

The Ohio Horseman's Council Fall State General Membership Meeting was held November 5, 2023 at the Elks Lodge 391, 73 N. Third Street, Newark, Ohio 43058. The meeting was called to order at 10:52 am by President Eric Estill. The delayed start was due to attendees still waiting to sign in and pay for lunch at the door.

Nancy Strayer took a moment to ask attendees to provide feedback by writing comments and suggestions on yellow papers placed on each table.

Secretary, Ranee Vititoe, read the roll call. There were 38 Chapters plus at Large presented of the 64 chapters. Sign-in for the day was 128 members. (Sign-in was taken at the door by the hosting Southwest Region).

Motion to approve Minutes of the previous meeting was given by Eric Estill and seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Committee, Catherine Estill. To date, 2,148 memberships with total of 3,261 members for 2023. Report attached.

Ohio State Project Grant Potential, Jim Wallace. Jim presented an overview of the Ohio Trails Partnership (OTP). The process to apply for the grants is constantly evolving with requirements being uncertain. Proposals must be submitted for consideration of the grants. Eric appointed Nancy Strayer to chair a committee to assist in this process.

Treasurer's Report, Jo Ellen Reikowski. Report for 2023 on file.

2024 Budget Proposal: Adjustments to the budget were noted by Arden Sims, Finance Committee Chair.

1. Reduce Regional Representatives operating account to \$500.00.
2. Equine Affaire materials to be further consolidated resulting in a smaller storage unit. Reduction to \$1000.00.
3. State Ride host chapters to pay for event insurance @ \$75/event day.
4. January Mid-Winter Meeting lunch to be paid by attending members, resulting in reduction of \$1000.00.

Motion to accept by Arden Sims. Seconded by Catherine Estill. Discussion resulting in vote to approve. Motion carried.

Officer Elections, Arden Sims, Nominations Committee Chair

Two candidates for president: Rick Patterson and Mary Alice Kuhn. The others ran unopposed. Each gave a short bio about themselves. Results for 2024-2025 Officers: President, Mary Alice Kuhn. Vice President, Nancy Strayer. Secretary, Catherine Estill. Treasurer, Margaret Hite.

Amendment Proposals, Jim Wallace, Bylaws Committee.

Five amendments to the OHC Bylaws and Standing Rules were discussed and voted on. Amendment proposals attached.

Amendment Number 1: Motion Tom Green, seconded Becky Porter. Passed.

Amendment Number 2: Motion Charlene Santee, seconded Catherine Estill. Passed.

Amendment Number 3: Motion Catherine Estill, seconded Charlie McMasters. Passed.

Amendment Number 4: Motion to Table by Rick Patterson. Seconded and passed.

Amendment Number 5: Motion Kevin Michael. Seconded. Catherine Estill. Passed.

Trail Miles and Saddle Hours, Anne Lindimore, Trails Mile Chair. Continue to turn in miles by end of the year.

Trail Work Hours, Vicki Wagner, Trails Chair. Much work being done, so turn in hours before January 2024.

Regional Representative Reports, Al Sidell, NW. Jim Wallace, NE. Craig Santee, Central. Cindy Barnett, SW. Mark Westlake, SE. Each representative acknowledged the work being done in their regions. Many events were offered throughout the state and well attended.

State Ride Report, Cindy Barnett, State Ride Coordinator. The 2023 Gibby Award recipient, Dave Goodbar, spoke about developing Ceasar Ford Park (Xenia) and thanked everyone for the award.

Awards, Rick Patterson, Awards Chair. Thank-you cards basket given to Jo Ellen Reikowski for her many years of service. The other officers received a card of thanks with a gift certificate enclosed.

New Business: None noted.

Motion to adjourn at 3:30 by Eric Estill, seconded Phil Rauch. Motion carried.

Submitted by OHC Secretary, Ranee Vititoe