

The General Membership State Meeting of the Ohio Horseman's Council was held on March 12, 2022 at the Eagles Lodge, 127 E. Williams St, Delaware, Ohio 43015. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by the president Eric Estill. The event was hosted by Northwest Region. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Secretary, Ranee Vititoe, read the roll call. There was 36 of 65 chapters present. Sign in list on file. Attendance total was 97 members, (sign in taken by the hosting Northwest region). Minutes of previous meeting were acknowledged and were approved as written. Motion per Eric Estill. Seconded by Kathleen Girgis.

Membership, Catherine Estill

- 2,767 members to date, 1,039 memberships. Report on file.
- Membership cards and forms and insurance cards available.

Treasurer, JoEllen Reikowski

- Reviewed 2021 income and expenses and the 2022 budget, report on file.
- 2021 income \$65,811.59 with expenses \$57,272.57, resulting in \$8,539.02 net income.
- 2022 budget \$92,372.20. Total assets \$88,561.25.
- No audit.

President, Eric Estill

- Clarification of 501C3 vs 501C4. That being no contributions given to any legislatures now or in future. Once this change to 501C3 occurs all donations can be tax deductible.
- But before this conversion can occur the Bylaws need refined to reflect that conversion.
- Changes to Bylaws explained and motion made by Eric Estill. Second Paul Ayres. Motion carried. *See wording of Bylaws changes below, following minutes.*
- After we adopt the changes in Bylaws we will apply for conversion.

Guest, Sheryl Hoffman, VP of Philanthropy. Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

- Presentation of "Trails Now", improvements and expansion of bridle & hiking trails.
- 35 miles of bridle trails, many connections within other parks.

Webmaster, Cindy Gray-Stanley

- Available to assist "Chapter Authors", a person designated to edit and create changes to chapter page on OHC website.
- Videos to assist site editing available on OHC website, under "Links" tab.

Regional Representatives

- **NW**, Sharon Smith, report on file.
- **NE**, Sharon Smith for Jim Wallace. Report on file.
- **Central**, Becky Porter, Regional meeting was held on February 24, attending represented 10 different counties. Report on file. Her term is completed.
- **SW**, Paul Ayres for Kris Green. OHC Founder's Day State Trail Ride, Sept 30 – Oct 2. Name to follow to make reservation.
- **SE**, Don Wagner not in attendance.

Anniversary Committee, Mary Alice Kuhn

- Anniversary cake and ice cream for provided by Fulton County chapter.

- Chapter logo quilt to be raffled. Donated by Diane Joseph.
- Bingo game in progress. Developing as being used by members.
- Many great donations to be handed out with the game.
- Apparel is moving well. Website has better ordering. Orders will be grouped to help supply and availability. Shipping to be determined.
- Contacting early OHC members for memories of the start and development of OHC since 1972.

Equine Affaire Committee, update given by Mary Alice and Theresa Burke

- Need more volunteers for OHC booth. Sign-up on OHC website.

Trail Miles, Anne Lindimore

- Used to show trail usage to state government
- 49 chapters reporting, 280,155 trail miles
- Saddle hours were down
- Results available on website
- Mohican most ridden

Trail Work, Eric Estill for Vicki Wagner

- Only 46% of 65 chapters reporting. Total value \$344,914.
- Encouraged to get rest of chapters to report by April 6 meeting with state legislators.
- Bobbi Arters, Delaware chapter, can provide assistance and suggestions for maintaining trail hours.

State Ride Report, Cindy Barnett

- 9 State trail rides with 2 new locations. Recognizing 50th anniversary this year.
- Caesar Creek State Park had first trails in state 1972.
- Commemoration of 50th year of OHC with a tree planting at Caesar Creek State Park Horse Camp by ODNR, chief Glenn Cobb and other personnel attending.

Coalition of State Horse Council 2022 meeting update, Eric Estill

- Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 21 to 23, 2022
- Ohio is the largest state horse council of the American Horse Councils.

New Business, Eric Estill. None.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Eric Estill, second by Paul Ayres at 2:40 pm.

Submitted by
Ranee Vititoe
State OHC Secretary

OHC Bylaws proposal to change from 501(c)(3) to 501(c)(4)

From:

3.0 ARTICLE III: MISSION

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1. Provide a forum for equine owners and supporters to share ideas and suggestions for horse-related issues through education, state trail rides and other social and service functions;
 2. Provide resources to promote the building and maintenance of bridle trails throughout the State of Ohio;
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- 3.2 No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

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8.3 No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Statement of Purpose hereof. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the mission of the Ohio Horseman's Council as detailed in section 3 of these Bylaws and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

Add:

12.0 Article XII: Dissolution

12.1 Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.