

## OPRC March 16, 2011 Meeting

Date: 16 March 2011

Location: Lucinda O'Harran home

Time: 7:00 PM.

### Officers

President Robin Goebel, Vice President Michele Lacroix, Treasurer Pam Jamieson, Secretary Monica Lynn

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm by President Robin Goebel. Monica read the treasurer's balance from bank statement to be \$2,298.19.

### Old Business:

Renewal membership must be paid by 28 Feb or member will no longer be covered by insurance until member pays. After 28 Feb membership fee increases by \$5.00 to \$37.00

\* FIRST AID KITS: Robin has been unable to research the prices for 2 saddle kits and one trailer kit. Robin will pass to Monica to research.

\* MEMBER RATINGS: New members must be done before the schedule ride time on Saturday @ 11:00 AM at Rita Riddles before the practice.

\* OPRC RALLY: Robin explained that the Rallies are held every other year and this is the year for a Rally. Our club will be joining Formidable Founders Club and a location still needs to be determined. A Rally is comprised of numerous events to include; jumping, dressage, trail course, barrel racing, pole pending to be done at riders own pace (walk, trot and no canter if rider isn't ready). Robin stressed this is really a FUN show. If rider is a competitor then you may do so at the local and national level.

Ti'mi asked if a member could ride 2 horses and use a different horse for different events. Robin stated that the rider can pick an event to ride a different horse.

\* ANIMAL RESCUE CLINIC - It is a series of two classes to become certified with large animal rescue. Total estimated cost for two classes is about \$500.00 for the classes and hotel. This is being held in Elkton, MD about three hours north. Club voted to sponsor and pay for the attendance for one fire department volunteer rescue person in either St. Mary's or Calvert county.

o Shiela was unable to get any fire fighter interested in attending, but will be attending herself.

o Kelly was not present at the meeting and no status provided.

TRAIL RIDE DISCUSSION: Safe trail riding was discussed, this group is made up of experienced and inexperience riders. Some members like to ride fast and others at a slow pace.. Robin stated that a fast group leaving others behind makes the ones left behind vulnerable due to their horses getting anxious watching others ride off. This has been discussed many times that it is important the group stays together when trail riding.

\* CALENDAR EVENTS:

\* 19 March mounted at 11:00 AM Rita's for Rally practice . Use Rita's outside ring for setup of pole bending course

- \* 2-3 April Animal Rescue Clinic, first class to become certified with large animal rescue, series of 2 classes. Kelly will be attending if anyone else is interested.
  - \* 15 April Unmounted Meeting location at Michele Croix's home near Little Cove, Calvert County
  - \* 16 April (Saturday) mounted at 11:00 AM Patuxent Park in Croom (Slow ride)
  - \* 14 May (Saturday) Don Caster Park (Fast Ride)
  - \* 20 May Unmounted Meeting location at Shiela's, Charles County
  - \* 21 May Hope House Ride with Formidable Founders on Eastern Shore
  - \* 22 May (Sunday) Flat Iron Farm, Great Mills St. Mary's County (Slow ride), Discussed playing soccer after the ride
  - \* Additional interests in riding:
    - o Clark Farms in Pennsylvania, potential weekend for 10 people to stay in a house and have an escorted trail ride in the area.
    - o 29 May Benefit ride in Middleburg, VA
  - \* 17 June Mtg at Robin Goebels, Calvert County
  - \* 3rd Friday's every month for meetings
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm and members continued socializing.