

The Meeting was delayed for our speaker who began at 7pm.

Members had requested information about how it was determined when trails would be opened and closed to horses in the parks of the Licking Park District. Charlene had invited Licking Park Director Rich Campitelli to address the concerns. He was accompanied by Karen Jennings and Tami McAdams.

Rich let the club know that although he is not a great horse enthusiast, his wife is and he understands the needs we have. He also related that the last year had been plagued by poor weather that resulted in more trail closing than usual. There are areas of the parks that cannot be mowed and downed trees that cannot be reached because of the mud. He stated that his first priority is the safety of the park users and their animals. He is willing to take information from emails or calls into consideration. He is currently working to improve the facilities at Taft Reserve. He would like to have them available for our club to use possibly for meetings outside.

The group is interested in establishing a trail that is available year round and is not weather dependent. Currently we are able to use the Ohio Greenway which has an established rail way bed. He is seeking a grant to pave this for bicycle use, but while that is still being considered, horses can use the trail. However, there is not a parking lot available at this time. This will continue to be sought either from Hebron or a nearby farm. Conditions at Lobdell were also discussed.

Karen Jennings is working to establish an Early Adopter Program for people willing to monitor sections of trails and report them to the Park District. She is eager to work with us on the trail improvements. She is just learning about horse requirements but would like to be very involved in the process. Members spoke of their concerns such as the possibility of making the trail usable by buggies/carts.

The plan to move forward is for members who are willing to work on this issue should contact Karen McCabe, LCOHC Park Liaison, who will organize the committee. A list of which trails at Infirmary Mound Park might make the best raised, year round trail will be compiled. Grants will be pursued to pay for materials and equipment rental as needed. Priorities will be established and Rich will be contacted again to return for further discussion at a later meeting.

President Charlene Santee calls the meeting to order at 7:55 pm.

Minutes: Motion for approval of minutes made by Diana Wheatley and Seconded by Craig Santee. The motion was approved.

Next Months refreshments will be provided by: Mark and Debra Stevens

Treasurer's Report Ending balance of \$4904.97

Announcements:

The ODNR trail web site is now up and running with all Ohio public trails listed. www.trails.ohiodnr.gov

OHC web Site will be up soon. Charlene will be reviewing it and learning how to integrate our chapter site into the State wide web site.

Desensitizing Workshop, sponsored by Logan County OHC will be held June 1st in Zanesfield. The cost is \$60 and preregistration is required. Knox County OHC is also having a workshop on June 2nd. The cost is \$30.

Committee/Other Reports –

Cards-Diane Wheatley No cards were sent, but Jan is in the hospital with breathing difficulties.

Corral News- Deb Sheka No report.

Face Book- Charlene Santee and Holli Wheatley Running smoothly

Newsletter- Charlene Santee The newsletter will be sent out this month, possibly by the end of next week.

Nominations- Bill Craft & Sandy Belt – No report.

Park Liaison & Park Improvements- Karen McCabe & Charlene Santee See above.

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

The contract for the rental of the facility for our Christmas party has been signed. The registration form for the Granville 4th of July parade has been sent in. This will not involve horses again this year.

Show-Diana Wheatley the date is approaching and volunteers are needed.

Trail Mileage – Deb Sheka No report.

Trail Maintenance-Craig Santee Trail Clean-up is scheduled for June 1st. Workers can camp for free and ride after the maintenance project is done and the next day.

WEB Site- Charlene Santee Up to date, but there are pictures to be added yet.

HISTORY – Deb Stevens No report.

Unfinished Business

The electric for the shelter house project at Dillon has been approved. It will be paid for with the remaining money from the Shelter House project.

New Business

None at this time.

50/50 Drawing (Chapter share goes to Food Bank) -

The drawing was for \$ 11.50, and the winner was Sandy Belt who donated it back to the Food Bank

Refreshments were provided by: Paul Wilson and Deb Sheka

Adjourn: The motion to adjourn was made by Diana Wheatley and seconded by Cinda Wilson. The motion passed.

Submitted by Terry Drummond