

TriState Riding Club Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2022

Guest Speaker

Jessie Wade, nutrition consultant with Tri-County Feeds, made a presentation regarding spring nutrition for horses. She spoke about the pros and cons of the lush spring grass that is starting to come in. Her full presentation is posted on our website under Presentations.

In summary, Jessie said that if your horse(s) have been on regular pasture turnout, they should adapt well to the green grass. However, if they have not been on pasture, they need to adjust to it over 10-14 days. Hand graze them for 30 minutes in the morning and evening. Muzzles are also a good option. Regarding grain, Jessie recommended limiting calories but not to short them on other nutrients. Jessie is available for a consultation on feed and hay and can be reached at 540-364-1891 ext 3 or 4.

Treasurer's Report

Liz reported that we have a balance of \$17,893. We made a \$300 contribution to Morven Park Equine Medical Center in honor of Dr. Kathy Broaddus and Dr. Lani Newcomb's two horses that were lost in a trailer accident.

English Lesson Program

Lessons are posted and we have a variety of new and returning instructors. Camp is scheduled for June 13.

Western Lesson Program

March lessons are full and have a waiting list so watch for April schedule and sign up early. Camp is May 2-6 and there is only one spot left. Working equitation lessons are very popular.

New Business

Judged Pleasure Ride - Planning for the JPR continues. We still need volunteers. During the call Mary volunteered to help with publicity and to help Adair coordinate sponsors. Obstacle design is again being done by Patty Tracy but she needs help. We also need two people to help coordinate the judges. Our goal is to have 80-100 riders.

Working Equitation equipment purchase – Susan Payne has done extensive research on the kind of obstacles needed and the cost to purchase them. She presented a list with cost estimates. Biddie Lowry who is experienced with working equitation volunteered to meet with Susan to refine the list and determine what equipment is needed immediately and what could be purchased later. A proposal will be presented to the membership soon for a vote.

Spring Party – the party has been moved to May 22.

Minutes and Agendas – The minutes from our previous meeting were approved. A suggestion was made that minutes of the prior month's meeting and an agenda for the current month be sent out to the membership on a regular basis especially when key votes will be taken.

Scholarship Program – Mary has continued researching possible scholarships and recommends we support a student at White Oaks Stable in Warrenton. A ten-lesson program is \$500. They focus on diversity and underserved groups. It was suggested that the Board approve a \$300 contribution and we raise the remaining \$200 from member donations.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for April 21.

Participants

Jean Reimers
Susan Payne
Liz Shockley
Kirsten Burgers
Mary Gustafson
Pat Brescia
Judy Brescia
Elaine Meilahn
Hila Wever
Laura Guillaudeu
Tootie Anderson
Jessie Wade
Suzanne DeSaix
Joy Gallupe
Andrea Justus
Biddie Lowry

Mary Gustafson won the drawing for a new lesson.