

LICKING COUNTY OHIO HORSEMAN'S COUNCIL Meeting Minutes November 25, 2019

President Charlene Santee calls the meeting to order at 7:15 pm after pizza was served. New members, Doug Seward and Teri Wheaton-Seward were introduced.

Minutes from last meeting: Motion for approval of minutes made by Sandy Belt and seconded by Bill Craft. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report Beginning balance was 6473.50. Ending Balance was 6361.45.

Announcements:

News from the OHC State Meeting

The guest speaker at the State Meeting was the new Assistant Chief of the ODNR. He said that previously the department had a budget of 10.8 million, and currently, it is 4.8 million. There are 99 employees to care for 200,000 acres. The goal for the upcoming years will be to get revenue up so they can: 1. Hire 8 additional officers including 2 officers at Tar Hollow, 2. Expand and add latrines to Shawnee, 3. Have more upkeep for the parks, and 4. Add additional signage.

A foundation will be established for the OHC that is a non-profit entity in order to make donations to it non-taxable. OHC will be hosting the American Horse Council Meeting in 2020. The VP of the OHC went to the meeting this year and attended a lecture about having horses chipped for identification. The chip itself would cost about \$20 and can be used on saddles as well. It would need to be inserted into horses usually by a vet. The chip should enable live tracking.

The Winter State Meeting will be at Salt Fork. On January 25th, the meeting will be held. On the 26th, there will be a seminar. The meeting and seminar are open to both officers and members.

The State web site no longer requires a log in/password because it caused too many problems. Please let us know if you find anything that should be added to our Chapter page.

A check will be sent to the food pantry from the 50/50 drawings during the past year before the end of the year. Thank you to everyone who returned their winning portion to be added to the donation. The Food Pantry sent us a flyer about the "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" which is a fund raiser on 12/5 at 6pm. Eight Newark area churches will be open for a walking tour and music performances.

Charlene and Craig ran into former members, Marie and Don Bauer, recently. They are doing great.

Available Horse: A 17-year-old Arabian named Cha-cha is available for a new home because her owner can no longer care for her. She is friendly, curious, and has a sweet disposition. If interested, contact Charlene. It is not known if this is a "free" situation or if she is for sale.

Committee/Other Reports –

Cards-Diane Wheatley A card has been sent to Jan upon the death of her sister Dee. Dee is a former member. It is possible that there would be a Memorial Ride at the park when the weather improves in the Spring.

Corral News- Deb Sheka The new Editor of the Corral is Karen Emery. Deb will continue her great work submitting our news to the Corral.

Face Book- Charlene Santee and Holli Wheatley No report

Nominations- Bill Craft & Sandy Belt – On hiatus

Park Liaison & Park Improvements- Karen McCabe & Charlene Santee

The improvement at Infirmary Mound Park has been completed. The second work detail at Taft is held until the park district is ready.

Peep (Parties, Events, Entertainment, Parties)- Debbie Stevens Christmas Party is Saturday, Dec. 7th. For members who sent in their reservations, Doors open at 5pm, Dinner is at 6, and Entertainment is from 8 until 10. We will have a White Elephant Gift exchange for all who want to participate.

Show-Diana Wheatley No report

Trail Mileage – Deb Stevens

Please turn in your mileage forms. They compile the numbers and use them in showing how many are using the facilities for horses. The form is available on line.

Trail Maintenance-Craig Santee

The electric is in at the shelter house at Dillon, and people are needed to shovel gravel back over the trench. Watch for emails for when the date is scheduled. The park district has delivered gravel for the wet trail areas at Taft. We are waiting for them to be available to schedule a date. Concerns were raised about the trails at Lobdell and the possibility of a better trail leading from the bottom loop to the top loop to improve safety. This will be discussed as a possible work project for next year with Tami.

Please fill out the Volunteer Logs. They are used to calculate the value in dollars of the volunteer work donated by members. Recorded times should include time to gather supplies, drive to and from, work, and clean up tools. Times doing other volunteer work (such as for the park district) can be included.

WEB Site- Charlene Santee Up and running.

HISTORY – Deb Stevens No Report

MOTIONS LOG – Cinda Wilson, it is up to date and scheduled for another update at the end of the year.

Unfinished Business

The fiscal report on the shelter house has been submitted to Don Wagner for the grant completion. We were within \$2 of the projected cost.

The application for the 2020 OHC Monetary Grant has been submitted by the original deadline. The deadline was extended to allow more applications to be filed. There is no response yet.

New Business

A discussion was held on the topic of obtaining a savings account or CD for the bulk of the chapter's money currently held in a checking account. Concerns were brought up about the safety of the money in a checking account and about the feasibility of getting interest if it were placed in another type of account. Concerns were also raised about the possibility of taxes being due on such interest if it were earned. Mark Stevens made a motion and Bill Craft seconded it to check with the state OHC about repercussions to having an interest-bearing savings account.

Linda Patterson announced that Austin is leaving soon for boot camp. He would be glad to receive Christmas cards from friends. Please contact Linda to get his address.

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

The drawing was for \$ 8.00, and the winner was Paul Wilson who donated the winnings back to the food bank.

Refreshments were provided by: Pizza by the chapter.

Adjourn: The motion to adjourn was made by Linda Patterson and seconded by Sandy Belt. The motion passed.

Submitted by Terry Drummond