

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2013

Marion DuPont Scott EMC Library

Attendees – Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Nancy Byrd, Amy Orr, Patty Tracy, Linda Giannino, Rhonda Boatwright, Mary Gustafson, Elaine Meilahn, Robyn Harter, Samantha Rowland, Pat Armstrong, Pam Post.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by President Pat Brescia.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was read.

Camp Highroad New Member Ride – The ride was a big success. We had a total of 18 new members and 15 current members attended the ride. The weather was perfect.

English Camp – Elaine reported that the three camps are full with the exception of two slots in the Novice group on the 3rd week. Last Frontier Farm has been expanded to include the adjacent llama farm so campers can board at Sharon's during the week of camp. The cost for full board is \$40 per night. If you are interesting in boarding at Sharon's while at camp, please contact Elaine at elaine.meilahn@gmail.com.

Western Camp – Linda reported Western Camp has two spots open with a possibility of a 3rd who needs a replacement. On Friday June 21, the Western camp will hold their competition, followed by a pot luck. All members are invited to come and participate. We will hold a short meeting there in lieu of the normal meeting which would have been held on June 20 but conflicts with 2 camps.

Poker Ride – The Poker Ride will be held at Camp Highroad on August 18th. It will be open to the public. We need volunteers for dealers, registration and parking. The details are on our website under upcoming events. The pricing was discussed and we tentatively decided on \$35 for pre-registration with an optional lunch for an additional \$10. Post entries would be charged \$40 with no option to purchase lunch. Liz has the option to adjust these prices if she sees the need.

English Lessons – Mary reported that May will be our last full month of lessons. There will be a few in early June and then they will resume in September. Mary reported that the new coops, standards, poles and gates are ready to be picked up and installed at Hampton Hill. A group of volunteers from the club will assemble on Sunday to set up the jumps and the dressage arena. **Note:** As of 5 pm on Sunday, the new jumps are in, the dressage arena is up and the cross country field looks terrific. Thanks to Mary, Elaine, Dorothy, Wanda, Pat and Judy for setting it up. Special mention and thanks to Chad riding his mighty Mustang. It could not have been done without his help. Look forward to new and challenging jumps both in the ring and outside as well as 'regulation' dressage.

Western Lessons – Linda reported that the western lessons continue on Tuesdays but are limited to two classes – at 11 am and at 7 pm.

Gaited Horse Clinic/Lessons – Nancy reported that this will be scheduled in the fall due to scheduling conflicts.

NVRPA Meeting – Pat reported that he met with Dan Kaseman from the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, along with representatives of the USTR and Loudoun Equine Alliance. NVRPA is soliciting input from the various equine organizations for feedback on what equestrians need/desire in order to use the trails. Adequate trailer parking was high on the list, along with well marked trails that advised other users to yield to horses. NVRPA has resolved many easement issues and it is now possible to ride a horse from Great Falls to Algonkian Park. They want to maintain an active line of communications with the equestrian community as the parks are developed.

Minimum Age to Join TSRC – A member requested clarification on what the minimum age for membership in TSRC and why it was established. Pat did some research and found that the bylaws specify that all members must be at least 21 years of age. Some of the founding members stated that the age was set at 21 because Pony Club went up to 21. A discussion was held on whether we want to amend the bylaws to reduce the minimum age to 18. The general consensus was that 18 – 21 year olds already have Pony Club and 4-H available to them and our club was established to educate and encourage adults who did not have other groups available to them.

Yahoo Group – If you would like to join the TSRC Yahoo Group, please email me (Judy) at newmont@hotmail.com and I will send you an invitation. The invitation will give you a link to sign up. Once you sign up you can set your own preferences as to whether you receive the emails in a digest, individually or you only read them on Yahoo. This group is intended for our members to converse with each other and post general horse announcements, advertise horse related items for sale, etc. I try to send every new member an invitation when they join TSRC but emails change so contact me if you want to sign up.

Next Meeting – Friday June 21, 2013 at Hampton Hill. Pot luck dinner – please bring a dish to share. Western Camp Competition starts around 5 pm – dinner around 6:30 – 7 pm and short business meeting.

Drawing for Free Lesson – it was won by Pat Brescia. **Note:** Any member attending the meeting is entered into a drawing for a free lesson.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Brescia