

Tri Sate Riding Club

Minutes for meeting on March 15, 2012

Present:

Amy Orr, Nancy Byrd, Mary Gustafson, Rosemary Lawler, Leanne Accorti, Laura Guillaudeu, Vicky Rosa, Marilyn Davis, Diane Grove, Liz Shockley, Rhonda Boatwright, Patty Tracy, Linda Giannino, Lisa Woods, Michelle Johns, Kathy Broadus, Elaine Meilahn

Meeting:

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Nancy Byrd. Nancy announced to the club that once again we need to find a suitable replacement for our web administrator, Kathi Watts. Kathi has managed the club's website for nearly ten years and is in need of turning over the reins.

Speaker:

After her brief announcement Nancy then introduced our guest speaker, Master Trooper, Robert J. Tershak, Area 67, Fairfax, VA.

Trooper Tershak started his presentation with a brief personal history, stating that he and his wife have two children and are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. He went further to state that his wife had ridden as a girl and there remains a great affection for horses that he and his wife share. Therein lies his interest in presenting to us the "Rules of the Road" for those using trucks and trailers on Virginia roadways.

Trooper Tershak works under the Motor Carrier Safety Administration with a division called the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. He was very thorough in his discussion about the size of vehicles, the permits required and safe driving behavior. Regulations are much too many to cover in the minutes but suffice it to say that most of the people in TSRC will not fall under commercial regulations unless their cumulative weight is over 26,000 lbs.

It was very informational, lively and delivered in a very approachable context.

General:

Marilynn Davis was present complete with a neck brace she wears as a result of surgery after her serious automobile accident in early March. She is slowly recovering but will have to stay unmounted for a bit of time.

Elaine Meilahn, Vice President, passed around club registration forms to those who have not rejoined. She urges all those who have not renewed and wishing to do so please DO IT! Or risk missing out on hearing about some of the fabulous opportunities coming up.

Kathy Broadus announced that the 4.5 mile loop around Temple Hall Farm in Lucketts is now complete. She sites manager, John Moore as a major help in the work. It includes log jumps and a driving lane. Footing is good. Kathy tested the course on March 18. Trail is open year round and is free of charge. Thanks to Kathy who has volunteered much of her time toward the goal of having this trail available.

Put Thursday, March 29 from 7-9 pm on your calendar for a meet and greet and short lecture on affordable equine nutrition sponsored by Southern States to be held at Sykes Hall on the 4H grounds off Dry Mill Road. Featured speakers Dr. Adams, Equine Nutritionist and Dr. Lee, Equine Vet. Event is free of charge.

Nancy announced that the board would be creating a policy to define a “Member in good standing”. Recent events have made it necessary to create policy. Something will be presented at the next meeting.

Camp High Road Club Ride and Picnic is on for April 15 at 10am. Lunch and soft drinks are provided at 12:30. Just you and your horse show up and enjoy a fun ride through the beautiful woods and fields of Camp High Road.

Ideas for free clinics were suggested by club members:

Dressage for Western Riders

Todd Johnson (fees suggested)

Any ideas are welcome

Western Lessons and Camp:

Continue on Tuesday afternoons. Camp will happen but dates TBD.

Wendy Murdoch Clinic:

This a club-wide clinic and free of charge to be held March 31 from 1-5. Announcements have been sent out. Out of 25 spots, five are still available. Contact Linda Giannino to register or for more information. barnqueen@loudounwireless.com

English Lessons, Clinics and Camp:

Lessons kick off April 4. We will continue using Judi Novak, Jon Sonkin and Mary Flood and will introduce a new trainer, Janie Rentz. We will continue using Hampton Hill and River Farm as venues.

A polo clinic was proposed and well received. Look for plans for that in the near future. A driving Clinic is happening on May 12 on the farm of Maryalice Matheson. Details have and will be announced again.

Camp is on! Save the date. First session is June 12-15, Second is June 18-21 and third is June 25-28. Same times, place and cost as last year. Packets available at the April meeting.

Treasurer’s report:

Liz Shockley reports:

Income-

\$2965 income

\$10 donation

\$15 tack sale

expense-

\$339.75 facility rental

\$1315 instructor fees

\$393 misc.

Patty Tracy won the monthly drawing for the free lesson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

