

OPRC November 11, 2011 Meeting

Date: 11 Nov 2011

Location: Greenwell State Park Lodge, St. Mary's County

Time: 7:00 PM

Officers

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

Attendees: Robin, Monica, Michele, Karen, Jane, , Bonnie, Theresa, Craig, Ruth, Carol, Nancy, Sue, Marietta, Janie, Rita, Yolanda, Gloria, Jennifer, Jackie , Corey, Tracey, Kelly, Clyde, Dean, Tina, Danny, Diane, Mary, Colleen, Visitors- Kathy, Richard, Zack

Meeting called to order by President Robin Goebel at 7:30 PM

The meeting opened with introductions and the largest member participation to date.

Elections were held and no new nominations were presented for any of the officer positions. Current officers offered to stay in their positions if no new members would take on the duties. The elections were voted and seconded for the following officers for 2012 Calendar year:

President Robin Goebel
Vice President Michele Lacroix
Treasurer Pam Jamieson
Secretary Monica Lynn
Membership Kelly Smith

Christmas Party: The Christmas party was discussed and a vote to narrow down the choices to 3 entrée. Majority of members did not want the buffet so this will not be an option. Monica will tally the members' meal selections and identify the 3 choices that members will be able to select. Beer and Wine is not included in the cost and is not offered by the catering service. Monica will bring the beer and wine but members are asked to provide their beer choice and wine will be a red and white wine offered. Cost for the alcohol will be based on consumption of individuals. Email to follow requesting member and guest meal selection. 2 December is the deadline for count and meal selection to be provided to Monica. <http://www.dreamweavercatering.com/>

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(in the Prince Frederick Shopping Center
with Greene Turtle, CalvArt Gallery, Sakura)**

A Chinese gift exchange of \$10 is optional for participation.

Membership: The Freedom OPRC dues for 2012 will remain the same at \$15. National dues have not been announced yet. February 28th is the last day to provide membership renewal before members are charged a late fee. Checks and registration forms should be mailed to Kelly Smith. Members can download the registration forms from the National OPRC website. Renewing members will only need to send their dues and updated horse and rider releases and health forms.

Kelly will re-register the club with the National OPRC .

Meetings/Emails:

The meetings for 2012 will still be held the third Friday of every month, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Emails - A discussion on the volume of emails was held. It was excessive this past month due to the rally and the camp, with responses to questions being sent to all members rather than just the requestor. It was requested to respond with **not** a reply to all, but just to the person that sent the email, for general questions. In some cases, the email dialog is valuable, but membership is asking for some moderation of volume.

Demonstrations and educational opportunities were discussed and will be reviewed at the January meeting. Members should be prepared to step in to volunteer as coordinators to organize these opportunities for the club. This is a club and members should not expect the officers to take the lead on all activities planned by the club.

- **Hay Co-Op** for purchasing hay next year was discussed. Rita will take on as Coordinator and research, with Jolanda and Jayne.
- **Trail Rides** - Next year it was requested to add in some early evening rides and not have just morning rides. The participation in the rides has been the same individuals and it was asked why? It seems schedules for members are conflicting or the times are not good. The selection of multiple trail rides and different counties does offer everyone the opportunity to participate. We hope that changing around the times will give more people a chance to ride.
- **Poker Ride** – A twist is added to a trail ride. Karen will coordinate for next year.
- **Health Spa/Clinic** – Majority of members thought this was a great idea and Corey has taken on this event as the Coordinator and will research, along with Karen and Rita. What's a horse spa/clinic? An event where there might be an osteopath to find sore places on your horse, or a massage therapist, perhaps the equine dentist, maybe someone to help evaluate movement and give stretching exercises. The idea is a day to take care of health needs that your vet might not do at the annual checkup.
- **OPRC Logo Wear** – Robin will locate the logo file and provide to Jolanda who will be the Coordinator for locating a company to purchase shirts, etc., with Karen's assistance. Noted was that on the National OPRC website they offer apparel with the OPRC Logo.
- **Hughesville Fire Department and OPRC Training Day** – Craig is a member of the Hughesville Fire Dept and they are trying to arrange a training day for the fire fighters to learn how to work around horses and get an understanding of how to assist horse owners and horses in an accident environment. It was noted that Charles County does have a large animal rescue program called (CART) Charles County Animal Rescue Team.
- **2012 Camp** – Members would like to hold a camp again next year. Bonnie will take on logistics. Robin will help organize the learning component, with Michele and Rita. We could also add a scavenger hunt or a poker ride to the camp. Note: it appears the limit will be 18 riders.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

CALENDAR EVENTS:

- 9 Dec Christmas Party – Dream Weaver Café (Prince Frederick, MD)
- 20 Jan 2012 – Location not determined

Monica A. Lynn