

Ohio Horseman's Council

Meeting Agenda

		OHC Fall State General Membership Meeting	
	Location:	Delaware Eagles, 127 E Williams Street, Delaware, OH 43015	
	Date:	9-Nov-24	

Start	End	Duration - minutes	Description	Presenter
10:30 AM	10:40 AM	5	Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance	
10:40 AM	10:50 AM	10	Roll Call & Fall 2023 Meeting Minutes Approval, Membership review, Chapter Reminders	Catherine Estill, Secretary
10:50 AM	11:00 AM	15	President's report	Mary Alice Kuhn, President
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	60	Ohio State Parks - Partners for the Great Outdoors - OSP & OHC	Glen Cobb, Chief; Jon Dobney, Assist. Chief; Jayne Maxwell, Natural Resource Admin.; Judi Goss, Program Admin.
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	60	Lunch	
1:00 PM	1:15 PM	15	VP report	Nancy Strayer
1:15 PM	1:30 PM	15	2025 Budget review & Approval; OHC Foundation report	Arden Sims, Finance Chair; Margaret Hite, State Treasurer
1:30 PM	1:35 PM	5	Standing Rules Change to Associate Group Membership fees	Jim Wallace, Bylaws Committee Chair
1:35 PM	1:55 PM	20	Merit Awards	Rick Patterson, Awards Committee Chair
1:55 PM	2:00 PM	5	Regional Rep Nominations progress report - SE, SW, CEN, NW	Arden Sims, Nominations Committee Chair
2:00 PM	2:15 PM	15	Break	
2:15 PM	2:25 PM	10	New Business	Mary Alice Kuhn, President
			<i>Mid Winter meeting - January 11, 2025 - Doubletree Hilton, Newark</i>	
			<i>State Membership Meeting - March 9, 2025 - Newark Elks Club</i>	
			<i>Youth Initiative - details in handout</i>	
2:25 PM	3:00 PM	35	Baked Goods Live Auction - Proceeds go to trail grants	Al Sidell, Joe Coalter
3:00 PM		Adjorn		
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Chapter Reminders

(Revised: 10/20/2024)

Document owner: State OHC President

Contact info: president@ohconline.com or go to <https://ohconline.com/Leadership> to find the current officer or committee chair phone number.

OHC COUNTY CHAPTERS A FEW REMINDERS!

Please remember these important deadlines:

BY DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR:

- Make every effort to get membership renewals for next year by the end of previous year. The equine liability insurance coverage is for the calendar year of January 1st through December 31st. It is important to renew members so they can retain the insurance, as well as the subscription to the *Horsemen's Corral* magazine, from the beginning of the new year. Members may renew online or use a paper form.
- Each chapter's membership form can be downloaded from the chapter page on the OHC website, under "Find Chapter", select chapter and scroll to "Download Registration".

BY JANUARY 15 EACH YEAR:

- Send the state Recording Secretary a current list of your chapter officers, including their name, address, telephone number and email address. Email to: secretary@ohconline.com

BY JANUARY 31 EACH YEAR:

- Send the state Trail Mileage & Saddle Hours Chair a list of your chapter members' trail mileage and saddle hours for the previous year. You may use the form provided on the OHC website, under "Documents", then Chapter Trail Mileage & Saddle Hours. Email to: trailmiles@ohconline.com
- Send the state Trail Work Hours Committee Chair a list of your chapter members' trail maintenance hours worked for the previous year. Email to: trailhours@ohconline.com

TWICE A MONTH:

- Send the state Treasurer a completed Dues Summary, listing your latest new and renewed members (for those members who have paid dues directly to the chapter) and the state portion of dues and the insurance payment, if applicable, for each member. Include one check to **Ohio Horseman's Council** for the total of these payments. The state treasurer's mailing address is on the Dues Summary, under "Documents", then Chapter Treasurer: [OHC-Dues-Summary-for-Chapter-Treasurers-PDF-format-Rev-1-5-2024.pdf](#).
Or email: treasurer@ohconline.com
- For members who join or renew online and pay with PayPal, their payments go directly to the state OHC account, and your chapter will be reimbursed for the chapter portion of dues and chapter charge, if any.
- An OHC membership does not commence or renew until the proper form of application, either online or paper form, and payment of dues, are received by the OHC.

