

The **Fall State General Membership Meeting** of the **Ohio Horseman's Council** was held at the Elks Lodge 391, 73 N. Third Street, Newark Ohio on November 6, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Eric Estill, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The event was hosted by the Northeast Region.

**Secretary**, Ranee Vititoe, read the roll call.

- There were 34 of 64 chapters present. Attendance total was 106 members as noted from the Northeast Region's attendance list.
- Minutes of the previous General Membership meeting held in March 2022 were acknowledged and approved as written.

**Membership**, Catherine Estill

- Reported 3,424 members to date with 2027 memberships. Renewal has started via online and mail in. Catherine noted that she was available for assistance with membership.

**Treasurer**, JoEllen Reikowski

- The treasurer's report was covered until September of this year. See handout. Copy on file.

**Finance Chair**, Arden Sims

- The 2023 Budget Proposal was given. See handout. Motion to accept the 2023 budget per Arden Sims with second Rick Haldiman. Motion was approved. Copy on file.

**OHC Foundation** update.

- Arden noted a need for an individual with 501C3 experience to be part of the group directing the mission of the foundation. Development of the committee is in progress. Handout filed. Individuals can contact Arden if interested. An update to be presented at January 2023 meeting.

**Trail Miles Chair**, Anne Lindimore

- Many individuals riding and close to achieving buckles with miles. Trail patches available.

**Trail work hours Chair**, Vicki Wagner

- 1186 work hours reported, down from the previous year.

**Guest, Mark Allen**, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

- Slide show presentation was given about the Ohio Trails Vision for trails development, building and maintenance, and the trails app, DeTour.

**Bylaws**, Jim Wallace

- Amendment Proposals. See handout, copy on file. Clarification of chapter charge. At Large members allowed to join other chapters as secondary members. Motion to accept was given by Jim Strayton, seconded Anne Hunter. Motion was approved.

### **Coalition of State Horse Councils 2022, Jim Wallace**

- The meeting scheduled for Columbus was changed to a Zoom meeting due to many state councils' inability to attend. OHC has the largest membership of all the councils and the largest trail involvement.
- American Horse Council, of which OHC is a member, addresses many areas of concern of horse health and welfare: work Visas for racing industry, horse transportation regulations, placing unwanted horses, pyrethrin approval for fly spray, buying program discounts for members.
- OHC could do more with partnering with other horse organizations. Encourage them to join OHC as Associate Groups. Increased membership numbers give us greater influence for funding.

### **Trails, Don Wagner**

- Asks for one member from each region to be on the OHC Trails Committee
- Emphasized that trail miles and work hours need to be turned in.
- November 1st is new deadline for chapters' grant submissions to Regional Representatives. This year only November 31st submissions are allowed due to confusion on application.
- 4 of OHC's D.R. mowers have sold while one remains out and needs to be located and sold.

### **Regional Representatives**

- **Al Sidell, NW** - Acting for Sharon Smith while she is on leave of absence.
- **Jim Wallace, NE** -
  - Chain saw safety. Found a sponsor through the Department of Forestry. Contact him for further information.
  - Development of new parks in the region with a lot of work going on.
- **Becky Porter, Central** - Term is completed at end of year. Held a well-attended regional meeting.
- **Kris Green, SW** - Absent; update given by Becky. Kris's term will end this year.
- **Don Wagner, SE** - Term ends this year. New SE Regional Representative to be Mark Westlake from the Harrison chapter. Don will serve as SE Regional Mentor.

### **State Rides, Cindy Barnett**

- Largest number of State Rides this year and largest attendance. OHC 50th Anniversary events participation statewide was great.

**Herb Rider and Dave Goodbar** - Update on Caesar's Ford Park trails development in Greene County.

**New Business, Eric Estill** - OHC Mid-Winter meeting, January 14 & 15, 2023 at Salt Fork State Park lodge.

In closing: Catherine Estill read a quote by Don Robertson from 1977 about OHC's successful progress. Acknowledgement of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming to a close was enjoyed by all participating. Those that worked so hard for it to be successful were much appreciated.

Northeast region provided a wide variety of desserts, much enjoyed by everyone.

Motion to adjourn was acknowledged by Eric Estill, motion approved with adjournment at 2:43 pm.

Submitted: Ranee Vititoe,  
State OHC Secretary