

TRI-STATE RIDING CLUB MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES NOV 21, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Ashley Russell, president

Minutes from October were not read; secretary not present. They will be posted on the website.

Membership signup: Hila Wever announced that within the next two weeks, membership signup process on the website will be automated. Annual dues may still be paid by PayPal or check.

Member accomplishments:

Congratulations to member Haley Galloway who completed a 3-phase event and won her division.

Congratulations to Western instructor Stephanie Jennings who is first in the nation in her division in Working Equitation.

Equestrian adventure: Ashley Russell invited interested members to join her for a riding trip to Ireland in January plus another two trips this summer, where one can meet the incomparable Irish horse Bob.

Treasurer's report: Liz Shockley reported that, due to a healthy bank balance, the club will be making charitable donations of 10% again this year for a total of \$1,800. A list of member-suggested charities was passed out for those in attendance to circle their top three choices.

The new, more comprehensive insurance policy went into effect on Nov 1 and the first premium has been paid.

The bank signature cards have been updated to include Ashley Russell and Liz Shockley.

English lesson report: Judy Brescia passed around the lesson signup sheet and Elaine Meilahn explained that she limited the lessons to dressage with Mary Flood in December because of insufficient sign-ups for other lessons. She invited members to contact Judy and/or her about club lessons they would like to take and they will aim to make that happen. Otherwise, the months of December, January and February will have fewer English lessons than usual.

Western lessons: Susan Payne announced that, for the December 17th lesson, riders will have they choice of working with cows or a regular lesson

as both Western instructors will be teaching that day. Ashley Russell highly recommended the Western lessons.

Elections: Ashley Russell announced that Hila Wever will be serving a second term as vice-president and that Talia Czapski will be assuming the role of secretary. The new board will have its first meeting in January at Ashley's.

New Business

Fundraisers:

Hannah Schofield announced that Diane Grove McCool, owner of Cadence Stables in Lincoln and a former club member, had a serious accident that totaled her truck while she was coming to the aid of Hannah and others when they were stranded with their horses. There is an online fundraiser for Diane to help her to replace her truck.

Linda Giannino announced that Luke Goodness, local farrier with Forging Ahead, recently lost his house and everything in it to a fire. There is an online fundraiser for him.

Please consider supporting these fundraisers.

Special events: Paula Horne announced that she will be surveying the membership for interest in special clinics and talks. She is considering a session on truck/trailer safety.

Because of substantial response to her announcement of a Wendy Murdoch clinic in March, it will be held over two days, rather than one, to allow additional entries. She will send out information on the dates and location shortly.

Purcellville Christmas parade: Gary White invited members with 'gentle' horses to ride in the Christmas parade on Saturday Dec 14, to assemble by noon in the South parking lot at Loudoun Valley High School. Holiday dress encouraged. Southern States will serve complimentary cider and donuts. If you run a bit late, the Sheriff's office will let horse trailers through.

TSRC Tack Sale: Talia Czapski will again be heading up the TSRC tack sale on Saturday February 8, 2020 at the Loudoun County fairgrounds. This is a major undertaking and Talia needs assistance with

organizing raffle baskets, deciding about food, with set-up, parking, clean-up and more. Please consider volunteering.

Winter party: Linda Giannino has secured Ride-On-Ranch as the venue and the date is Saturday, January 18, 2020 (snow date one week later). Will again be potluck and feature Pat Brescia's amazing TSRC slide show.

Equipment list: Ashley Russell is assembling a list of all TSRC equipment. Anyone who has TSRC property please give Ashley a list of the items and note whether any repairs/replacements are necessary.

Monthly meeting schedule: Ashley Russell noted that there is no monthly meeting in December and that the annual party will serve as the meeting in January. Next scheduled regular monthly meeting is Thursday, February 20, 2020.

Winner of the **free lesson drawing** was Hila Wever!

Attendees: Ashley Russell, Judy Brescia, Pat Brescia, Patty Tracy, Elaine Meilahn, Peggy Niesciur, Sonja Adams, Adair Soho, Karen McCarthy, Talia Czapski, Jean Reimers, Kelly Cockrill, Debbie Brink, Linda Giannino, Alex Friend, Gary White, Lucia Benedetto, Ann Menninger, Jill Widdifield, Kathi Watts, Mary Gustafson, Hannah Schofield, Paula Horne, Sandy McCormack, Tootie Anderson, Hila Wever, Liz Shockley, Susan Payne.

Minutes submitted by Elaine Meilahn on behalf of Judith Lovegrove, secretary.