

# **Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2017**

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

**Attendees:** Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia, Gary White, Elaine Meilahn, Sharon Peart, Linda Giannino, Liz Harrington, Liz Shockley, Robyn Harter, Diane Hutchinson, Patty Tracy

**Robyn Harter** called the meeting to order.

### **Financials**

#### **The Treasurer's Report - Liz Shockley.**

It is now necessary for Tri State Riding Club to file tax forms each year as the gross income is over \$50,000.00 per year.

### **Lesson Payment Options**

Lesson payments can now be made via a dedicated PayPal account. Invoices are sent out by email each month with information as to how to pay, either by check or through PayPal. There is a minimal charge for using PayPal services.

### **Saddle Fitting Clinic**

A saddle-fitting clinic at **Ride on Ranch** will be offered to members on April 9, 2017 hosted by Dr. Joyce Harmon. A lecture demonstration will take place from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm with individual saddle assessments to follow in the afternoon. There is no charge to club members to participate in the morning demonstrations. The afternoon session has four slots available for individuals to bring their horse for individual saddle fittings at a charge of \$175.00 per fitting which includes up to two saddles per horse. The afternoon individual saddle assessments are open to auditors.

### **Tru Liberty – Rust Busters**

Tru Liberty is holding a “Rust Busters” event on May 13, 2017. Please go to their Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/truliberty/>

### **Tack Sale**

The tack sale, held on February 18, 2017 was a great success and was well attended. Thank you to Talia Czipski and Elaine Meilahn who led this effort and to those who volunteered their help on the day.

### **Western Lessons**

The western lesson program has had a slow start in the early part of this year. The weather has not always cooperated and on some occasions, lessons have gone ahead with only three participants.

## **Educational Sessions**

During the May Tri State Riding Club monthly meeting, a lecture regarding hoof anatomy is planned. Ray Hyde, an equine dentist who is a very good lecturer on this subject was suggested as another possible option for the future.

## **USTR Memorial Day Ride**

On Sunday, May 28, 2017, the **USTR Memorial Day Ride** will be held at the **Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship** in Purcellville, Virginia. This is the first time that this annual benefit ride will use this location. For further information go to: <http://www.brces.org/>

## **Loudoun County Equine Alliance Horse Expo**

The Loudoun County Equine Alliance Equine Expo is to be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Harmony Hall, 39041 E. Colonial Highway, Hamilton, VA – The Tri State Riding Club will have a booth at this event.

## **English Camp 2017**

Registration for camp will be available at the next meeting on Thursday, April 20 2017. The three weeks will be on the following dates:

- June 12 – 15
- June 19 – 22
- June 26 – 29

## **Western Camp 2017**

Western Camp will be held from June 19 – June 23.

**The free lesson was won by Judy Brescia.**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon Peart