

The General Membership State Meeting of the Ohio Horseman's Council was held on March 24, 2018 at the Eagles Lodge, 127 E William St, Delaware, OH 43015. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by the President, Arden Sims. Secretary, Catherine Estill, was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Arden thanked the OHC Youth Program for hosting the meeting.

Secretary, Catherine Estill, read the roll call. 33 of 65 chapters were represented, check list on file. Attendance total was 94 (per sign-ins taken by the hosting OHC Youth Program).

Minutes of previous meeting had been posted online and were approved as written.

Treasurer, JoEllen Reikowski

- Reviewed 2017 income and expenses and the 2018 budget, report on file.
 - 2017 Income \$81,785.50 and Expenses \$82,398.92, both under budget. Arden noted that a change in the way of buying insurance was reflected in the 2017 accounting, resulting in the negative balance for the year of -\$613.42.
 - 2018 budget \$85,440. Assets \$137,556.81.
- Reviewed the Role of the Chapter Treasurer, handout on file.

Legal Affairs, Tom Green

- Reported on outreach work of OHC: OTP participation (horse, bike, hike, blading, paddlers), ODNR, OH tourism, Worthington Industries, Wayne National Forest
- Lobbying state legislature on behalf of trails: unique Ohio Legislative Caucus, March 21 reception, ODNR Director Jim Zehringer (Assistant ODNR Director Gary Obermiller, ODNR Division of Soil and Water Resources Chief Mike Bailey).
- The proposed resolution for 2018 Ohio's Year of the Trails passed in state senate, is waiting for vote in the house
- 2018 Ohio Trails Reception, March 21. ODNR Parks & Watercraft, Tom Arbour, collecting info from trail groups, mapping, advisory committee to re-vamp trail plan with representation from OHC, new trails website (2 buttons): trails.ohiodnr.gov
- Can non-horse people be kept out of horse camps? Gary Obermiller says no, but we can increase signage and handouts to increase public awareness.

Vice President, Eric Estill

- Legislative visits prior to the Ohio Trails Reception. Funding for land and trails is being provided. Government agencies now appear receptive to OHC input.

Guests, Greg & Cynthia Bauman, Creekside Horse Park, Waynesburg OH (Stark County).

- Has supported youth programs. Partnership for new facility, with challenge trail course, private horse trails and primitive camping (\$15/night). Flyer on file.
- OQHA Trail Ride & Challenge, June 14 – 16, 2018. IMTCA oversees challenge events. Horsemen's Corral Club Challenge, June 17, 2018. Invited OHC to have promotional booth at events.
- Todd Salome, OQHA rep, thanked OHC for support and participation in its trail rides.

Historian, Jim Wallace, for Laura Wallace

- Input this year has doubled. Storing chapter records of 2016 and 2017, minutes and more.
- Laura contacted the first OHC VP, Al Parks, about the start of OHC, received report.
- 2 county chapters drawn from those submitting info to historian: Warren & Miags, each receive 2 Equine Affaire tickets.

Bylaws, Eric Estill

- Noted that the prospective developer has not responded regarding new online registration.
- Bylaws, Resolution 1 & 2, see below
 - 1) Document Retention & Destruction, Conflict of Interest, Whistleblower (per IRS recommendation). Motion by Eric Estill, second by Paul Ayres. Approved.
 - 2) State Trail Rides calendar and Guidance document. Maintained by State Trail Rides Committee. Motion by Eric Estill, second by Jim Wallace. Approved.

Resolution One

Whereas, the IRS recommends that the Ohio Horseman’s Council issue and maintain a Document Retention and Destruction Policy, a Conflict of Interest and Annual Statement Policy, and a Whistleblower Policy and;

Whereas, the most efficient method to ensure that these documents are issued and kept current is to direct the Executive Cabinet to issue these documents and keep them current,

Resolved that the following shall be added to the Ohio Horseman’s Council Standing Rules.

