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Meeting Location:

The December meeting was held Monday, December 6, 2011 at the Buddy Freddy's at 7:00pm. **Next meeting:** January 9, @ 7:00pm at Buddy Freddy's in Plant City

November Meeting Minutes - No notes taken

Words From The President, Gene Naasko

Welcome to all our new members!!! It is great to see the membership still growing and get some new faces on the trail. We hope you enjoy the club events and friendship that all of us extend to you.

Membership fees are due at the end of December. The dues haven't changed in years and no longer are enough to support basic club functions. So we will be having a discussion about the dues at the January meeting and I encourage all interested members to join us at that meeting.

This is a family club and I would also like to ask members who like to bring their family to club functions to sign up for a family membership (even if they don't ride). If you have a single membership, you can bring guests, but guest can only attend 2 functions before they have to join if they want to continue participation with the club. My door is open to all members, if you have anything you would like to discuss about the club please contact me five days prior to our meetings at triplebrider@yahoo.com or 863-206-5932.

Old Business

Election results for 2012: President- Gene Naasko, Vice President Sue Vaisey, Treasurer- Debbie Alfieri, Secretary - Cathy Tuckerman, 2 Year Board Member - Donna Fellers, 1 Year- Sharon Hewitt, 1 -Year Sandi Switzer,

Alafia Barn Donation & Barn Update: Gene Naasko talked about receiving a thank you note from Sharon Flack thanking Triple "B" club members for their financial and manual labor in getting the Alafia Barn built. She said Triple "B" will be on the dedication plaque on the barn.

Jim Watkins reported the building status. He and a friend had completed building the stall doors at his place. The items outstanding are about fifteen more boards to put up on the outside wall, hardware on the stalls and all the electric wiring. Jim and a friend will be doing the electric once all the boards and hardware are installed. The electric will be the last thing prior to the final

inspection.

Lakeland Parade Update: Gene Naasko spoke about the Lakeland Christmas Parade. He stated they had a great turn out of seventeen folks. All participants had a wonderful time and the crowd really enjoyed the horses and the float.

Other: Jim Watkins talked about the **Holiday Party on December 17th at 4:00pm** at the Kathleen Historical Society, 8950 North Campbell Rd. (North Gate) Lakeland, FL. 33810. Rick Boyette is cooking a **turkey and dressing** and Jim will be cooking a **ham**. The members present at the meeting asked what other items were needed. After a brief discussion, there was a motion to have the club buy drinks, paper products and ice for the party. Jim Watkins volunteered to pick up the ice tea & water. Gene Naasko agreed to pick up paper plates, napkins, cups, and plastic utensils. Jim said the place would already be decorated because the Kathleen Society Christmas Party occurred earlier in the week. Donna Fellers will take care of the table cloths. There was some discussion regarding the pot luck and who was bring what dish. Sue Vaisey agreed to send out an e-mail asking folks to reply if they are attending and what dish they plan on bringing. The members agreed gifts should not exceed \$20. There will be an **ECHO food drive so please bring canned good donations.**

New Business

New Members: Family - Barbara & Ike Cornelius, John & Carolyn Howard, Single memberships: Kym Campbell, Michelle Soloman, Lori Kindberg, Jaqi Rogerson. WELCOME ALL!

Membership Renewal is due by the end of this month. Please see attached application and hold harmless. Each member must complete and send along with their check for 2012 membership. Please send all to the club PO Box 6313, Brandon FL 33508.

Equine Charities

Several months ago a charity committee was formed and headed by Sandi Switzer. The committee's mission was to identify two horse rescues that we could support as a club. They need to be 501c3 equine rescues in the west central Florida area. Sandi and team screened through all of them to find two we could support this year. They recommended two and the whole team drove out to visit them Sunday, December 4th. The day started early at 7 am to make the drive and arrive at Horse Protection Association of Florida (HPAF) in Micanopy by 10 am. We received a full tour of the facility and many stories of the various animals rehabilitated and ready for adoption. Some will never leave and are permanent residents. Others are in foster care at other farms because the Micanopy Farm is at full capacity. Good sound trail horses go first, but the others are enlisted in training programs and are being prepared for riding if they are sound. Daily many get closer to a finding a new home. HPAF have an anonymous donor who is matching funds so our contribution was doubled! (Make your personal donations before the end of 2011 and have your tax deductible donation matched too!)

