

# TRIANGLE H EQUESTRIAN CLUB

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## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> – 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 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 27<sup>th</sup> -- 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 7<sup>th</sup> – 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 20<sup>th</sup> -- Madison County Fair 9:00 a.m. THEC will attend and support 4H Club. Will spend afternoon at Fair

August 30<sup>th</sup> - 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

## **THEC News & Notes**

**Remember!!! Next Meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month!**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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*

*in my entire life....something I never expected to do at my age and certainly not with Rabbit! I appreciate Marcy's ability to teach and get me beyond myself (which she can attest is not an easy task!). I am very pleased with our progress and look forward to trailriding this year.*

## **CHARITY WORK -- DONATIONS**

One of our club's top priorities (in addition to finding ways to enjoy our horses) is our charity interests. We realize how blessed we are to have our horses in our lives and the ability to enjoy them, the least we can do is spread our good blessing back to our community. We regularly have THEC events include donations to animal shelters, CANTER, Oasis Center, food drives, etc. The following are some suggestions in the future, if you are in need of some ideas

### Animal Care:

leashes, dog collars, neck scarves for dogs (easy to make if you sew!), toys, animal cologne, cat litter, litter box scoopers, newspaper, shredded paper strips, baby scale, doggie wipes, paper plates, brushes & combs

### Cleaning:

flat head spade scrapers, sponges, spray bottles, mop bucket on wheels, rubbermaid trash barrels, paper towels, bleach, peroxide, laundry soap, 5 gallon buckets, rubbing alcohol

### Education:

Animal related kids books, animal games for kids, folders

Suggestions for the Oasis Center in Alton and was given these suggestions: socks, bathroom supplies, underwear, black haircare products, items for teenage boys, bathing suites for their swimming program. In addition we could adopt a family for Christmas. The family would fill out a form with their Christmas needs/wishes.

## **How We Communicate Around Here**

Check the Triangle H Farm website ([www.trianglehfarm.com](http://www.trianglehfarm.com)) for other happenings. The home page has a calendar of events at the bottom. It could contain information or events that come up in the interim of the newsletter publication. In addition .....

### **EQUESTRIAN CLUB DISCUSSION BOARD**

The Equestrian Club Discussion Board is now back up and operational again. You will need to register and sign in again. It is a good way to keep in touch and up to date.

Do we have your e-mail address??

Most of the club's communication and correspondence is done via e-mail. It is quicker and more efficient to reach all members. If we don't already have your e-mail address, please let us know what it is. One way to know if we have it or not is if you are reading this via e-mail or reading a paper copy of the news letter. E-MAIL [marcialynn46@hotmail.com](mailto:marcialynn46@hotmail.com) to provide your e-mail address.

This newsletter was written by Marcia Shetley, Secretary / Triangle H Equestrian Club. Any questions on content, suggestions, or submission for next month, please contact Marcia at [marcialynn46@hotmail.com](mailto:marcialynn46@hotmail.com), home phone- 618-377-3076, cell phone (314) 575-4763 or (314) 603-0734

## Calendar of Events

*(Not all events listed are club events but information provided as a courtesy and reminder for everyone's busy schedules)*

### **March 2008**

**29** Marcy Heepke Natural Horsemanship Clinic 10 am to 3 PM. \$95 to ride for the day and \$25 to audit. Lunch included for riders.

**30** Triangle H Farm Winter Play Day

### **April 2008**

**4** FFA Petting Zoo at Triangle H Farm 9 AM – 2 PM. ~700 Kindergarteners will be here to tour the farm. Volunteers welcomed! **5** 4-H kids tour Mounted Police Stables in MO

**6** Lipizzaner Stallions Show 2 PM (THEC members), MCTB Ride at Ramsey Lake

**8** Dentist and Vet at THF 9 AM (second Tuesday of each month)

**10** THEC Meeting Los Tres Amigos in Wood River 6:30 PM DUES ARE DUE AT THIS MEETING!

**10-13** Equine Affaire, Columbus, OH

**13** THEC Trail Ride at 2 PM at the farm

**14** EB Fowler's Birthday! SHE'S 21!!

**18** 4-H kids attend Nature Shed Water Center „Frog Walk" by Paul Shetley. (is that like walking a dog??)

**19** Sioux Passage Trail Rider – Leave THF at 10 a.m. Sign up at Barn – need Health Certificate – Jude handling this if you horse boards at THF.

**26** MCTB Swap Meet here at Triangle H Farm 10 AM – 2 PM

**26** Beverly Farms Open House 4-6 PM – Triangle H riders perform a 30 minute presentation.

**27** Triangle H Farm Winter Play Day – LAST ONE!

**28** Dr Linda (Equine Chiropractor) & Suzie Franz (Equine, Canine, Human Physical Therapist) here.

**29** Hooves, Paws and Claws 4-H meeting at Ft. Russell Township Hall 6-8 PM. Canned food drive day

## **May 2008**

**3** Horse Show Preparation Class Field Trip to an AQHA show in Springfield, IL

**8** THEC Meeting Los Tres Amigos in Wood River 6:30 PM

**11** THEC Trail Ride at 2 PM at the farm

**13** Dentist and Vet at THF 9 AM (second Tuesday of each month)

**16-18** Joe Wolter (TX) Horsemanship Clinic at Mark Schwarm's in Marion, IL. Email Marcy to sign up to go

**18** MCTB show 1PM at Triangle H Farm 24-25 Ray Hunt (TX) Horsemanship Clinic at THF. Send in your deposit to hold your spot. See website for details.

**27** Hooves, Paws and Claws 4-H meeting at Ft. Russell Township Hall 6-8 PM. Bring a friend.

## **June 2008**

**8** MCTB show 1PM at Triangle H Farm

**9-13** Lewis & Clark College for Kids "Pony Pals I" summer camp 9 – Noon. Volunteers needed.

**10** Dentist and Vet at THF 9 AM (second Tuesday of each month)

**16-20** Lewis & Clark College for Kids "Pony Pals I" summer camp 9 – Noon. Volunteers needed.

**23-27** Lewis & Clark College for Kids "Pony Pals II" summer camp 9 – Noon. Volunteers needed.

**22** MCTB show 1PM at Triangle H Farm

**July 2008 6** MCTB show 1PM at Triangle H Farm

**8** Dentist and Vet at THF 9 AM (second Tuesday of each month)

**18-20** Brent Graef (TX) Clinic here at THF. To sign up go to <http://www.brentgraef.com/schedule.php#n072008> and click on "Jump to July 2008".

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## **August 2008**

**3** MCTB show 1PM at Triangle H Farm

**31** MCTB show 1PM at Triangle H Farm

## **September 2008**

**6** Marcy Heepke Natural Horsemanship Clinic 10 AM to 4 PM. \$150 /rider and \$25 /auditor.

**14** MCTB show 1PM at Triangle H Farm

**28** MCTB show 1PM at Triangle H Farm

**October 2008 5** MCTB show 1PM at Triangle H Farm

**25** Triangle H Fall Festival! Trail ride, scavenger hunt, hog roast, great live entertainment

## **November 2008**

**1-4** Carol Coppinger (TN) Parelli 4-day camp. See website for more details. Nearly Full!

**14-16** Bryan Neubert (CA) Clinic here at Triangle H Farm. <http://www.bryanneubert.com/>