

TRIANGLE H EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Minutes, News & Notes

March 13, 2008

Meeting Minutes

The March 2008 THEC Meeting was held at Los Tres Amigos Restaurant in Wood River, IL on 3/13/08. It was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Jude Graves. Thirteen members were present: Jude Graves, Marcia Shetley, Sherry & Mackenzie Warren, Kathy Strickfaden, Dara Pry, Chris Frauli, Sandy Cleveland, Sharon Hunt, Paul Shetley, Connie Williams, Debra and Gerhard Tscheschlak.

Secretary's Report

The February meeting minutes were read by M. Shetley. Correction made to minutes concerning the budget in that the second was made by Dara Pry rather than C. Frauli as reported. Minutes are corrected. Motion to accept the Secretary's report as correct by S. Hurt, 2nd by C. Frauli. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

M. Shetley presented Treasurer's Report as provided by Don Gardner. Don has taken off the position from K. Hamby. He has gone to the bank and has been added as signator.

Starting Balance	\$4,455.37
Credits	50.00 Warren & Soens Dues
Ending Balance	\$4,505.37

K. Strickfaden made motion to accept Treasurer's Report. C. Frauli 2nd. Motion carried

NEW MEMBERS

No new members this month

*******COMMITTEE REPORTS*******

Social Committee - M. Shetley Chair - M. Shetley reported no needs at this time

Trail Boss Report- P. Shetley – Chair

Heartland Lodge trip – last month we discussed going to Heartland Lodge again this year. The weekend of May 30 – June 1st was selected. Upon checking with Heartland, it was learned that only the luxury suites were available for that weekend at \$259. per night per double occupancy including breakfast & supper meal. Only four people expressed an interest in this trip. Discussion held again and it was decided to table this trip at this time. Another date might be explored later. We are looking into a trip to Shawnee National Forest in lieu of the Heartland Lodge trip.

Sioux Passage Park in Florissant, MO is scheduled for April 19th. We will leave THF at 10 a.m. Bring a lunch. Jude will check with Greenville Veterinary Clinic on health Certificates which will be necessary as it is in Missouri. No shoes are needed for this trip. There is a sign up sheet in the barn. If you would like to go but need a ride, indicate that on the sign up sheet and we will do our best to find a spot in a trailer for you. Marcia did a drive through of the park and believes it should be an enjoyable ride. It is near Jamestown Mall in a lovely open park.

Ramsey Lake (MCTB) ride is April 6th. Trail Boss had planned on attending this ride but it conflicts with the Lippizaner Stallions in St. Louis that he has tickets for. If you are interested in the ride, please coordinate with Lea (Madison County TrailBlazers) 618-644-5859. We do hope to join them on some of their scheduled rides this year. The next one is May 10th at Chouteau Island.

We also have established a monthly trailride at Triangle H Farm once every month, the second Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m. (saddled up and ready to ride). The next ride is April 12th. Remember for THEC members who are not boarders at THF, the haul-in fee is ½ the regular haul-in fee for the ride.

UNMOUNTED COMMITTEE - K. Strickfaden – Chair

April 5th – Kathy is looking into THEC accompanying the 4H club to the Police Stables at Forest Park once she determined an interest. She will get back to us with details.

April 6th – Lippizaner Stallions - Kathy has already gotten those who committed tickets. We will leave THF at 11 a.m. and eat lunch at Casa Gallardo on St. Charles Rock Road before the event at 1 p.m.

April 27th -- MCTB Swap Meet at THF. THEC will have a table at the meet. Jude will provide more information on that at next meeting. THEC will also have Road Apple Bingo as a fund raiser. Sign up sheet passed around for volunteer 1 hour of time for this. We hope that you can join us for part of the day and volunteer some time if possible. There will also be a THEC table to sell items. If you have an item to donate, there is a box in Barn #2 tack room (on top of the small refrigerator) to leave your items.

May 7th – 8-10 pm Line Dancing at Wild Country in Collinsville (Cost \$5.) We will have dinner beforehand at 6:30 at the Mexican Restaurant in Collinsville.

