered the head executives were taking nice trips each year overseas, etc. There were concerns that the dues were not going back into the club efficiently. So Diane decided to separate this club from the OPRC and set up our own rules, goals and standards.

Gene Gartner, a member, helped separate this club from the OPRC organization by obtaining a court order. Once this was accomplished the new club, the TSRC, was formed. Activities were expanded. Money from dues and raised in activities goes back into the club and members decide what to do with the funds. Officers volunteer their time.

The TSRC has continued to grow until today. Its' focus turned to education and by 2003 it was geared toward lessons and eventing. A facebook presence was created. Now the club continues with its focus on training and eventing, and western riding lessons, trail riding, dressage lessons, participation in parades and other activities have been added.

Rhonda Boatwright: Remembered doing meetings at the fairgrounds and relayed different amusing vignettes. For example, they bet on the weight of draft horse of 1800 lbs, then walked him right up on the scales to weigh him, and he cooperated quite well. She remembered the obstacle competitions at the fairgrounds. Most importantly, Rhonda appreciated the camaraderie and inclusiveness that the club continues to promote to this day.

Pat presented a slide show displaying photos of all the members and activities throughout the years. The show ends with a listing of the names of every member who has ever been a member of the club. The show will be posted on the website.

2. English Lesson and Show Update. Mary Gustafson is stepping down. Elaine is the new coordinator of lessons, locations and talent. There will also be a coordinator for the attendees but they don't have a name yet. Mary has done this for 7 years. The members showed their appreciation of her selflessness, hard work and dedication to doing a fantastic job throughout the years.

Open position: English Lesson Seller/Coordinator: the schedule will be based upon what Elaine sets up. Responsibilities will be to collect names on the spread sheet, be the email contact, send the amounts of pay and lesson schedule to Liz monthly, and otherwise manage the attendees. Record changes, make sure people show, be the liason between attendees and trainers, and Elaine, etc. Contact Elaine or Mary if interested.

Options for indoor: Hedgeland possible for Sunday am, and Kingland Farm (aka Milestone Farm; Hannah Schofield's new place) in Lovettsville is a possible option.

Cavaletti clinic: After attending a cavaletti clinic with Hannah Schofield at Lisa Helmer's they want to introduce it here. Debbie Brink has put together a clinic. It is for all types and experience levels of riders and horses; not just for eventers only. The classes will have 3 riders for 45 minutes and cost \$45. The location will be at Milestone Farm (formerly Kingland Farm) on November 17.

3. Western Riding Lessons: Linda Giannani

Went back to indoor lessons at Morven. Some members happier at ROR so will schedule at both for November and see what happens. Must have a group of more than 4 at Morven because Morven is more expensive.

Issue at ROR is size of arena; Morven bigger. 4 at ROR is \$40, \$20 for bulk passes at Morven, 4 people there pay \$50 each.

At Morvin the gates close at dark but open from the inside automatically. Can come in back way during daylight.

Linda is stepping down. Susan Paine has agreed to take her place and they've met and there should be a smooth transition and Linda will help as needed. If anyone wants to volunteer feel free because it is not firm yet. Everyone expressed their appreciation to Linda's selflessness, dedication and hard work in volunteering to coordinate these lessons.

Stephanie Jennings teaches; now took over from Charlie who may not come back. Everyone likes Stephanie as a teacher.

4. Election for treasurer and president: Hila/VP will send something out and will accept nominations.
5. Participation in Purcellville Parade December 15, 2018: Gary White in USTR and Judy Brescia handled before. Gary drove ATV and cleaned up after horses and needs help for that. Judy is not available this year so we need someone to organize our participation, 2 to organize parking, a couple more as banner holders, etc. Organizer will meet with town and USTR at meeting to go over concerns and keep a roster of participants and banner holder. Last year USTR and TSRC went first because they were coordinated. Coordinator will need 6 volunteers and will collect rider names.
6. Treasurer: Liz. Year-end donations. Must address at next meeting: \$500 to morvin, event riders, wounded warrior project, 4 horse, let us know ideas ahead a time.
7. Next meeting November 15 at Another Turn Tack Shop (we provide wine and cheese and shopping at 6 and meet at 7).

8. Thanks to Diane and Cathy for setting up and keeping updated website and facebook.
9. Treasurer \$17,418 in bank

The following was pointed out by Robyn:

- 9 people in club are going to the Hunt Club horse trial this weekend.
- Next year we hope to send a TSRC team to the CDCTA Horse Trial.
- We currently have 130 members and still have people joining this time of year.

Meeting was adjourned at or about 8:25.