

RSRC Membership Meeting

3/18/08

Location: Markel Campus

Call to order by Patty Michalak at 7:00.

February Membership minutes accepted.

Membership Report: Allyn Linas presented the club as having 115 paid members and 60 members from last year who have not renewed as of yet. If a member intended to renew, and hasn't yet- please do so! As of April 1, all members who have not renewed will be taken off of our membership list in order to have a more accurate number for insurance purposes. Also, Allyn asked that all members please verify with her that the information the club has on file is correct.

Trail Report: Patty presented the trail report in Coleen Leahey's absence. The March ride at Mica Springs was great! Our next ride will be April 13th at Pocahontas State Park. There is an \$8.00 charge per rider and each rider needs a permit. There is a link to the permit on our website, so members can fill out the paperwork early. Members are also encouraged to attend the Friends of Hanover Trails Ride through the Center of the Universe (Ashland) on April 27. There is also a Poker ride at Fluvanna on April 5th as well as a Horses In Service ride at Millstone on the same day.

Treasurer's Report: Gail Talley presented the club budget for the year as proposed by Jen Sarosi, and based on last year's events budgets. The club will be kept up to date on all changes to any budget presented. The motion was proposed to accept the budget as presented and the motion was passed.

Fundraiser Committee: Cindie Willoughby discussed the upcoming Judged Trail Ride. She said there were plenty of good volunteers and encouraged members to help out by passing out fliers. It will be on June 7th at Tuckahoe Plantation.

Jump Into Spring Clinic Update: Samantha Silver discussed the dressage/jumping clinic on April 26th at Tuckahoe Plantation. Heidi Evans will be the clinician and the clinic is open to all levels of riding and all disciplines. It is a good opportunity to learn to soften your horse! There are 7 spaces available, and the cost is \$15. Please contact Samantha for more information.

Name Tags: Our name tags will be ready by the next meeting and a big thank you to Allyn for stepping up and making these! We also now have three ways to display your medical information: armbands, neck bands, and clip-on tags. Members must always wear their medical ID as well as have a helmet while mounted. Also, every horse must have a current Coggins if they are to be ridden at a RSRC event. We are trying to tighten up on checking for everyone's safety and because it is the law!

Christmas Party Update: Allyn has graciously volunteered to host our party at her new house out off Route 6 past Goochland Courthouse. We have reserved the room at Randolph Macon as well, and we need to make a decision by June. Please be thinking about which location you prefer. Also, if we have it at Allyn's we can do it on a weekend.

Volunteers: We could always use volunteers at events- trail rides, clinics, Spookathons, Rallies, etc. If you are unable to participate in an event, please come enjoy the fellowship of other members and help out. Great way to get to know people and learn!

Steering Committee Update: Our "growth" committee is now renamed as the Steering Committee, and they had their first meeting this past weekend. They have a lot to accomplish and are starting off small. They will be asking for volunteers to help with specific parts as they continue to grow. The committee will plan for club growth and set up a better infrastructure. It was also discussed putting committees in place before the year has ended for the next year- so the new committees can hit the ground rolling.

Next Western Lesson will be at Springfield Farm on May 30th. Information is available on the website. The new location was noted as well as the new contact people of Terrie Escobar and Wanda Branson.

Donna Shepard, the rider who was injured at Yorktown with Mechanicsville Riding Club, broke her hip but is at home recovering. The club sent her a get-well card.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49.

Our speaker this month was Markel Insurance Company talking about equine insurance. Next month's speaker will be Dr. Katherine Burke from Woodside Equine Clinic talking about retirement and geriatric care.