

## **Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2014**

### **Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, VA**

**Attendees:** Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia, Nicole Caruso, Jessica Eads, Liz Shockley, Elaine Meilahn, Rhonda Boatwright, Patty Tracy, Sharon Peart, Paula Horne, Linda Giannino, Marilyn Davis, Ashley Russell, Hila Wever, Ann Menninger, John Lovegrove, Mary Gustafson

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

#### **Old Business**

Liz Shockley outlined issues with TRSC's "not for profit" status and the necessary paperwork that must be completed for the IRS. Tax returns for the club will need to be filed from 2007 onwards. The form 990 easy will have to be completed for each outstanding year.

The possibility of hiring a CPA was discussed and a suggestion was made to ask TRSC membership if there are any CPA's amongst the members who would be willing to help with this task.

**Motion: A club wide email should be sent out to request help with IRS forms.**

**Camp Highroad** – Flyers have been posted and another email blast is planned. The event will be held on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm and will be a fun ride with half of the proceeds going to Camp Highroad. Volunteers are still being sort for this event. Liz Shockley and Dorothy Beach will set up the trail and Pat Brescia will take pictures.

**Lecture** – At the October TRSC meeting there will be a lecture by Dr. Paula Horne on conditioning which will start at 6:30 pm. Two horses, one fit, one unfit will be exercised and TRSC members will have the opportunity to learn how to use a stethoscope. Dr. Horne will present a power point presentation after the horses are exercised and examined. Discussion will ensue as to rest/work ratio, different speeds and fitness programs for different disciplines with a goal of increasing horse strength; a dressage horse for example needs a different exercise program to a jumper for maximum results.

**Woodstock** – Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> clinic at Woodside is undersubscribed and will be cancelled.

**Western Lessons – Linda Giannino:** The western lesson program is going well with more people signing up. Lessons have been held at Morven Park, Ride on Ranch in the field and one lesson was held in the Brescia's ring at their home. A small financial loss has been seen this season which is acceptable under the circumstances.

**English Lessons – Mary Gustafson:** Lesson sign up was available at the meeting. Mary will be on vacation from September 16<sup>th</sup> for two weeks and Linda Giannino will cover her during this time.

**Cross Country Jumps –** Feedback regarding Ashley Russell’s property has been very positive. The property has 30 acres and is situated in Lovettsville. There is a 150 x 150 sand jump area, a dressage ring as well as a grass ring. There are large front fields with gentle terrain that could house the jumps. The jumps could be situated in the field and TRSC members could have access to the jumps two days per month, one day being a weekend day. Ashley would require members to contact her directly the day before and weather pending she is willing to be flexible. No charges will be made to the club and members can use the dressage arena and sand ring for a \$10.00 schooling fee. Lessons can be held there weather permitting. The only rules that will be enforced are that riders must wear a helmet and do not school alone; safety being the main priority. There is a bathroom available and a small paddock near the arena. The access is very easy and there is a hot/cold wash stall and a hacking trail. Ashley holds an insurance policy on the property.

The jumps will need some maintenance, e.g. painting before being moved. Patty Tracy offered the services of her husband to move the jumps for a fee.

**Purcellville Reservoir:** There have been discussions regarding opening the Purcellville Reservoir for riding and trail biking. The Reservoir has 1300 acres and there is a push by another riding club to open it up to horses. The reservoir is in the foothills of the Blue Ridge near Potts Farm. A request was made to John by Pat Brescia to find a name of someone on the Town of Purcellville Council who could be approached for more information.

**Gallop Web Services:** Support services were offered for TSRC website for \$29.00 per month. If there is a onetime need the charge will be \$85.00 per hour.

**Ashley Russell won the drawing for a free lesson.**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and will feature a lecture by Dr. Paula Horne – “Planning a Conditioning Program for your Horse”

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Peart