

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2012

Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library

Attendees – Nancy Byrd, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Patty Tracy, Amy Orr, Mary Gustafson, Linda Giannino, Elaine Meilahn

Intro Remarks – The meeting was called to order by our president, Nancy Byrd, at 7:04. Because it was so nice, we convened outside. Nancy read the Treasurer's report and we are still quite solvent.

Temple Hall Trail Dedication – On May 12, the Temple Hall Equestrian Trail was officially opened and a group of TSRC members were in attendance. Nancy presented John Moore with our \$1000 donation check for the signage. The trail is lovely, safe, well-marked and includes jumps and water crossings. The parking is excellent. Mary is planning on writing the Eagle Scout who did most of the work on the trail a thank you letter on behalf of TSRC.

Memorial Donation – The club will donate \$100 to the Spirit Open Equestrian Program in memory of Terry Reese, Jeannie Jirucha's late husband.

General Donation Policy – The club discussed the need for formalizing our policy on donations. It was decided to look at our past donations to see our prior spending patterns in order to establish some guidelines for future donations. It was also decided that large donations (.ie., over \$300 should be discussed at a meeting, then published in the minutes and subsequently voted on at the following meeting. It was decided to continue with the historic precedent that smaller expenditures (no more than \$300) could be voted on by the board or at a meeting and that continuing expenditures (ie, insurance, website fee, smugmug, etc) would not need to be put to a vote.

Camp Highroad – We are tentatively planning on holding a poker ride there again in August. The date has not yet been established. We would again split the proceeds with Camp Highoad.

Lovettsville Park Fundraiser – LHA and USTR have agreed to participate in having a trail ride to benefit the (future) Lovettsville Equestrian Facility in October. As no one present at the meeting volunteered to work on it, we will not participate unless one or more members comes forward and wants to work on the project. Please contact Nancy Byrd if you are interested.

Valley View Trail Ride – TSRC will be hosting a members only trail ride at Valley View Farm in Hamilton, VA on July 21. The ride will begin at 5 pm and last approximately 2 hours and be followed by a pot luck supper. The club will pay the facility cost but please bring a dish to share. There will be a fast group and a leisurely group. This will be in lieu of the annual pool party so even if you don't want to ride, please come for the dinner.

Website – The website has been updated to reflect our current roster of instructors.

Camps – In June TSRC will be holding 4 sessions of camp. All but the final session are filled and have waiting lists. Because of the camps, **our next membership meeting will be held on July 19.**

Free Lesson Drawing – Mary Gustafson was our lucky (and well deserving) winner.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia