

# **Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2014**

## **Temple Hall Farm Regional Park, Leesburg, VA**

**Attendees:** Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia, Nicole Caruso, Jessica Eads, Liz Shockley, Mary Gustafson, Elaine Meilahn, Amy Orr, Robyn Harter, Mark Grimes, John Moore

**The Treasurer's Report was read.**

**Old Business and Tri-State Charitable Donations:**

Pat Brescia thanked the club for the \$500.00 donation to Ride On Ranch which culminated in a total of \$1,000.00 due to available matching funds.

**English Camp – Robyn Harter:** English camp is full. A third group was added to the first week with a wait list of two. The third group will have lessons primarily with Alyssa.

**English Lessons – Mary Gustafson:** Lesson sign up was available at the meeting. English lessons will continue into the second week in June with plans for some lessons in July. Lesson suggestions should be directed to Mary Gustafson.

**Western Camp:** Western camp will be held for two days at Morven Park and three days at Ride On Ranch during the first week in June. Nine of twelve slots currently filled.

**Temple Hall Farm:** John Moore informed the group that notices of trail restrictions at the farm are posted on the park sign-in booth and on Facebook. Signage is up on the booth and emergency services numbers are posted.

Mary Gustafson was asked regarding posting of such information to Tri-State members. The current TSRC policy is not to distribute outside of the Yahoo site which has 36 members versus 94 for the club as a whole. Patty Tracy agreed to form a committee to review communication protocol; the committee members will be Paula Horne, Mary Gustafson, Elaine Meilahn and Patty Tracy. Jeanette Lloyd suggested using 'docu-sign' software for online membership and waiver forms to avoid having to mail them to the members. She also suggested the use of a payment service such as 'Paypal' for dues payments. Elaine Meilahn offered to investigate software for these uses and report back to the club at the next meeting.

John Moore provided a tour of the farmyard, complete with heritage breed farm animals. A five month old mammoth mule was a hit with the crowd. Temple Hall Park has a total of 286 acres donated by Mrs. Symington who farmed the land from the 1940's through the early 1990's. The club met in the new LEED-certified building which is constructed largely of re-purposed materials from nearby farms.

**John Moore won the drawing for a free lesson which he respectfully declined and the second drawing was won by Paula Horne.**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19th 2014.

Minutes taken by Elaine Meilahn and submitted by Sharon Peart