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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT™

Dear Fellow Equestrians

We will have the LTR Family Fun Show on October 31st and that will bring this year's show season to a close. Everyone will then be anticipating our upcoming Christmas party which includes dinner, the awards ceremony and the White Elephant Sale to be held at the Elks lodge again on December 5th. It should be a great time as usual with some good food!

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has helped out at the shows even when they were not scheduled to work as well as those that were because without this help we could not successfully have the shows. I would also like to thank Andy and his crew for being at every show to give provide the club with good food and drinks. We all know it takes a lot to get all of the food ready and prepared for us. Another special thanks to Mike and Robby for helping with the grounds.

As the current President I have continuously talked to people about joining our organization so that we could get the membership up, as I know a lot of other members have been doing as well. If we get people to come out and see what a nice group of people we have amongst our membership, I think the LTR club can continue to grow.

We will have one more meeting this year which will be held November 10th at 7:30 pm at St. Clair Bowl. At his meeting we take nominations from the nominating committee for the positions of President, Vice President, Show Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and two Trustee Positions. With that being said, I have given my position as President a lot of thought. I took a long, hard look back over the last five years of when I took over this position. When I took this position we went full speed ahead on making changes that would benefit the members. One of the first changes that were made to the club was to give the members back the club by allowing them to have the majority of the say in the clubs business by voting in the rules the club would live by.

While maintaining office, several needed repairs were made to the show grounds, for example the bleachers have had new wood put into them so people could be safe sitting on them, the food stand area has been renovated, new speakers and lights have been put in place, and a trailer was purchased to store as well as get the show supplies safely back and forth to the show grounds. Along with the show ground improvements, the club has also had accurate accounting of all of the clubs funds for the past five years which have been published in newsletters for all members to view. We also have managed to keep a fair and open minded show chair. We all know how hard that position can get. As well as a secretary that has managed to keep the club informed of details of the meetings and upcoming events. Since these are all voluntary, nonpaid positions, I would like to thank all of my cabinet for supporting the club in making all this happen.

I got to thinking where do I want to see this club go? What do I want this club to be? Who do I want to run this club? I appreciate all those who have talked to me about this which has helped me come to the conclusion of running again for President. I may not win, but at least I can say I tried. I would greatly appreciate all the members of Lincoln Trail Riders support for me running as President again.

In conclusion I think that this club has come a long way in the last five years. I feel with myself and the cabinet we have now we can continue to bring membership up as well as continue to have a fun and friendly family atmosphere for everyone to enjoy, young and old. That is what the horse world is all about, that feeling of happiness when you go out to see your horse or just to have him at the show whether he wins or loses, or you come to the show just to be around a great group of people. I have seen firsthand the happiness that can come from owning one of these animals. As always if you would like to talk to me stop by the barn or give me a call.

If you are interested in running for any of the positions please contact a member of the nominating committee. You have to have been a member for one year in order to run for office and must be 18 years of age.

Thank You All For Your Support
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