

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2012

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Attendees – Nancy Byrd, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Patty Tracy, Amy Orr, Mary Gustafson, Michelle Johns, Lisa Woods, Kathi Watts, Leanne Accorti, Liz Shockley, Laura Guillaudeu, Rosemary Lawler, Linda Giannino, Sally Wolfe, Diane Hutchinson, Dorothy Beach, Gretchen Hummer, Paige Phifer, Karen Ingerson, Romy Walker, Elaine Meilahn

Intro Remarks – The meeting was called to order by our president, Nancy Byrd, at 7:00. She began with an item of horse trivia that the first horse shoe was invented by the Romans. It was called a hippo sandal and attached to the hoof with a thong.

Board Meeting – The TSRC Board met recently to discuss plans for the coming year. They wanted to hold some events which be beneficial to all or most of the members. A variety of clinicians were discussed including Wendy Murdoch, Rick Pelicano, Joyce Harmon, Jimmy Wofford and Ricky Quinn, a student of Buck Brannaman. Please let the board know of your suggestions.

Wendy Murdoch Clinic - Wendy Murdoch was chosen for the first clinic as she is highly regarded and her scope covers all disciplines. An unmounted clinic has been tentatively set up for March 31, 2012. Wendy can have up to 25 attendees per session and the session lasts a half day. There will no charge for the clinic to TSRC members and it is only available to TSRC members. Please contact Linda Giannino at barnqueen@loudounwireless.com ASAP if you want to attend. Wendy is a world renowned clinician and highly credentialed and her methods are particularly useful for older riders. Please check out her website at http://wendymurdoch.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1.

US Rider – US Rider (an emergency towing service for equestrians) has offered to discount there membership by \$10 for any club member signing up for their service in February. They will also give the club \$10.

Volunteer Hours – The board has decided to suspend the volunteer hours program, as we are not holding any major fund raisers and we do not foresee any upcoming events where they would be applicable. We are trying to hold events in which more members can benefit such as the upcoming Wendy Murdoch clinic.

English Camp – Mary reported that Last Frontier Farm is willing to host our camps again this summer. The dates have not yet been worked out. Mary still has some lessons going with Mary Flood and Judi Novak – please sign up if you can make it. Also – Sharon White is currently featured on the Eventing Nation website.

Western Lessons – Linda reported that the Western lessons have a Tuesday noon group that has been going in addition to the Tuesday evening group. The last noon lesson had to be cancelled due to lack of participants but they will go on.

Western Camp – Linda reported that Autumn has found a guy to teach Western Camp with her. The date has not yet been decided.

Camp Highroad Ride – Liz reported that Camp Highroad said we could ride there any Sunday in March or April but they could only provide lunches on certain dates. The club decided to hold the ride on Sunday, April 15 at 10:00. This ride will be open to all TSRC members and lunch will be provided. It will just be a pleasure ride and the trails are lovely.

Obstacle Training Day – Rosemary will host a play day on April 21 for members only at her farm in Lucketts. Members can bring their horses and practice on ACTHA style obstacles in a low key setting. There will probably be a limit as to how many she can accommodate. Watch your email for further information.

Fundraising Ride for LTRF – Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation will host another fund raising ride at Morven Park on May 12. The fall ride got rave reviews.

Next Meeting - Will be held on March 15 and the speaker will be Trooper Tershak who will go over the trailering and vehicle regulations.

Free Lesson Drawing - Linda Giannino was the lucky winner. A drawing will be held at each meeting for a lesson but you must attend to be entered.

The meeting was turned over to our guest speaker, Terry Peiper, of Fit Right Saddle Solutions, who gave us a very informative demonstration of saddle fitting and the underlying anatomy of the horse. We were fortunate to have a research horse to demonstrate for us and the EMC graciously allowed us to use both their examination room.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia