

The **Spring State Ohio Horseman's Council General Membership Meeting** was held on March 11, 2023, at the Elks Lodge 391, 73 N Third Street, Newark, Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by the President Eric Estill. The event was hosted by the Southeast Region. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Secretary**, Raneé Vititoe, read the roll call. There were 40 of 64 chapters represented. Attendance totaled 122 members, (sign in taken at the door by hosting Southeast Region). Minutes of previous meeting were acknowledged and approved as written. Motion to accept per Eric Estill. Second by Jim Wallace. Non opposed.

**Membership**, Catherine Estill. As of today, 1803 memberships had been received. It was noted that memberships continue to come in after spring. Membership report on file.

- Warren Chapter showing 176 members with At-Large showing 166 members.
- At-Large had 117 memberships with Warren Chapter having 112.

**Treasurer**, report was presented by Arden Sims, Past President. JoEllen Reikowski, Treasurer was absent due to illness.

**OHC Foundation Update**, Arden Sims. 501c3 status and a OHC Foundation Committee was established. Forms to report donations will be available on the OHC website. The Foundation processes all the funds and then returns funds to chapters, if applicable.

**Trails Update**, Don Wagner. Trails Committee has added committee members. Anticipating busy year with new trails in several parks. Chain saw and first aid class program will be available for sign-up on website. Safety was emphasized. Eric Estill thanked all that volunteered for trail maintenance.

There has been a meeting to address the donated funds for Tappen Lake. Nancy Strayer reports a follow-up meeting is being planned to decide how to use the funds.

**Equine Affaire Update**, Mary Alice Kuhn.

- Equine Affaire coming up April 13 to 16. Sign-up link is on Facebook group page and website, using Sign-up Genius.
- Big Dee's has donated \$50.00 gift cards and loaded bucket, prizes will be for members who have the most sign-ups during the event.
- New hand-out postcard developed to be used to inform about what OHC is and to minimize quantity of paper generated by maps in the past. Maps are now all available on the OHC website.
- Promotions: using Ride Ohio slogan

Eric Estill encouraged members to attend Equine Affaire for the seminars and equine-focused trade fair.

Nancy Strayer noted Ohio State Parks are running a photo contest until April 14. Send in photos from 2022 to present. Many categories to choose from. Prizes are available if your picture is chosen. Watch the website for postings.

Nominations for Gibby Award need to be submitted by end of May so plaque can be made to present to the recipient in August.

**Bylaws Chair**, Jim Wallace. Proposes an amendment to the Standing Rules to meet the development of technology. Tom Green moved to amend the proposed amendment to add clarification of the committee's duties. Seconded by Catherine Estill. Motion carried. Jim Wallace made the motion to accept the amended proposal. Seconded by Devin Michaels. Motion carries.

Add the following to the OHC Standing Rules, under section **4.0 COMMITTEES**:

4.5.12 Technology Committee

- 4.5.12.1 Shall consist of a chair and any number of committee members as deemed necessary by the chair.
- 4.5.12.2 Shall facilitate providing membership reports as required for State, Regional, and Local Chapter Officers.
- 4.5.12.3 Shall work with webmaster to maintain the OHC website.
- 4.5.12.4 Shall facilitate preparing the monthly reports for Corral and Equine Liability Insurance Program.
- 4.5.12.5 Shall evaluate OHC technology compared to current technology and recommend changes

**Guest Speaker**, Ann Frederick: A Lifetime with Horses: Equine Adages, Axioms and Ism's.  
A slide presentation was given.

**Regional Representatives Reports:**

- **NW-** Al Sidell absent. Information presented by Cheryl Zielinski, Northwest Regional Mentor. She extended an invitation to come and participate at the events in the region.
- **NE-** Jim Wallace. Many riding activities are going on in the region. See report on file.
- **Central-** Craig Santee. Introduced as new Central Regional Representative. First planned meeting on March 19, 2023. Being held at the Flying J. Delaware chapter has two major projects to discuss. Several events planned in his region.
- **SW-** Cindy Barnett. Much work going on in the region. Caesars Ford in Xenia is coming along. Warren County chapter is hosting the 37<sup>th</sup> Great Tack Exchange March 19, 2023.
- **SE-** Mark Westlake. Introduced as new Southwest Regional Representative. Social media, used or not?

**Trail Miles and Saddle Hours Report**, Anne Lindimore, Trail Miles Chair

- There was 49 chapters reporting
- 147 members reporting 265,004 miles
- 23 states and more than 3 foreign countries
- 282 members reporting 21,207 saddle hours
- 40 Youth reported 8,100 trail miles
- 21 youth turned in 2,352 saddle hours
- No new inductees this year for the personalized buckle. Some individuals are close, so keep reporting.

- Hocking Hills State Park ridden most frequently, Mohican State Forest less than in past due to storm damage.
- Oak Openings is popular.

All the totals will be available on the website ohconline.com. Patches were available for pickup and to be mailed.

**Trail Work Hours Report**, Vicki Wagner, Trail Work Hours Chair.

- Most work hours turned in since 2019
- 16,558.02 hours 2022
- Parks worked the most: Van Buren, Paint Creek, Mohican, Beaver Creek, Alum Creek
- County Reporting, Wood 1,462 hours
  - Delaware 1,412 hours
  - Wayne 1,312.25 hours

Explanation of how to calculate hours. Eric Estill explained how these hours are assigned a dollar amount then reported to the state. Really a good year getting into the parks. This information will be available on website.

**State Ride Report**, Cindy Barnett, State Ride Coordinator

- See handout, copy on file and posted to website.

**New Business**, Eric Estill. Don Wagner proposed selling Central Region DR Mower.

The hosting Southeast Region provided a delicious meal and desserts for all.

Next General Meeting will be in November 5, 2023 at the Elks Lodge, Newark OH, to be posted on website.

Motion to adjourn at 3:04 PM by Eric Estill. Seconded Paul Ayres. Motion carried.

Submitted on March 16, 2023

Ranee Vititoe

OHC Secretary