Membership Status										
Year	Memberships	Add'l Voting Members	Dependents	Total Members	Year	Family	Individual	Youth	Associate Groups	
2018	2365	880	463	3708	2018	912	1226	18	2	
2019	2434	976	477	3887	2019	1016	1382	18	18	
2020	2256	948	238	3442	2020	948	1274	19	15	
2021	2182	843	408	3433	2021	890	1266	16	10	
2022	2258	839	318	3415	2022	875	1350	22	11	
2023	2148	802	311	3261	2023	831	1278	30	9	
2024	2297	826	369	3492	2024	854	1393	25	25	As of 9-26-2024

Region	Chapter	2019 Memberships	2020 Memberships	2021 Memberships	2022 Memberships	2023 Memberships	2024 Memberships as of 9-26-2024	2023 to 2024 Delta	Region total
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Northwest		203	194	198	204	216	235	19	NW 9%
Central		386	365	354	370	351	372	21	C 6%
N/A	At Large	107	83	91	117	105	108	3	AL 3%
Southeast		427	431	393	378	394	399	5	SE 1%
Northeast		763	712	712	711	681	708	27	NE 4%
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End of Secretary & Membership Report

President's Report – Mary Alice Kuhn

Housekeeping – large group and many topics to cover

- First timers?
- Meeting formats: 2nd Sat of January for chapter officer training/communication; 2nd Saturday of March & November state membership meeting (business related)
- Please do not hold conversations at your table
- Please, when handed the mic for your question, state name and chapter. Questions only. No stories. Compliments appreciated. ;)
- Bright color paper in the middle of table for feedback; or email president@ohconline.com
- Silent auction tables and live auction – fun, informative, ideas for you

Since November, 2023

- Membership, Partnership, Communication, Quick Hits (4 areas of focus for '24)

'24 accomplishments; looking ahead to '25

- Membership – up 7%; New chapters in SE: Noble, Jackson, Vinton; big jump in Associate Groups Membership 9 in '23 to 25 in '24 (tack shops, vets, banks, other local non-OHC horse groups, pizza shop); big jumps in chapter membership

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SW Butler +20; Greene, Clermont, Hamilton double digits
 SE Morgan +19
 CEN Fairfield +12
 NE Stark +13; Cuyahoga +10
 NW Sandusky +12

- Partnership – shared events; chapters partnering with local communities to support 4H and partnering for worthy causes to raise awareness and funds
- Strong partnership between OHC and Ohio State Parks
- Communication – staying connected; regional reps point of contact; limits the # of emails from me; FB, other chapters, regional meetings, state meetings; EC meets more often via teleconferences
- Quick hits – low hanging fruit – streamlined auto pay to chapters; more attention on state budget categories where and how; continued snail mail mailing to members - I know it works; several sent them to me instead of their chapter treasurer; soon to be voted on “quick hit” to create an incentive to establish partnerships via associate group memberships; recognizing those who are committed, have fun, and work to make Ohio better.

**Making Ohio Better,
Four Hooves
at a Time!**

Get involved and make a difference!

Whether you're a seasoned rider or just starting to ride, prefer English or Western, or own a quarter horse, mule, or no horse, you are welcome in the Ohio Horseman's Council.

We support everyone who shares a passion for horses, loves the great outdoors, and wants to improve equestrian opportunities in Ohio for all ages of riders, disciplines of riding, and breeds of equine.

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Visit OHCONLINE.com to learn more about the Ohio Horseman's Council. Join us and make Ohio better.

How to tell the equestrian community about OHC? Advertise in your newsletters, FB, handouts at tack shows, events like Equine Affaire, etc. (artwork found on Documents under “Chapter Promotions”

PARTNERSHIP, COMMUNICATION, QUICK HITS - October 8 meeting –
Ohio Horseman's Council and Ohio State Parks

In attendance: Glenn Cobb, Chief; Judi Love Goss, Program Administrator; Jayne Maxwell, Natural Resource Administrator; Nancy Strayer, Vice President-OHC; Mary Alice Kuhn, President-OHC

Purpose: “meet and greet” between partners; what’s on our minds?

Result: Reinforced partnership between OHC and OSP. 1 hour meeting went 2+ hours

- OSP recognizes what OHC does and has seen the numbers - where we ride and how much time and resources put into trail maintenance.
- Discussed fallout of Covid - our membership numbers dropped but a sudden impact of people becoming outdoors people
- We had an open and valuable discussion on bikes on trails and non-horse campers in horseman's campgrounds

All Partnerships have shared goals and needs - To-do list for all of us!

Use the blank space below for your ideas, but share them with Nancy and me by either emailing them to president@ohconline.com or using the bright-colored pieces of paper on the table. We'll collect them at the end of the meeting.