Add:

3.10 The Executive Cabinet Shall:

3.10.1 Issue and keep current an OHC Document Retention and Destruction Policy

3.10.2 Issue and keep current an OHC Conflict of Interest and Annual Statement Policy

3.10.3 Issue and keep current an OHC Whistleblower Policy

Resolution Two

Whereas, the OHC website holds a document of the State Trail Ride Guidelines and;

Whereas, the OHC Standing Rules do not state who is responsible to keep these guidelines current and;

Whereas, it has been the practice of the OHC to publish a State Trail Rides Calendar at the beginning of each year and this practice should be reflected in the Standing Rules,

Resolved that the responsibility to maintain the State Trail Ride Guidelines and publish a State Trail Rides calendar at the beginning of each year and keep the calendar current shall be assigned to the State Trail Rides Committee by amending Standing Rule 4.5.9 as follows:

From:

4.5.9 State Trail Rides Committee

4.5.9.1 Shall consist of a chair and any number of committee members as deemed necessary by the chair.

4.5.9.2 Shall coordinate and schedule one or more OHC State Trail Ride each calendar year.

4.5.9.3 Shall periodically publish to the membership a calendar of OHC State Trail Rides.

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4.5.9.2 Shall coordinate and schedule one or more OHC State Trail Ride each calendar year.

4.5.9.3 Shall publish, prior to January 1st each year, a calendar of OHC State Trail Rides for that year and publish updates to the calendar as required to keep it current.

4.5.9.4 Shall publish and maintain an OHC State Trail Ride Guidelines document.

Trail Mileage & Saddle Hours, Anne Lindimore, report on file.

- 23% of members reported. Recognition will be posted on website.
- David Swingle (Perry Co) and Lois Wallace (Washington Co) are 25,000 miles members.
- Trail Mileage & Saddle Hours awards presented to 2 youth members in attendance.

Equine Affaire, Mary Alice Kuhn, for Ann Beathard, report on file.

- Need more volunteers for OHC booth.
- Informational handouts will be available: *Horse Power* OHC newsletter (with April issue of *Horsemen's Corral*) and a Benefits & Trail News handout.

Newsletter, Mary Alice Kuhn, for Theresa Burke, report on file.

- 2018 *Horse Power* state OHC newsletter, with a theme of celebrating Ohio's trails, will be published with the April issue of the *Horsemen's Corral*.

Promotions & Merchandise, Mary Alice Kuhn, report on file.

- Presentations at Equine Affaire: Dawn McCarthy & Arden Sims, *Establishing & Building Bridle Trails*. Tom Arbour & Don Wagner, *The Geology of Trail Building*.
- Merchandise Program: "Ride Ohio's Trails" OHC apparel, can add name and chapter name. Link to www.AGPestores.com/designcreationz/groups.php on OHC website. Individuals may place order, no minimum.

Lunch. Grace was said before lunch by Brent DeWees (Washington Co). He also reported Rick Patterson (Merit Awards Committee Chair) had a liver transplant, not doing well.

Youth Program, Jackie Romaker Hosted this meeting.

- Youth Camp projects this year are a second lean-to and an obstacle course, if funds became available. An impromptu donation was then made by Tom Salome, OQHA of \$100 cash, followed by Cuyahoga Co chapter \$100; Montgomery \$100; Clark \$100; Ashland \$100; Ashtabula \$100; Crawford \$100; Guernsey \$100; Geauga \$100; Muskingum \$100; Summit \$100; Lorain \$100; and the NW Region \$100. Jan Dean (Licking Co) personally donated \$40, and a hat was passed among attendees for additional donations. *
 - Youth Program raised money through the silent auction at this meeting and three raffles: framed horsehead photo, a 50/50 drawing, and Smoke Rise weekend. *
- *See total accounting following these minutes.

