

TSRC Meeting March 16, 2023

Location: Robey Meeting Room, Purcellville Library, 220 East Main Street, Purcellville, VA

Executives present: Adair Soho, President | Kristen Burgers, Treasurer

Members present: (in person) Laura Mahoney, Jackie Pennington, Diane Hutchinson, Biddie Lowery, Mary Gustafson, Martha Wade, Marcy Cantatore, Karen McCarthy, Shanin Quashie, Barb Sullivan, Elaine Meilahn, Mary Schwoerer, Michelle Johns, Liz Shockley, and Ann Menninger; (on Zoom) Pat Brescia, Judy Brescia, and Susan Payne.

Quorum met

Social began at 6:30 pm with meeting sign in, cookies, and conversation in the Robey Meeting Room. Meeting called to order by Adair at 7:00 pm with in person and Zoom option. Adair introduced the guest speaker, Mike Jennings of ProHorse Services, LLC.

Mike Jennings, with wife Stephanie, have been Western and Working Equitation mainstay instructors for Tri-State's lesson program. Along with their teaching and approachable style they run an internet auction business with a "focus on providing Professional marketing and other services to the Quarter Horse and performance horse industry." He provided a wealth of information about both buying and selling horses with a primary focus on what to look for in purchasing, and how to prepare a horse for sale on an on-line auction. He explained the auction process, the pitfalls and the successes, and how the process can be stressful for both buyers and sellers. Mike has been an auction manager since 1970, conducted 280 auctions in 18 states, and has been involved with actual sales of more than 50,000 horses. He has a long list of accomplishments and successes. His presentation reflected his calm, assured, and knowledgeable professionalism. There is so much to know about the process but having Mike in your court is one way to stay calm and make good decisions through buying or selling a horse. To learn more about Mike, Stephanie and Pro Horse Services go to prohorseservices.com. Mike spoke for approximately 50 minutes.

Adair presented Mike with a TSRC personalized cup as a thank you gift.

Business discussed:

Adair asked to waive reading of the minutes from the February 2023 meeting. Membership moved and seconded. Reading the minutes was waived.

Financial from Kristen Burgers:

In PayPal account \$793.37

In BCT account \$19,162.74

Total \$19,956.11

TSRC lesson report for April:

English lessons from co-coordinators Judy Brescia (on Zoom) and Elaine Meilahn (in person) at various Virginia venues

- 3 Poles & Cavaletti
- 2 ground work
- 1 Cross rails
- 1 Dressage
- 2 Groundwork

Western lesson from Susan Payne coordinator (on Zoom) at various venues

- 1 Tinkerbell
- 3 Working Equitation
- 3 Western Horsemanship
- 2 FITS (Feldenkrais in the Saddle)
- 3 Fun with Friends
- 2 Groundwork with Joy

Multi disciplines from coordinator Barb Sullivan held at Oak Spring Equestrian, Woodbine, MD

- 2 Working Equitation
- 2 Dressage
- 1 Cavaletti
- 1 Ranch Riding

Coordinators did not take lesson sign ups at or during the meeting. Instead they will send out lesson offerings on Friday morning after the regular once a month meeting. They suggest to membership that they visit the lesson calendar on the Tri-State website to pick out the lessons they would like and when they get the email schedule, they can sign up for their picks.

Donation Survey:

During the months of February-March a survey constructed by Adair Soho to determine the top three picks for recipients for 2022 end of year donations and the amount to give. The response rate was very good at 40% responding. And the recipients and amounts to receive are:

- Ride-On-Ranch \$600
- Loudoun Therapeutic Riding \$600
- Bridle Paths \$600

Report on upcoming summer camps:

In the works are the Western camp June 5-9. Eventing Camp at Last Frontier Farm is not locked in yet but will be announced in April. There is a possibility of a Dressage Camp in late summer.

Events coming up:

Equine Expo at Frying Pan Park on April 16. TSRC will be represented by Laura Mahoney and her mare. More representative volunteers are needed.

LCEA Equine Expo at Stone Tower Winery on April 26. TSRC will be represented by Pat and Judy Brescia and Mary Gustafson. More representative volunteers are needed.

Next meeting:

The next TSRC gathering will be on April 14. It will be a social rather than a meeting and be held at the Walsh Family Winery, 16031 Hillsboro Road, Purcellville. It will be from 6:30-8:30. There will be a representative from Triple Crown Feed presenting a variety of horse feeds. Dessert provided. Wine for sale by bottle or glass.

Final act:

In our random generated number contest Biddie Lowery won a TSRC baseball cap, Diane Hutchinson won a TSRC coffee cup, and Mary Gustafson won a free lesson.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gustafson, TSRC member on behalf of Jean Reimer, TSRC Secretary