

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2011

Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library

Attendees – Nancy Byrd, Liz Shockley, Marilyn Davis, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Patty Tracy, Amy Orr, Mary Gustafson, Betsy Dove, Michelle Johns, Lisa Woods, Rosemary Lawler, Elaine Meilahn

Intro remarks - The meeting was called to order by our president, Nancy Byrd at 7:03 pm. She began with an announcement that the farrier who had been scheduled to speak at the meeting was unable to attend due to illness.

Funeral Honor Guard – Nancy thanked the TSRC members who trailered to Falls Church to provide a mounted honor guard at Buddy Williams' funeral. The family was very touched by the effort and the horses were extremely well behaved.

Trailer Safety – On the way back from the funeral, one of the horse trailers got a flat on the toll road. The riders were well prepared with reflective triangles and a wheel chock but it served as an important reminder to always carry these items in your truck. Flares have a limited lifetime and are not reusable or as visible as the triangles, which can be purchased in most automotive departments.

Franklin Park – A public input meeting is to be held to discuss the parking for commuters and horse trailers at Franklin Park. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8 at 7 pm, in the Franklin Park Arts Center. Please attend if possible to support the horse trailer parking.

Loudoun Therapeutic Riding Foundation – LTRF will be having its Road Apple Rally to raise funds on Oct. 29 at Morven Park. Supporters can buy squares for \$10 each and if that square is selected by the pony, the buyer receives a \$1000 prize. A motion was made and passed for TSRC to buy ten squares. Liz will send a check. There will also be a trail ride held in conjunction with the Road Apple Rally and TSRC will try to get a contingent to attend as a group.

Treasurer's Report – Liz reported that we are quite solvent and our bank account hit a new high.

Poker Ride - Liz reported that the Poker Ride was a resounding success. We had 43 registered riders and 29 actual riders. Many didn't show due to the dire weather forecast but it was actually a very nice day. The ride grossed \$1370 and half of the net profit will be donated to Camp Highroad. Everyone loved the trails and we hope to do it again next year. We also may try to have a ride and pot luck at Camp Highroad just for the membership later in the year. The winners were 1) Nicole Eads (not a current member but winner of a 2012 membership, 2) Sharon Lopez and 3) Michelle Johns. They received buckets of goodies which were included donations by Southern States, Farm Credit, and Dover Saddlery, as well as the \$100 winner's cash prize. We were actually able to award to 6 places. Thanks to the small hard working group who put this on.

English Lessons and Foxhunting Camp – Mary reported that the Fox Hunting camp is going to be held on September 12, 13 and 14th. A flyer is available on the website and people need to register by September 2. This clinic promises to be very educational and a lot of fun so please sign up! The fall semester of English lessons is also beginning with lessons scheduled at River Farm, Hampton Hill and Lincoln Equestrian Center. The instructors currently scheduled are Judi Novak, Kate Byron and Jon Sonkin and there is a variety of both flat and jumping classes so sign up quick to guarantee your spot!

Christmas Party (actually AfterChristmas Party) – Rosemary has been talking to various wineries and venues but cannot make any real plans without knowing what the club is willing to spend per person. Discussion was held and several venues suggested including the Hamilton Safety Center, the Rust Sanctuary, Dry Mill Winery and the old Hillsboro School. Various people were going to check on availability and report back at the next meeting. The general feeling was a specific wine based dinner might not appeal to many of the membership and we need more discussion.

Parelli Lesson – Rosemary reported that the Parelli lessons would be held at her farm in conjunction with her already planned Parelli play dates. The first lessons will be on 8/28 with lessons at 9:30 am and 2 pm. There is at least 1 slot available in each.

Western Lessons – They are continuing.

Facebook – No further activity has occurred on this but since Pat has finally completed the videos for the 3 English camps, he will contact Kathi and Leslie and coordinate this effort.

Camp Videos – After many long nights of editing, Pat has completed the dvds of the 3 weeks of camp at Sharon's. A separate video is available for each of the 3 weeks and they include footage from both of the groups. Each DVD costs \$10 but the entire amount will be donated to Sharon White to use in funding her competitions. The DVD's currently available are in the regular DVD format to play on the TV or computer but if you would prefer one in MP4 format so it can be loaded to iphones, ipads, etc, just contact Pat and tell him the week you want. Just as an aside: Pat is the only member of the club who attended every single day of every single camp (and he's got the pictures to prove it!).

Lovettsville Park – Loudoun Horseman's Association (LHA) would like to combine forces with TSRC and USTR and co-sponsor a Bingo Ride at Lovettsville Park. This would be the first equestrian event open to the public at the site. The club voted to go forward with it. Nancy and Rosemary will attend the planning meetings. The actual ride will be held on Sunday, October 16.

Cookbook Committee – Rhonda reported that the committee met again and has decided to shelve this project for the time being due to the down state of the economy. She would still love to receive recipes and will pick up the project again next year if it seems more viable.

Gymkhana – Amy reported that the gymkhana had tentatively been scheduled for 11/6 at Hampton Hill but we realized that the date conflicts with the Rubicon Horse Trials so she will try to reschedule it for the following weekend.

Memorial Gift in Honor of Buddy Williams – The club voted to make a memorial gift in honor of Buddy Williams to AQHA. His life will be honored with a Hall of Fame Medallion which will be installed in the Wall of Honor Plaza in the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia