

MINUTES OF THE TRI-STATE RIDING CLUB MONTHLY MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Called to order at 7:15pm by Pat Brescia, President.

-Pat sends out a 'Thank You' to the volunteers for service at the Camp Highroad trail ride and also the upcoming tack sale.

-Judy Brescia has received a new order of TSRC logo wear. Have a look – some wonderful items.

-A ceramic plate featuring Tim Bourke and his mount at Burghley this year, made by Alicia Daley, is to be presented to Tim, on behalf of the TSRC, by Nicole Caruso and Jessica Eads. Tim has been a tireless and inspiring instructor over the years for the TSRC members.

-A call for volunteers (for parking, in particular) for the Purcellville Christmas parade on Dec 12 was made by Gary White.

-The TSRC tack sale will be held on February 20 (21st as a rain/snow date). Talia Czapski, co-organizer with Jen Sullivan, reported that the flyer has been designed and the table fees have been set at \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members, payable in advance. Ruth Davis and Judith Lovegrove have volunteered to help with the sale; others are encourage to join them. Diane Hutchinson suggested that tack sale flyers be placed on the horse trailers at the Purcellville parade.

-Discussion of TSRC year-end charitable contributions - suggestions for recipients have been tallied by Pat via email and the Club voted to donate \$500 each to the following organizations:

Central Virginia Horse Rescue

Equine Rescue League

Ride-On Ranch Hippo Therapy Program

The club also voted to donate \$600 to the Equine Medical Center Benevolent Fund.

-Gary White proposed that TSRC purchase a 'CowTrac' system for \$1,695 (plus \$155 for a 'cow') to use for the Western lessons. Pat requested additional information to be discussed at the next meeting.

-Pat proposed that TSRC 'pre-approve' charitable donations with a set per donation limit as well as an annual limit to allow the Board to rapidly respond when 'in-kind' donation promotions to appropriate charities arise. Patty Tracy suggest that discussion to be tabled until January 2016.

-Pat announced that TSRC is investigating the possibility of an 'away camp' for 2016. Elaine Meilahn will email Pat information on the proposed camp when ready and he will distribute to membership.

-A proposal is 'on the table' for TSRC to purchase a sound system for use during lessons and clinics. Pat is investigating choices. Rosie Lawler questioned how equipment will be moved for use at various venues. Discussion to be continued at next meeting.

-English lesson update by Mary Gustafson: As the regular Wednesday evening lessons are less popular in winter, Monday morning and some Saturday lessons will be offered in January.

Mary is investigating possible lesson instructors/venues near Purcellville and Bluemont.

Caroline Athey's sister is a BHS instructor in England. She will be visiting in the spring and is available to teach. Level of interest?

A lounging clinic with Mary Flood has been proposed. Date(s) to be announced.

TSRC lesson rates for Mary Flood will increase by \$5/lesson in 2016.

-Western lesson update by Linda Giannino: may add Saturday lessons in the winter to avoid traveling in the dark plus the difficulty of reaching Morven Park during rush hour.

-The drawing for a free lesson was won by Talia Czapski.

-Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine Meilahn (on behalf of Sharon Peart)