

MEETING MINUTES FROM 7/15/08

The meeting was at Hever Farm this month, where it was held in conjunction with our annual tack exchange. We had a good turnout and several “vendors” displayed their wares. There was also a Pot Luck dinner available.

Patty called the meeting to order and a motion was made, and seconded, to accept the minutes from the June meeting. Allyn Linas reported that we now have 130 members. Jen Sarosi did not give a formal treasurer’s report, but indicated we have approximately \$7500 in the treasury. The Judged Trail ride netted the club about \$700 give or take. The Judged Trail Ride Committee was acknowledged and thanked for their efforts. The event was considered a success and well-received by the attendees. The comment was also made that we had lots of Volunteers at this event---more than we have had at any other club event---and the Volunteers were also thanked for their efforts.

Patty mentioned that the Lake Anna trail ride of the prior weekend was also a huge success. The next trail ride will be on 8/3 at Pan Ligon’s place. The ride is by invitation only and anyone interested was urged to sign up right away, as the ride would then be “closed”.

The new business discussion revolved around the upcoming Fall Rally. Dates and locations had been discussed (Pole Green on 9/6 or Western Riders on 10/5). Pros and cons of each were discussed. Rental of Pole Green is \$450 for 60 riders; Western Riders would charge \$350. The Committee is leaning toward Western Riders on 10/5. It was then suggested that the format this year might change, deleting dressage and jumping from the day. That would leave the trail event and various games/flat classes. Several of the members voiced their displeasure at omitting dressage and jumping. They commented that many members come to the rally to try these disciplines in a safe and non-competitive environment and to omit that, really is a disservice to the club. After the discussion, Patty indicated the Committee would leave those events on the Rally schedule.

It was announced that on Saturday, July 19th, Jen Sarosi would be hosting a dressage schooling show at Hever Farm. Nancy Olson will be the Judge and everyone was welcome.

With no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm and the tack exchange continued.