Once we left HPAF we skipped lunch and went directly to the new farm site for Ohana Rescue in Brooksville. Ohana is now located at the old Lake Lindsey Equestrian Center. Carrie Young, the owner was there with volunteers working hard to ready the place for more rescues when we arrived. The horses had been moved there the day before and we got to meet all of them and hear their stories. Carrie and her husband have their work cut-out for them, but with the help of volunteers this 45 acre ranch will be a real haven for the horses. Triple B will try to support both rescues throughout the year by featuring an available horse for adoption each month in our newsletter and maybe organizing a work day for Ohana.

Our thanks to Sandi Switzer, Maureen George, Cathy Tuckerman, Sue Vaisey, and Debi Alfieri for spending the day on behalf of Triple B to support such worthy causes. All the rescues identified were worthy and it was a difficult decision to choose only two. Triple B members can be proud that they are making a difference in many horses' lives this year.

Trail Riding Operations

Trail Boss volunteers wanted! Please contact Gene Naasko or Sue Vaisey if interested.

We are looking for new members to join the trail committee. We occasionally meet before the meetings to plan future rides or organize post ride lunches etc. We are also interested in improving the plans and are looking for suggestions if anyone has them. We will discuss the campout rides for 2012 before the January meeting. Anyone interested should contact Sue Vaisey through the Triplebridgers@yahoo.com email.

Trail & Events Schedule for 2011-2012

People are asked to sign in at each ride. Guests of riders also need to sign in and sign a waiver form. Please see a club officer or trail boss when you arrive.

Please RSVP if you can so we know how much participation to expect.

Bring a chair and some lunch if you would like to relax and socialize after the ride.

Trail riding and campout dates for entire upcoming riding season. The dates are listed below.

(There may be additions or changes – check your ‘E-vites’ or call to confirm and watch upcoming newsletters):

Dec 17 – Old Fashioned Christmas and Holiday Party – Lakeland Historical Society -Kathleen area 4pm see evite for location and directions or call Jim Watkins – there is one tricky intersection.

Dec 26-Jan 2 - Hampton Tract Campout – Easy. Primitive camping in the Florida Green Swamp Wilderness, 18490 Rock Ridge Road Lakeland, FL 33809. You'll be riding some of the 28 miles of multiuse trails and camping in a group site with picnic tables, fire rings and / or grills. There is a pavilion to share meals and socialize.

Jan 14, 2012 - Ocala Land Bridge Easy to Intermediate. 10 am ride. Part of the Cross Florida Greenway using much of the old Cross Florida Barge Canal. Key feature is the bridge that crosses I-75 making it safe for equestrians and hikers. The bridge is fully landscaped with native Florida vegetation.

Jan 27-29, 2012 - Walk-in-Water Campout/Day Ride – Easy. 10 am ride-out Trail Boss: Gene Naasko

Feb 2-4, 2012 - Tillis Hill Campout (Citrus Tract, Withlacoochee Forest). Easy-intermediate. Join for a day ride or camp with the group. Day rider parking is adjacent to the stalls and camping. Sites are still available (\$20/night). High-lines and portable pens can be used behind campsites (\$2/day). There is a waiting list for stalls (\$5/day). We will have a potluck in the dining hall on Saturday night. If you would like to go on this campout please contact Sue via the club e-mail: triplebrider@yahoo.com Those with reservations for sites or stalls through Triple B are asked to pay in advance by cash or check to Triple B by January 23rd PO Box 6313 Brandon FL 33508.

Feb 11, 2012 - Tenoroc Day ride – Easy. 10am ride-out.– Loop trails so you won't get lost. Water is available. No dogs.

Feb 14-20, 2012 - Doe Lake Campout and Banquet – Easy – intermediate. 2011 Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday night giving our Northern FL members a chance to attend a meeting and participate in club discussions. Primitive camping, nice bath and toilet facilities. Check-in and check-out by noon is strictly managed due to Doe Lake site requirements. Pets welcome while on leashes. Trail Boss: Gene Naasko; group camp – no designated sites. Lots of casual riding in gaited and non-gaited groups.

March 10, 2012 - Alafia State Park – Easy. Ride at 9am Trail Boss: Sherry Patrias/ Sue Vaisey. Camping available.