Membership, Del Stanback

- 3,024 members to date, with still more members to process.
- Reminded members to mail membership applications and checks to the treasurer, not membership chair.
- Members: 4,075 in 2016, 4,071 in 2017. Memberships: 2,600 in 2016, 2,200 in 2017

Trails, Don Wagner

- Great Seal clean-up, Apr 7
- Hocking Hills clean-up, Apr 21 & 22. Still accepting donations for gravel at Hocking.
- Fairfield Co working on signage. 10 sites with electric.
- For liability and workers compensation insurance, sign VIP for state parks, good for 2 years.
- Brought carton of OHC logo plastic bags to give away.
- Northern Ohio chain saw training & certification for State Forests to be held April or May, \$50.

Trail Work Hours, Vicki Wagner

- 29 chapters turned in trail work hours. 10,009 hours reported. Top chapters awarded: Delaware \$200, Madison \$100, and Warren \$100.
- New reporting form for 2018, similar to Trail Mileage form.

Arden estimated \$500,000 - \$750,000 worth of time and donations to trails by OHC members.
Recognized Reuss Griffiths for his work on documenting trail maps.

State Trail Rides, Jack Weese & Cindy Barnett

- 9 rides in 2018 hosted by county chapters, calendar on file.

Regional Representatives

- Cindy Barnett, SW Region. Brown Co chapter has merged with Clermont. Pike Lake State Forest to be featured on Best of America in April.
- New NW Regional rep, Al Sidell, State Ride, Sept 28 - 30. Jim Wallace, NE Region, active ride schedule. Don Wagner, SE Region.

Unfinished Business

Mary Alice Kuhn, Director

- To promote OHC and increase awareness with state legislature, suggested we Google our representative or senator, and invite them to your state ride and/or dinner.

Don Wagner, Trails: look for grant applications on OHC website

Eric Estill, Bylaws

- Standing Rules change requested to capture the current practice of the Merit Award Committee (postponed from November 2017 meeting), see below. Eric Estill made motion, Penny Passalacqua seconded. Approved.

Whereas, the Merit Awards Committee currently asks the Executive Cabinet to endorse the Gibby Award choice and any lifetime member awards, this Standing Rule amendment will add that practice to the Standing Rules,

Resolved to amend the OHC Standing Rules.

From:

4.5.3 Merit Awards Committee

- 4.5.3.1 Shall consist of a chair plus two (2) members.
- 4.5.3.2 Shall determine and award such merit awards as deemed suitable and deserving.
- 4.5.3.3 Shall publish from time to time in an official OHC publication the requirements for merit award nominations.

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- 4.5.3.2 Shall determine and award such merit awards as deemed suitable and deserving.
 - 4.5.3.2.1 Shall recommend a Gibby Award recipient to the OHC Executive Cabinet annually.
 - 4.5.3.2.2 Shall recommend lifetime member recipients to the Executive Cabinet when deemed suitable by the awards committee
- 4.5.3.3 Shall publish from time to time in an official OHC publication the requirements for merit award nominations.

New Business

Bill Craft, Nominating Committee

- 3 state officers to be elected at the November 10, 2018 meeting due to terms expiring: President, Vice President, and Treasurer
- Nominees: President, Eric Estill, and Vice President, Jim Wallace

Nancy Strayer, President, Wayne County chapter

- be aware of soft/wet ground conditions in the parks
- Mohican project, road crossings marked
- Wayne County offers pony rides at Malabar Farm, last weekend in September, needs volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM

Catherine Estill,
OHC Secretary

* OHCYP tally reported by Jackie Romaker, 3/26/18:

Cash/checks collected at state meeting:

\$240 in Cash: \$100 OQHA (Todd Salome), \$100 Montgomery, \$40 Jan Dean (Licking)

\$300 in Checks: \$100 Ashtabula, \$100 Clark, \$100 Summit

\$800 additional chapter/region \$100 commitments:

Ashland, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Guernsey, Lorain, Muskingum, NW Region

\$460: passing of the hat

\$436: silent auction

\$170: Smoke Rise raffle tickets (won by Barbara Stevens)

\$131: 50/50 raffle

\$ 83: picture raffle

\$2,620 – total from state meeting

\$500: previous Smoke Rise raffle tickets collected

\$120: approximate profit from state meeting meal

\$3,240 Total for youth program