Notes – Guest Speaker

Notes- VP report

Bylaws - Jim Wallace -Committee Chair

OHC Standing Rules amendment proposal

Revise the Associate Group membership dues split as follows:

Under Article 2.0: MEMBERSHIP DUES, change 2.2

From:

2.2 The annual dues payment shall be split as follows:

Membership Type	Dues Amount	State Portion	Chapter Portion
Individual	\$25.00	\$22.00	\$3.00
Family	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$5.00
Youth	\$10.00	\$7.00	\$3.00
Associate Group	\$40.00	\$34.00	\$6.00

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Effective with any new or renewal associate group membership type as of October 1, 2024

End Bylaws Report

Notes - Awards Committee Chair – Rick Patterson

Notes - Nominations Committee Chair – Arden Sims

New Business Report – Mary Alice Kuhn, President



Box lunch will be available. Pricing and the agenda will follow. A link for an overnight room at the OHC price will be provided.

Executive Cabinet members meets January 10 from 12:30-4:00.
Info to come for those attendees.

State membership meeting – March 8, 2025 @ Elks Club, Newark
10:30-3:00; SE Region hosting

Equine Affaire – April 10-13, 2025 @ Expo Center (set up April 9)
Gibby 25th Celebration @ Barkcamp State Park – Dates TBD



Jr. Ambassador Club

OHC Jr Ambassador Program – open to current members of OHC 17 years or younger.

Goal – Engage OHC youth in equine activities to enhance their membership experience with their families and make Ohio better for future generations.

Budget – re-allocate Groom and Clean dollars \$1250

Concept of how this works – provide a list of activities the Jr Ambassador can participate in and receive points for each activity. At year-end, prizes will be given to participants, certificates, and an OHC pin or commemorative coin will be given to every youth. (TBD, just ideas on awards)

Committee – need to establish committee members to keep youth engaged for each region, track their progress, and encourage involvement. We need volunteers, at least one from each region, and a committee chair. Mary Alice will sponsor the committee. A regional volunteer can be a youth member with an adult supervisor “in the background”.

Committee Chair: TBD

SE, SW, NE, NW, CEN Jr Ambassador TBD (Toss your name into the hat!)

Timing – roll out at January mid-winter meeting, or present structure of how to get this started

Activities to engage youth:

*participate in a state or regional ride!

*attend a state meeting

*extra points for holding an office in their 4-H club or FFA

*shadow or interview an equine professional: communicator, farrier, vet, acupuncturist, chiropractor

Prizes/Recognition:

* OHC buckle (molly's buckles online has custom ones)

* Following year free OHC membership (if they achieve the most in 2025, 2026 membership would be paid for)

*Grooming set

We can use the Equine Affaire booth to promote during “Horse Toss.” A free family membership—one for each region—and a daily drawing.

A sample handout is shown below. Postcard size with a brief outline of the program goals and expectations for FUN and rewards on the back. Space for the chapter to put chapter information so this could be used at chapter events – tack shows, rides, etc.



*End of New Business
Let the auction begin!*



Ohio Horseman's Council & Ohio State Parks Partnership Project

Ohio State Parks (OSP) is partnering with OHC to improve OSP horse trails. OSP has set aside \$10,000 for this fiscal year for one or more trail improvement projects on Ohio State Park horse trails. Examples include trail clearing, muddy sections needing assistance with heavy equipment, and supply purchases such as gravel, Geotech Fabric, etc. OSP is asking for your assistance in identifying partnership projects across the state. If an OHC county chapter has a project on state park trails where an engineering plan is not required for approval, submit the project using the attached form **“OHC/OSP Partnership Project Application Form”** by December 15, 2024. A chapter or multiple chapters can submit projects in increments of \$2500, \$5000, \$7500 or up to \$10,000. OSP will follow State of Ohio purchasing guidelines to order or purchase materials.

This OSP partnership project is a separate and one-time offer. OHC will continue to award \$8,250 to its chapters and regions yearly as part of the OHC grant money request, where money is awarded directly to the chapter.

