

President Charlene Santee calls the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Announcements:**

1. Hamilton Co. OHC Event flyer was shared. They are presenting a talk on Skin Diseases for the Horse to be presented on 3/1.
2. An email was received from the State to inform us that the cost for Insurance for some events has gone up in price including Parades, Pony Rides, and Wagon Rides. The price went from \$100 to \$120.
3. The State OHC Meeting will be held March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 3:00pm at the Delaware Eagles. The food is reported to be excellent, but the date to reserve a dinner has already past.
4. The Central Region meeting has been moved from March to August. This is the final year for Ann Beathard to hold the position. Anyone interested in running for Central Region Representative should go to the meeting.
5. Tri-County Trail Ride information was presented.

Secretary's Report Motion to accept minutes as written by Mark Stevens, Seconded by Karen McCabe.

Treasurer's Report Craig Santee gave the treasurer's report and we have a balance of \$7517.35 after the addition of 8 memberships (minus payment to the State) and the addition of \$6.00 from the 50/50 fund raiser.

**Committee/Other Reports –**

Cards-Diane Wheatly No report

Corral News- Deb Sheka Our information will once again be included.

Face Book-Charlene Santee and Holli Wheatley Going Well.

News Letter-Teresa McGregor Received by Club members once again.

Nominations- Open – No Report

Park Liaison & Park Improvements- Karen McCabe & Charlene Santee

The Park has still not set up a meeting to go over a contract for this year. Charlene will wait another month before contacting them.

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

"Turn Your Screen Off" Day will be 4/29 from 12 – 4pm with set-up starting at 10am. There will be a horse in a corral and a mini with constant supervision along with 3 horse trailers. Activities for the children will be 1. Learning to rope a bull head on a bale of hay (2 of them) and 2. Stationary saddles to sit on for a photo opportunity. They are looking for volunteers to assist on the day, and especially people with roping knowledge to show the children how it is done.

The Peeps Committee will have a short meeting prior to the March monthly meeting, March 26<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you did not get a chance to sign up for the committee, now is your chance. Several events are in the works. Please join us. Questions, call Debbie Stevens @ [740-345-1715](tel:740-345-1715)

Show-Diana Wheatley

The first meeting of the year was held at the Newark Library and was attended by 13 or 15 people. A show bill was printed up. Corrections were proposed during the LCOHC meeting to improve clarity.

Trail Mileage – Deb Stevens

The drawing for a gift card will be held in March for all the members who turned in their mileage. It was reemphasized that everyone needs to turn in their mileage so it can be used to determine the amount of use the trails are receiving.

### Trail Rides - Cinda Wilson

The Trail Ride Committee will hold its first meeting on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Donato's Pizza location on St Rt 79 in Heath (in front of Giant Eagles). We have the meeting room reserved. We will set the trail rides for this year. If you are a trail rider and want some input as to where the chapter rides, please attend. Everyone is welcome! Questions, call Cinda Wilson @ [740-828-2438](tel:740-828-2438) Requests have been sent to other nearby counties as to when their fundraisers will occur so we can attempt to avoid those dates when setting our trail ride schedule.

### Trail Maintenance-Craig Santee

We are still waiting for the Park Representative to let us know what project(s) are requested to be completed this year. It may be a large project at Lobdell. Another opportunity to do maintenance is occurring at Hocking on 4/21 and 4/22. It was requested to know if the LCOHC was interested in adding trails at Dillon. Some members were more interested in doing better maintenance to existing trails. This would be in a muddy area near the pines and would be expensive to buy materials. Two other issues were introduced. 1. At the Morgan County Meeting, it was noted that the APE area in McConnelsville is up for sale. It may sell to a private individual and become inaccessible to horseman. 2. A member brought it to the Clubs attention that the parking at the Hebron Greenway has been limited. People had been parallel parking their trailers along the road and this is no longer allowed. It was suggested that interested parties could attend a Hebron City Meeting to request a review of this policy.

### WEB Site- Charlene Santee

The person who assisted LCOHC to set up the Web Site originally agreed to assist from his new location in Florida, to get everything back in line so the Minutes from last year could be added. If a member has something they would like to see added to the Web Site, they should contact Charlene.

### HISTORY – Deb Stevens- No Report

#### **Unfinished Business**

1. In the matter pertaining to regular camping in the designated Horse Camps:  
As previously noted, Cinda had sent letters out asking for clarification and reconsideration. It has been noted by the Director of ODNR and the President of the OHC. They are now in discussions and will be working together to come to a better solution. At this time, we will put a hold on the idea of having a petition at the State OHC Meeting while we wait for further developments. We are still very concerned about issues of liability and safety. People who are camping with their horses should be encouraged to register with the park and make sure they leave the park in good shape.
2. Membership Meeting Survey – Charlene sent out a survey to determine what changes would increase participation by current members and encourage new memberships. She sent out 47 requests and received 15 replies. In summary, most people who responded wanted to leave the meetings on Mondays. 93% would like to have special events and guest speakers. 87% would consider coming if meetings were held every other month. Two thirds would consider coming if the meetings were held at a restaurant as some other counties do. 92% would come to more trail rides if there were more “day rides”. 80% would like the yearly special event to continue with 92% saying that they would consider going to a restaurant for this if the chapter paid a portion of the tab. When asked if members would like to participate in bus day trips, 79% said “yes”. A variety of other responses were made. If anyone would like to see the tabulated results, please request to see a copy at the next meeting.

#### **New Business**

1. Youth Camp – Last year we provided funding for 5 Youth Camp spots. One was used by a child of our member, and the other 4 were sent for the state to use for other campers. Members are encouraged to apply for these funds if they have a Youth going to the camp. A motion was made by Mark for the chapter to once again support the Youth Camp with funds to pay for 5 spots at camp with preference going to Youth members of this Chapter. It was seconded by Rick Patterson.
2. Weaver Factory Tour – Deb Sheka presented information she obtained on tours of the Weaver Factory. It is only open for tours on Monday through Friday. People were still interested and the matter was returned back to the PEEP committee to plan a date.

50/50 Drawing (Chapter share goes to Food Bank) - \$17 was collected for a payoff of \$8.50 which was won by Karen who donated

\$3.50 back to the club for the Food Pantry.

Refreshments were provided by Cinda Wilson with a little assist with Fudge provided by Rick and Linda Patterson

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Diane Wheatley and Second was made by Beth Webb. It was approved.

Submitted by Secretary, Terry Drummond