

Meeting Minutes

President Charlene Santee calls the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. She welcomed all returning members and some new or previous members, Renee Goett, Jon Hawker, Jeff and Wally Haberman, and Joe and Heather McClain.

Announcements:

Food Pantry: Thank you note has been received for our donation.

Office Depot: We have been provided with a paper which will give a discount on copy services we may need.

Mid-Winter Meeting:

Central Region Meeting: The date has been set for February 24th with the location TBA. It will be posted on-line.

State Meeting: The date has been moved from March 10th to March 24th because of a location conflict. The Youth Committee has requested and been granted the opportunity to host the meeting instead of our region. It is not known if we will be hosting the next time or if our region will simply be skipped.

Member Request: A member of our chapter is looking for a lease on a trail horse for the summer in return for work and services to be provided. She has been referred to Rick and Linda Patterson as a possible match. If anyone else has a suggestion, please let us know. Her name is Loise Kohler, 614-395-6489

New Member Contest: Two members were entered by signing new members before the deadline. Charlene and Craig's name was drawn and they will receive a free membership renewal (either reimbursed or for next year).

Renewal Contest: All returning members who renewed by the end of the year were entered in the drawing. Richard and Lucy Cotterman were randomly drawn and will receive a free membership renewal.

Secretary's Report - Minutes were sent out in the newsletter. Karen McCabe moved to accept the minutes as written. Holli Wheatley seconded the motion and it was approved.

Treasurer's Report - Craig Santee gave the treasurer's report and we have a balance of 7485.35 after additions for memberships and expenditures for payment to OHC for memberships and payment for horse show ribbons. Last year's report has been sent to State and approved. Thank you to Cinda for help with setting up the program.

Committee/Other Reports –

Cards- Diane Wheatley Two cards were sent out to Karen McCabe on the loss of her horse and to Terry Drummond on the loss of her father-in-law.

Corral News- Debbie Sheka, there will not be a report from our Chapter in the February Corral. It was written and sent, but not received by the magazine.

Face Book- Charlene Santee and Holli Wheatley, everything is in place and working well.

News Letter-Teresa McGregor No report, but when an item is sent for the newsletter, please send it in WORD format.

Nominations- Open No volunteer at this time.

Park Liaison & Park Improvements- Karen McCabe and Charlene Santee

The park district had a lovely dinner last Thursday for volunteers and some of our members attended. We are still waiting for a meeting to be set up with Tami to sign the contract for this year which sets up the use of the building for our meetings monthly and the use of the arena for 2 shows in exchange for our assistance with maintenance project as yet undecided.

Peep (Parties, Events, Entertainment, Parties) - Debbie Stevens

First committee meeting will be February 4th at 2:30 at the main Newark Library. First event of the year will be our participation in "Turn off your Screen". They are requesting that anyone who can throw a lasso volunteer that day as part of this project.

Show - Diana Wheatley

First committee meeting will be February 4th at 1:00 at the main Newark Library. This year's Fun Shows will be held July 28th and September 8th. Ribbons for both events have been ordered and judges have been secured. There will be a silent auction during the July Show. Charlene proposed that the odds and ends which have not sold in the past be offered as a lot which would include an unspecified monetary amount. The items could be in 1 or 2 boxes. Debbie Stevens made a motion that Charlene be authorized to use up to \$50 to provide funds to this project. Cinda seconded the motion and it was approved. There will also be a membership table at each of the shows.

Trail Maintenance - Craig Santee

2017 LCOHC work hours were turned in to the State Council. Our commitment to Licking County Park District was completed for last year. We applied for a grant to purchase gravel for trail repairs but we did not get it. There will probably be a single large scale project for this year at Lobdell.

Trail Mileage – Deb Sheka

Members who turned in their mileage forms by 12/31/17 were entered in another drawing for a \$25 gift card. Approximately 16 to 18 member forms were turned in to be entered in the drawing. There are no badges to be awarded this year. *Winner will be drawn at the March LCOHC meeting, as this is our Awards meeting.

Trail Rides - Cinda Wilson

The first meeting will be held after the fund raiser dates of neighboring counties is established. We do not want our trail rides to interfere with the fund raising efforts.

WEB Site – Charlene Santee

The web site is up and working, but all of the 2017 Meeting Minutes are missing at present. Officer names have been updated and committee chairman will be updated if changes occur.

Unfinished Business

Several members are still quite concerned about the situation surrounding the camping at state parks that allow regular campers to access the camping spots in the horseman's camps. Problems have already been observed by members. There is concern about the possibility of injury to both campers and horses from campers who are not familiar with horse etiquette. Cinda has written letters to the State Director of Parks, the assistant and one other. She received a response that it was done according to the Rule which states that campers cannot be restricted from any camps. Upon reading of the rule, it appears that this is at the discretion of the Park Chief. It was brought up that the State Park personnel have said that this is a result of low registration by horse owner campers and low payment of camping fees. Members present feel further steps need to be taken. 1. Members can write to the director. 2. A petition can be developed for multiple signatures for individual county chapters as well as the OHC March Meeting. 3. The head of the State OHC could be contacted to request support (Arden). Cinda will work on writing up a petition.

New Business

Membership Survey: A survey was emailed to members to address the questions about how to attract new members (and keep current members active). Only 4 responses were submitted. Please provide any suggestions on the survey.

Licking County Raider Tack Auction: The auction will be held March 17th in Hanover with donated items being at 4pm.

50/50 Drawing (Chapter share goes to Food Bank) - Collected \$6 and \$3 were won by Craig who returned it to the trail maintenance fund.

Refreshments - Provided by the Officers

Adjourn - The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deb Stevens and seconded by Diana Wheatley

Secretary: Terry Drummond