To Suggest a State Park Horse Trail Partnership Project to Ohio State Parks:

- Submit your request to Bobbi Arters, Trails Grants Chair, by December 15, 2024, using the attached “OHC/OSP Partnership Project Application Form.” The form can be found at ohconline.com under “Documents” under “All OHC Members.”
- By mid-December, OHC will review with OSP to determine the feasibility of the project(s), a potential timeline, final selection of the projects, etc. On January 10, 2025, the OHC Executive Cabinet (EC) meets with the Trails Grant Chair to review and vote on projects for the OHC Grant Money applications. At the same time, the OHC/OSP Partnership Projects will be given final approval.
- The OHC Trail Grants Chair will notify the chapter(s) soon after January 10 on the outcome of voting by the EC on OHC Grant Money applications and OHC/OSP Partnership Projects. OSP will notify their teams of the OHC/OSP Partnership Project applications.

Frequently Asked Questions – FAQs

When is the project to be completed?

December 31, 2025; however, materials must be purchased by June 1, 2025 (by OSP staff).

What does OSP provide?

OSP will purchase materials for an approved partnership project(s).

Can we build a shelter at the campground?

This project is not for permanent structures or engineered-type projects.

What is the best project to submit?

Consider “outside the campground” and on the trails where you need to harden them with gravel, Geotech, water bars, etc. If you have a trail you want to improve, reroute, or rehabilitate and can estimate the cost to be \$2,500, \$5,000, \$7,500 or \$10,000, this is the best project for this partnership.

Can volunteers claim time and expenses on the yearly trail work hours report?

Yes, except you cannot claim the money or equipment provided by OSP. The chapter did not incur that cost.

OHC/OSP Partnership Project Application Form

PURPOSE:

Ohio State Parks (OSP) is partnering with OHC to improve existing OSP horse trails. OSP has set aside \$10,000 for this fiscal year for one or more trail improvement partnership projects.

ELIGIBLE:

Any County Chapter of the Ohio Horseman's Council is eligible to apply.

PROJECT IDEAS:

Examples include trail reroutes, rehabilitation, clearing, repairing muddy sections that need assistance from heavy equipment, and purchasing supplies such as gravel and Geotech Fabric.

PROJECT RECIPIENTS MUST:

- I. Provide a service to the equine community to be completed by December 31, 2025.
- II. Submit a completed application.
- III. Further directions will be given to selected projects, once approved.

APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY:

Mail or Email BY December 15, 2024 to Bobbi Arters via email, or USPS.

USPS MAILING ADDRESS: 6717 LOTT RD, SUNBURY, OH 43074

EMAIL ADDRESS: agin1980@aol.com

QUESTIONS?

Contact Bobbi Arters Via Email: agin1980@aol.com or call or text at 216-536-1837. You may also contact Mary Alice Kuhn via Email: president@ohconline.com, or call or text at 330-413-6589.

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Chapter Name _____

State Park _____

Application dollar amount-check one: \$2500 \$5000 \$7500 \$10000

Chapter contact: Name _____ Phone number _____

Regional Representative Name _____

Has the regional rep been notified of the project? _____ Yes _____ When? _____

EVALUATION CRITERIA/PROJECT IMPACT:

In the next few pages, please describe the proposed project in detail. Be sure to answer some of the following as you detail project goals, costs, and implementation:

- Will the project be of long-term use, such as clearing an existing equine trail?
- Will the project benefit the entire OHC membership or only a local region?
- Will others in the community or only OHC members participate in the project?

OHC/OSP Partnership Project Application Form

PROJECT DEFINITION:

Briefly explain the benefits to the equine community and the size and scope of this project.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

Please provide details of how the proposed project will be implemented. Include a timeline of events with the number of days required for the project and describe the number of volunteers involved in completing it.

PURCHASED MATERIALS:

Please provide an estimated quantity, description, and price for materials to be purchased.

FUNDING OF THE PROJECT:

Since OSP is funding the project, please list if the Chapter will use additional funds to complete it. Also, list the equipment needed and what, if any, is provided by OSP or OHC.

PROJECT DETAILS:

Please explain, if any, what obstacle(s) need to be addressed to ensure the timely implementation of this project.

PLEASE LIST ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

OHC/OSP Partnership Project Application Form

NOTE: Chapters will not be required to submit expenses or receipts. However, for anything additional (money or equipment) needed beyond the OSP partnership support, chapters will want to keep a "tab" on time and expenses so they can report it on yearly trail maintenance activities. Pictures and stories will help promote the success of your efforts in the equine community. Please share with OHC via Bobbi Arters Email: agin1980@aol.com. You may be asked to present your project at future OHC meetings.

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate. I certify that I possess the authority to apply for this funding on behalf of the chapter(s).

Signature of Authorized Chapter Representative & Title

_____ Date _____

Approval Signature of Park Manager or Park Representative

_____ Date _____