June -- Date to be determined - Fairmont Race Track Details to follow

July 20th -- Madison County Fair 9:00 a.m. THEC will attend and support 4H Club. Will spend afternoon at Fair

August 30th - Victorian Festival – Jerseyville, IL Civil War Reenactment

September - Movie Night at Strickfaden's or Square Dancing at Strickfaden's barn (invite a friend night for square dancing) Kathy to check on date availability with square dance caller.

OLD BUSINESS

J. Graves went to the February 4-H meeting of Hooves, Paws & Claws and let their members know that THEC is interested in providing assistance in getting their new club off to a good start. They are working on a proposal for us outlining their needs and how our club could be of assistance to them.

NEW BUSINESS

- Debra Tscheschlok recommended that Horse Crossing signs be put up along Moreland Road to warn drivers of riders crossing the road. No decision made but will be explored.
- Motion made by Sharon Hurt to reimburse Jude G. for flowers sent by THEC for Paul Shetley's father. C. Frauli 2nd. Motion Carried.
- Jude G. made suggestion that we have THEC membership cards made up for members. Idea is being considered defining what use they would provide versus expense. No action taken at the time.
- We had guests Marsha Tolle and Wanda King of the Westwood Trail Riding Club speak to us about their club's upcoming "Saddle Up for St. Jude" Benefit Trail Ride / Poker Run on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. (sharp) Rain or Shine at Pere Marquette State Park Open Trails. Poker Run \$20.00 fee, of which \$10. is contributed to St. Jude's, \$10. Jackpotted back to 10 places. \$5.00 BBQ lunch of which all proceeds to St. Jude's. Lunch at 2:30 p.m. Live auction at 4:30 p.m. Items donated by local businesses and Friends of St. Jude's. RSVP requested. Poster and registration sheets at THF barn. Or Call Marsha Tolle 618-407-3219 or Wanda King 618-466-4110

Motion to Dismiss made by K. Strickfaden, Second by C.Frauli. Motion carried at 8:35 by J. Graves.

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Remember!!! Next Meeting is 2nd Thursday of each month!

April 10th at 6:30 p.m.
At Los Tres Amigo ini Wood River, IL
(across from Wal-Mart)

Directions to Los Tres Amigos – Leaving out of Triangle H – make a right turn onto Moreland Rd. Go to Rt 143 and make another right. Go under 255 and continue. You'll see Shop N Save on the left and new car lots on right. Make a right turn on Lakin Blvd (third traffic Light). You should see Wal Mart ahead....make a left turn at the light (Rt. 111) and you will see Los Tres Amigos on your left. Turn left into the shopping strip (you will also see Mallory's Sports next door and Kentucky Fried Check next lot over)

Please come and join us next month.

THANK YOU

Paul & Marcia Shetley would like to Thank the Triangle Equestrian Club for the lovely floral arrangement in honor of Paul's dad. We appreciate all of the kind words and expressions of friendship the past several months.

CLUB DUES ARE DUE!!

Don't forget that THEC annual dues are due by March 31st or a \$5.00 late fee is charged. Your payment can be left at THF barn in the mailbox (just be sure it is clearly marked for THEC dues).

MEMBER'S CORNER

Hey Members! Have you recently reached a personal goal, placed in a horse show, passed a Parelli level, have a picture or story to share? We are interested in boasting, congratulating and even commiserating with our members (if need be). Please e-mail or call Marcia with anything you would like to share with the members.

No one seems to take me seriously on this Members' Corner thing. I have had a couple of submissions but would like more input from our members. In any event, I thought I would make a contribution this month on my progress in the Ladies' Night Class with Marcy this past month or so. This class has been a real good experience for me, particularly leading up to trail-riding season. Over the winter, I did not have much opportunity to ride or spend much time with our horses. As some of you are familiar, Rabbit and I have a roller coaster ride relationship. We have come a long way in our journey and I think we are both better for it. And still a ways to go. This class has been great in getting me better tuned to the movement of my horse, improving my balance and most of all my confidence. I have even ridden bareback for the first time

