



March 8, 2009

ODGHA Monthly Meeting

Attendees:

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| 1. Tom Gossard    | 6. Steve Rice   |
| 2. Dave Herbert   | 7. Sharon Rice  |
| 3. Kim Thompson   | 8. Ron Hamilton |
| 4. Betty Franklin | 9. Joe London   |
| 5. Jim Staiger    | 10. Rex Monroe  |

Tom Gossard called the March membership meeting to order at 3:02 PM. Tom stated that the February meeting minutes have been published on the yahoo website and mailed out to members that do not have access to the internet. Tom asked for a motion to accept the minutes, Dave Herbert made the motion with a second from Joe London. Tom asked for discussion or corrections.

**Treasurer Report**

Dave stated that we have several bills that are outstanding for the upcoming show. Tom asked for any discussion or corrections? Ron Hamilton made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with a second from Sharon Rice. Tom asked for discussion. None were brought up. The Treasures Report is approved.

**Membership Report**

Kim Thompson stated that she had not received any new membership applications but she had received about 12 renewals back from current members. That is almost one half of our membership that is renewing. Kim also handed out several examples of membership cards that she had created and was asking the members at the meeting to select the card they most liked. She would be sending out membership cards to people as they renew.

**Merchandise**

Sharon Rice brought in a catalog for the merchandise. There are about 20 colors you can pick from in the polo style shirt. She can order more shirts and hats in different colors and sizes. She will get the information out to the club members about asking them to wear their club logo shirts and hats at the shows by the end of this week.

## **Website**

Tom stated that Alice Martens had forwarded out an entree form that you can fill out on the internet.

## **Trail Ride Report**

David Herbert provided a handout with seven potential dates and locations. It was decided to schedule a trail ride each month. There was a lot of discussion on locations and club members provided Dave with other locations to consider.

## **Clinics**

Tom asked that Kim Thompson send out a thank you note to Tom Christofaro for coming up and putting on a great clinic.

## **April Show 2009**

Tom asked Steve Rice how the vendor part was coming along? He stated that he was contacting each vendor about coming. Sharon had forwarded a dozen emails out to vendors and is waiting responses.

Vendor Donations is being handled by Anne McFarland, but she was not at this meeting.

Tom stated that Stephanie is working on the programs again this year. The cut off date to get something into the program is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tom asked about Sponsors? We really need to get out there and get as many as we can. This cuts down on the costs to the club.

Raffle - We are going to have a 50/50. Ron Hamilton will assist in the selling of the tickets. Everyone needs to collect items that can be raffled off during the show.

Tom stated that there is a HIO Rule that is now being enforced. No saddles on horses when they come through the DQP inspection.

Tom asked Dave Herbert about the advertising. Dave stated that it is going really well. Dave brought some magazines to show the members the advertisements that have been placed in them for the up coming show. He has also gone out to the internet and posted the show on about 15 free calendars.

## **Schooling Shows**

Tom asked how the schooling show on 4-4-09 was going. It will be held at the Shenandoah County Fair Grounds. Joe said we had the contracts but he had a question about them. He asked what do we normally pay the judge. Tom said Rose Murphy called and asked if she could offer Bill Garvey \$125 plus 50¢ per mile. Tom said he thought that was fine. Tom discussed the class list. Joe said we have a lot of youth rider classes because of the large amount

of youths in the area. We'd like to have this show like this to see what the participation level is and then make a determination on what we should do going forward. The judge will speak to each rider to give them some explanation of how they did, what they can improve on, etc. This is geared towards getting new riders/members. Joe asked if some extra people could come to help out with sign in and set up. Kim & Rusty Thompson volunteered to come help.

### **High Points for 2009**

Ann McFarland was no at the meeting to provide an update.

### **New Business**

Dave Herbert posted the Conflict of Interest Policy on the website. He discussed it with the members. Dave will bring a copy and the club will vote on it at the next meeting. Kim Thompson asked do we have to have each member sign off on the policy. Dave said no, just need to have the membership vote on it. This will be added to the By-Laws as an attachment.

Dave Herbert made a motion that the club makes a \$100 donation to Tammy Shoremount's upcoming across country ride with a second from Joe London. Tom asked for discussion. The members discussed some ramification and then it was decided that the club would not make a contribution. So Dave modified his motion to allow members to make a donation in the name of the club with a second from Ron Hamilton. Tom asked for discussion, there was none. The motion passed.

PA Horse Expo went really well this year and was well attended.

Joe London spoke about the Piedmont Expo. Tom asked do we want to have a booth at the Piedmont Expo? After some discussion it was decided not to attend this.

**The next membership meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 5th at 3PM at the IHOP in Warrenton, VA.**

Betty Franklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Joe London. The meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM