

Rusty Stirrups Riding Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
5/20/08, Markel Insurance Building

Call to order by Patty at 7:00.

Acceptance of April's minutes.

Membership Report: Ally Linas reported that the club has 126 members.

Trail Report: Colleen was unable to attend the meeting, but Patty reminded members that our next trail ride will be the Judged Trail Ride on June 7 at Tuckahoe Plantation.

Finance Report: Jen was unable to attend the meeting, but there are no changes to report.

Fundraiser Committee: Cindie reported that the Judged Trail Ride is still going strong! The committee has made it their priority to make the ride as fun, safe, educational, and appropriate as possible. She reminded everyone to pray for no rain!

Jump Into Spring Report: The Jump Into Spring Clinic was awesome! Heidi Evans did a great job and everyone rode away with some tips or new methods to try. It was a gorgeous day, despite scary forecasts, and Tuckahoe Plantation was lovely, as always. A big thank you to Susan Donovan for letting us hold the clinic at Tuckahoe. And a big thank you to Sam Silver for orchestrating the whole effort, with assistance that day from Geri Hollander.

Lost Valley Ranch Report: Geri showed a slide show of some of the members' trip to Colorado. It was a fabulous trip, and we all can't wait to go back in fall of 2009- so those who couldn't go this year, start saving!

Western Lessons: Due to dwindling attendance, the Western lessons might have to be cancelled until fall. We are going to have one on June 29th at Springfield Farm with Bruce Lawson. This is an awesome opportunity, as Bruce does one on one and some round pen work with your horse, as well as the group lesson. The date to sign up by is June 14th, and if there isn't enough participation we will cancel.

Our secretary, Samantha Silver, is going to be heading up to Upperville, VA to be a working student for an upper level event barn! She will be keeping us posted via our club buzz link with her blog. Geri Hollander will take over secretarial duties while Sam is away learning. We wish her well.

F.O.H.T. has asked us to sponsor a section of their new trails. Not a monetary sponsorship, but a work detail commitment. We would be responsible for keeping a specific section of the trail clean and free of debris, and have clean up days approximately once monthly. There are around 200 acres of trails and they are

multifunction- open to all non motorized things. Patty will get more information and present it to the club.

Allyn told us that Vonda Tuck is on the lookout for a couple of horses for friends. Please contact Vonda (information on the website) if you know of a horse for sale.

We have a classifieds section of the website which also includes wanted ads, so please contact the web ring if you are in need of something, or have something to sell, or a service!

Debi Anderson presented the idea of having a camping clinic, and Patty has volunteered to host it. More details to come! (this will most likely be our August meeting offsite at Patty's place in Beaverdam)

Christmas Party Update: Allyn's new home in Goochland will be ready and they have volunteered to host the party this year. We could have the party on at Saturday around 3 or 4 in the afternoon, and it will be catered. Patty will send out an email asking for any discussion of this, or if people would rather hold it on a Tuesday at Randolph-Macon. She will rule by majority and announce the location at the next meeting.

Our speaker for June will be Chase from Virginia Truck and Trailer discussing trailer safety.

Our July meeting will be held at Hever Farm in Mineral. It will be our annual potluck and tack swap, so bring a dish and stuff to sell!

Our speaker was Nina Ligon telling us of her competing in Thailand at the SEA games! She was a fabulous speaker that kept us on the edge of our seats with the tale of her journey.