

OPRC Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2012 at Joanne McAlpin's house

In attendance: Liza, Pat, Dianne, Joanne, Sasha, Bonnie, Theresa, Betty, Cathy, Susan, Ada, Omie, Sigi, Judie

I. Introductions of officers and members

II. President's report.

- Agenda will be sent in advance of meetings; to add items email Judie or Liza
- Shiela Haviland sent information from National Office including info on insurance, rallies, fundraisers, chapter challenges, scholarships and grants. Liza will bring this info to monthly meetings so we can take advantage of it.
- Bulk of meetings will be talking about new business. Liza will bring calendar to update.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Dec. beginning bank balance \$704.78; ending balance \$561.43. Rally payments have cleared and club made a \$53.00 profit on it. Prices charged for number of participants was appropriate.
- Other clubs (including new one in S. MD) can be invited to events/rallies in future, space permitting.
- Freestate: last year \$25.00 per use. It's also possible for individuals to join and use it for free. We will look at the contract from last year and see if Founders are interested in sharing/trading months.

IV. New Business

- Dues set for this year: National \$15, Club \$19. (Last year Nat'l \$17, Club \$17, so overall price is still the same.
- Family members: (National still gets \$15 per person) \$50 for two family members and \$25 for each additional family member. That way, the club will get \$10 per family member beyond the first, with Nat'l still getting their share.
- Dues payable to Bonnie S. by Feb. 1st and all new and renewing members need to sign release form. (8 Hillside Rd., Unit A, Greenbelt, MD 20770)
- Discussion of getting OPRC embroidered shirts and saddle pads (need Western options) but no decisions made.
- 2012 activity ideas: trailer parking at Freestate; bomb proofing; fundraising/charity rides; cow cutting; giving to charity (possibly small rescue groups) at holiday time instead of a gift exchange
- Discussion about prices we are willing to pay for a clinic. Most members said \$100 max.
- Horse Expo—a group is going on Sat. 1/21. Admission is \$10.00.
- Consider setting a goal to rate up. Ratings categories on OPRC website. Consult Pony Club books for additional info, although their rating system is not the same. Ratings dates in spring and fall will be put on calendar.
- Consider setting goals for showing
- Assateague Island camp out or day ride is in consideration.
- Dewey Beach in Lewes, DE Ride for Charity.
- Keep in mind that Founders are discussing the following clinics: X country schooling at Holiday stables in Harwood, MD; Jousting; Cattle Clinic; Rosaryville Trail Ride

Action Items:

- Next meeting Friday, Feb. 10th at 7:30 (Note later time) at Susan Montgomery's house in Columbia, MD.
- Joanne will bring last year's Freestate calendar to the meeting so we can discuss use for this year.
- Come prepared to discuss/vote for 1 or 2 causes that you want our club to support through holiday party and/or trail rides. Possibly set a \$\$ goal?