

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

Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library

Attendees – Nancy Byrd, Rhonda Boatwright, Judy Brescia, Patty Tracy, Amy Orr, Betsy Dove, Mady Tobias, Edwin Tobias, Linda Giannino, Pat Brescia, Carol Dennis, Elaine Meilahn, Colleen Muldoon, Liz Shockley

Intro Remarks – The meeting was called to order by our president, Nancy Byrd, at 7:00. Due to the lovely weather it was held outdoors. Nancy started with a fun fact that, according to the Guinness Book of Records, the oldest known horse was a barge horse named Billy who lived from 1760 to 1822. We had several new members so all who were in attendance introduced themselves.

Poker Ride – Liz reported that we had 55 paid entries and 52 actually rode. The weather was beautiful and we only got positive feedback from the riders. Prizes included \$100 cash to the winner (who graciously donated it back to Camp Highroad), buckets of goodies and 2013 TSRC memberships to the top three hands. A motion was made and carried to donate \$1000.00 back to Camp Highroad. The club's profit was approximately \$900.

Speakers for Upcoming Meetings – A general discussion was held in regard to speakers at future meeting. We decided that, while the speakers are great, we need to limit the presentation time to thirty minutes and that we need to set aside some meetings to not have speakers so that we could have enough time to discuss our business and upcoming events, such as elections, donations, etc. Several suggestions were made for upcoming topics, including a pilates instructor who caters to equestrians, several veterinary topics (what to keep in a first aid kit and practical first aid). Some topics could be part of a meeting and others could be held as separate clinics. Elaine and Patty agreed to work together to come up with a schedule and some speakers and other suggestions are welcome. Some possible clinics suggested were a mounted clinic with Wendy Murdoch and one with Todd Johnson.

Gymkhana – Amy Orr again volunteered to spearhead this event. She will check with Hampton Hill to see if there are available weekend dates in early November.

Elections – The positions of Treasurer and President will be up for election. An email will be sent to the membership soliciting nominations. Members are free to nominate themselves. More about the elections will be discussed at the September meeting.

Summer Trail Ride at Valley View – The ride was originally scheduled for July and had to be cancelled due to rain. It will now be held at 9 am on September 8, followed by a pot luck lunch. Please email me at Newmont@hotmail.com if you plan to attend and I will keep the tally.

Western Lessons – Continue to be held on Tuesday evenings at Hampton Hill at 7 pm. Please contact Linda at barnqueen@loudounwireless.com if you would like to attend.

English Lessons – Will resume in September when May returns from vacation.

Horse Show Times – The publication is running a special right now on advertising. The club voted to put an ad in the next four issues.

Raffle – Betsy Dove won the free lesson. Remember that everyone who attends the meeting are put in a drawing for a free lesson.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20. Because we had some new members I am attaching the links for Franklin Park and Temple Hall.

Franklin Park: <http://www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?NID=1397>

Temple Hall: http://www.nvrpa.org/park/temple_hall_farm/

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia