Fall OPRC Meeting – Formidable Founders
Jan 13, 2009 at the home of Hope Jacob

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Old Business:
Not much to discuss.

Treasury Report:
Our treasurer Shiela not able to attend so she sent our chapter's Suntrust financial statement to Hope and Whitney to report on. As of 12/31 it showed a collected balance of $945.38

Membership dues collected by Maren, who will run them by Shiela's home since she lives nearby.
Family Membership dues = $50. Family includes husband/wife/over 21 kids and even fiancés (MaryJo!) Dianne McLary is owed a $20 refund this year as she over-paid for herself and Jaime.

New Business:
Activities for the upcoming year…

January 18 – Hunter Pace at Rosaryville. Check www.marlboroughhorse.org to learn more or to find out if there is a weather postponement

Jan 15 – 18 – Horse Expo at Timonium Fairgrounds. Go to www.horseworldexpo.com to learn more about the clinics, exhibitions, etc.

Jan 22 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm - Save South River Greenway Trails for horseback riding! (trails around old Crownsville Hospital) Meeting at AA Community College.

March 21 – Jumper Derby at Rosaryville

March 21 – 22 – First in the Black-eyed Susan Horse Show Series at PG. Visit www.besthorseshows.com to see all the dates and prize list.

March 24 – Dinner Meeting at Deborah Fisks home in Crownsville

April 11 – Unrecognized Horse Trial (sponsored by MHT) at Rosaryville

April 25 – 26 – First in the SMHA horse show series at PG. Visit www.SMHAhorseshow.com to see all the dates and prize list.

May 10 – Horse Trial at Olney Farm in Joppa. An OPRC division will happen. This is a fundraiser for the St. Margarets Pony Club.

May 17 – St Margarets Pony Club trail ride cook-out at Doden for those who participated in the May 10 Horse trial at Olney Farm.

May 31 – Vaulting Clinic in Boyds, MD

June 6-7 – MCTA Starter horse trial at Glenwood. Schooling June 6 for volunteers.

June 27-28 – Tetrathalon: Run, Swim, Shoot, and Ride. Val Levin is putting together teams for this. You can pick just one event to do for your team. There will be a "wild card"

division where the swimming & running is only 25 yds; and the shooting is short range, jumping 18".

July 12 – Horse Swim at the Cave's Farm (OPRC members only)

July 25 – People Swim at Hunter Hill – 3:00 pm; Cookout! Bring food & stuff

Activities Not Yet with Dates:

Waredaca clinic – stadium and cross country – 2 different height training groups Cost will be $75 per rider. Min 3 riders per group to make it worthwhile. Preregister.

Rally – possibly host at either Glenwood or Reality Inn Farm.

Rock Creek Park Trail Ride – Gee Wood organizing for us

Activities to Think About:

Member Amy Gaston is interested in hosting clinics at the farm she manages in Lothian. If you would like to ride with her or learn more about her teaching credentials, please contact her at ldyalexander@aim.com. She may set up a small clinic in the near future.

Oakridge Park is a very nice equestrian friendly park in So. MD (Charles County?) that would be a great place for members to coordinate for trail rides.

Equitours offers an unguided Inn-to-Inn trail ride in the South of France. Lois Bennett suggests we think about doing this in the summer (2010?) as it can get chilly up in the mountains there.

Another jumping clinic with Janice Cole. It was very well received this past fall, so Whitney will look into setting up another similar clinic.

Sam Allen has a variety of training and competition opportunities on her calendar. This will go out in an email to the OPRC. www.allansporthorses.com is her website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.