

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2015

Temple Hall Farm, Leesburg, VA

Attendees: Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia, Nicole Caruso, Jessica Eads, Liz Shockley, Elaine Meilahn, Sharon Peart, Linda Giannino, Mary Gustafson, Rosie Lawler, Hila Wever, Judith Lafleur-Lovegrove, John Lovegrove, John Moore, Paula Horne, Andrea Justus, Christine Thomas, Robyn Harter, Mark Grimes, Jean Mansarage, Laurie Allen, Amy Schull, Alison Teetor, Alison Hodge, Jen Sullivan, Laura Mahoney, Heather Heider, Donna Poe, Christy Linley, Melanie Voght, Kathryn Wilson

Pat Brescia called the meeting to order.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

English Camp – Last Frontier Farm

Robyn Harter outlined English Camp - There will be three trainers; Sharon White, Tim Bourke and Alyssa Peterson. Forms for camp are available on the website. The various camp options will be geared to participant needs in an effort to keep everyone happy. There will be three weeks of camp with three groups each week including two flat work camps. The camps will run from Monday to Thursday with Friday being the rain day. If you register for multiple camps it will be possible to progress levels.

Robin is trying to stay flexible and is willing to work with everyone. Payment for camp will be held until the first day of camp. If you decide that you are unable to attend a camp after registering for it, you will be responsible for replacing yourself with another rider.

Western Camp

Western camp will be held from June 15 – June 19; two days at Morven Park and the remainder of the week at Ride on Ranch. On Wednesday and Thursday there will be a cow work session at Ride on Ranch and on Friday the week will wrap up with a barbeque picnic on the ranch. Autumn and Charlie will be running the camp.

Dressage Camp

A flat work/dressage camp will be held from August 17 to August 19 with an optional Friday fixer test. The camp will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the fixer test on Friday (Thursday off). The level will be intro/training and the cost will be \$150.00 for the camp and an additional \$50.00 for the fixer test. There is no heavy requirement but you should be able to work, trot and canter a 20 metre circle. Registration for this camp will be available in May.

Trail Horse Challenge – Temple Hall Farm

John Moore, Farm Manager outlined the plans for the upcoming Trail Horse Challenge to be held at the farm on Saturday July 18th 2015.

Participants will be given the choice of a slow or fast optimum time over the three and a half mile course. The course has been adjusted to keep horses further away from the traffic on Route 15.

The trail can only be ridden up to trotting speed. There are three water crossings and logs could be included if needed. Six people will be needed to monitor the course. After the trail section competitors will enter the paddock area to negotiate an obstacle course. All the obstacles will be natural apart from the teeter totter obstacle being provided by Rosie Lawler. Sheep and/or cattle may be one of the obstacles! A tractor and fire truck which are on the property may also be used.

It will be possible to compete as a pair and pairs will be able to double their score by riding the trail section tied together with survey tape. A set number of points will be allotted to each obstacle and obstacles negotiated in the paddock with the rider holding an egg and spoon will garner double points. The event is geared at a fun filled day of entertainment.

Each obstacle will be allocated three minutes for completion. There will be youth and adult categories.

John hopes that Tri State members will support the event by volunteering their time on the day. Anyone who helps will have the opportunity to come back on the Sunday and ride the course for no charge. The hope is to have 75 – 80 entries. Mrs. Symington, who is the niece of the original owner of Temple Hall Farm will donate the first place prize. John will need help with judging and outriding.

Questions were posed as to whether competitors could ride in groups; how to supervise kids and how to penalize people who ride the trail section too quickly.

It was suggested that a committee to concentrate on this event should be formed. Volunteers should be sort and a public address system should be identified. Entry numbers should be obtained from Southern States. Prizes should be identified and a decision as to when to have the awards presentation (on the day??). It was suggested that awards could be given during the day so that competitors did not have to hang around, causing too many trailers on the property at one time.

The park has 286 acres in total and the trail is a total of three and a half miles and is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm from Tuesday to Sunday.

Volunteers to help with the **Temple Hall Farm** event are needed. Please contact Pat Brescia if you are interested.

FYI – On June 6th Camp Highroad is hosting the Snickersville Crystal Crown, a judged pleasure ride with lunch.

The free lesson was won by Jessica Eads.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Peart