March 17, 2012 - Edward Chance Reserve – Easy. Ride at 9am – Trail Boss: Debi Alfieri

March 24, 2012 - Lake Louisa State Park – Easy to Intermediate. Ride at 9am. Camping available, no pets.

Needed - Trail Boss volunteer.

April 14, 2012 - Little Manatee Day Ride at 9am – Trail Boss: Sue Vaisey/Cathy Moore/Cathy Tuckerman Camping available

April 28, 2012 - Hampton Tract Day Ride – Easy. Ride at 9am

May 12, 2012 - Alafia State Park – Easy. Ride 9am. Camping available.

May 22-28, 2012 - Doe Lake Campout – Trail Boss: Gene Naasko

If you are planning to attend a club ride, please R.S.V.P using the Evite or call Sue 813-657-2909 or Cathy 813-986-8244 or via e-mail Triplebrider@yahoo.com. This is so we can contact you if there is a cancellation and plan the right amount of food when we do have a picnic.

Letter from Our VP and Trail Rides Chairperson

Hello Members,

Wow, the fall riding season has come and is almost gone and good riddance to the mosquitoes from October!! We found a few places to ride that were safe from those pesky bugs at Chito, Dover, and Jefferson Road. Winter riding is promising lots of good times. I have gotten out to some of our surrounding trails at Alston, Alafia, Chito Branch, Little Manatee and Old Welcome. What great riding we have here in FL. Alston has beautiful trails and camping is peaceful under an oak hammock. That is unless the Fox Hunters pull in before 6 am with 20 trailers and 30 dogs. Ok, maybe I exaggerate but at 6 am who's counting? We waited for the hunt to depart before we went out on our own. We never saw the hunt go by on the trail, but we picked up three stray hunting dogs who we led back to camp and grateful fox hunters. For the PETA people, they don't really hunt a fox, but chase an artificial scent. Hopefully you have been frequenting your favorite places too. Just for fun, we'll be sending out a survey to get your vote for favorite riding trails and your favorite camping sites if you camp. Then we'll post the results for everyone. You will need an internet connection or know someone with a PC to participate. It ought to be fun to see which places come out on top.

This month we have our old Fashioned Christmas and Holiday Party coming up on the 17th and a Hampton Tract Campout for the week between Christmas and New Year's.

We are still looking for members to volunteer as Trail Bosses on the upcoming rides. It will give members a chance to know each other better and to learn the trails. Please contact me directly if you want to know more about the "Trail Boss" job. If there is no designated trail boss, the ride will go out with present members exhibiting their trail savvy. Believe me you have it if you look hard enough. I rediscovered mine just this last weekend.

A follow up note on the SWFWMD issue: the pressure from all of you and the rest of the non-hunting communities has paid off in the SWFWMD hunt evaluations. Please visit their site to see the resolutions. There is another meeting planned for January 5th to discuss other SWFWMD properties, so stay tuned for more details on that one.

The Citizens' Preservation Fund found out Friday Dec 9th that the judge recommended a denial for the proposed Croom landfill. Many TB members have supported this cause and the CPF wanted to thank everyone and every group involved in supporting this cause. They aren't done yet so continue your support -- but the tide has changed.

Reminders: sign in at every park in which you ride so the financial support continues and the trails stay open to horse riding.

My thanks to all the members that voted in the recent elections and showed their support at the SWFWMD meetings. To have a club worth joining, you need to participate.

See you on the trails,

Susan Vaisey

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****Please remember all riders participate 16 years and under will be required to wear a helmet in any equine related activities in our Club. *Proof of negative Coggins will be required at all ride/campouts/ and current signed hold harmless. Guests are welcome to accompany members and are able to attend two club sponsored events as guests. If they like Triple B enough to keep coming, then encourage them to join as members to share in the fun and friendship.***

FOR SALE Pen

(Note: Send an e-mail to TripleBriders@yahoo.com for info on posting an item for sale.) Members can use this area for free to post items for sale or wanted items. Non-members can place an ad here for \$25.

- Pony Turnout Blanket: New - Saxon 60" \$50 – call Sandi at 863-619-2929

- All Aluminum Cart Bracket: for mounting on back of trailer, like new – call Sandi for details 863-619-2929