

**O.W.H.A. Minutes**  
**February 5, 2009 Highway Patrol Post Wapakonta, Ohio**

CALL TO ORDER: Ashley Gossard

ATTENDANCE: Ashley Gossard, Kim Haines, Sarah Oates, Amy L. Joseph, Robin Townsend, Geoff Oates, Ron Rohrbach, Brenda Brooks, Gwen Clymer, Laura Gossard, Kim Bonnette, Eileen Clement, Alesia Martin, Angie Foust. EXCUSED: Cliff Rempfer, Chris Whitt, Pam Post, Geoff Brooks. GUESTS: Stephanie Sorgen, A.J. Sorgen, Heather Oates, Bob Clement, Roger Niekamp, Becky Niemeyer, Scott Niekamp, Keri Niekamp, Wilma Fox, Bob Fox, Megan Gossard, Lisa Scott Reiss.

MINUTES: Amy L. Joseph read the Jan. minutes. Laura Gossard said Megan Gossard was in attendance but did not sign in. Her name was added to the list of attendees. Robin moved to accept the minutes. Sarah Oates 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

TREASURES REPORT: With some possible bills and adjustments still pending, Robin Townsend reported we have \$2,496.00 in checking. Our savings account shows \$121.09, and the youth account shows \$934.00. Gwen Clymer turned in bills for the youth incentive auction totaling \$112.12. Kim Haines moved to accept, Alesia Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP & POINTS: Geoff Oates reported he sent out show approval packs and the due date has been extended to Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. As of now we have 59 lifetime members, and 26 paid members.

EDITOR: N/A

YOUTH REPORT: The 2009 officers are: President: Stephanie Sorgen, Vice President: Jen Post, Secretary: Cole Brooks. The youth made \$384.00 on their raffle at the banquet. Special thanks goes out to Jim Rizor for donating his 300 winnings of \$50.00 back to the club. It was noted to mark your calendars for November 7, 2009-the youth will work the Wapak recycle. The next meeting will be a bowling and pizza party @ Westgate Bowling Lanes 721 N. Cable Rd. Lima, Ohio from 2:00-4:00 on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. (Parents Welcomed) It will cost \$5.00 per person. We were reminded the scholarship application is on the website and the 2009 membership forms need to be sent in. Brenda Brooks reported that Megan Gossard will keep track of the incentive points.

CONTEST INCENTIVE FUND: Sarah Oates moved to have a 2009 CIF. Gwen Clymer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Laura Gossard moved to have \$300.00 added to the CIF, Gwen Clymer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gwen then moved to veto the move and Laura amended the move by specifying "\$300.00 added from fund raisers, NOT taken from the treasury. Alesia Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

300 CLUB: Bob Fox from Ada was the February winner. April will be our last 2009 drawing. It was never noted that Becky Olade was the Fall Round Up 300 Club winner. Gwen Clymer volunteered to do the 2009-2010 300 club. The first drawing date is to be announced. The new tickets will cost \$10.00 and the drawing will be for \$100.00. Once we begin there will be a total of 12 drawings. Sarah Oates moved to accept, Robin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

BANQUET: The banquet was a success; Alesia is willing to share the responsibility of it with anyone who wants to help next year. Exact numbers and results will be available next month. Thank- you to Roger Niekamp for typing and putting together the programs. The silent auction went well-the total dollar amount raised will also be available next

month. We held a live auction in which a breeding to “Gucci” was bought for \$500.00 by Shari Parker of Bluffton, Ohio. Everyone in O.W.H.A. would like to thank Kim and Randy Haines of “Cool Winds Farm” Lima, Ohio for this generous donation to our club. EQUIPMENT: The club asked Scott Niekamp for a list of all the O.W.H.A. equipment just for inventory purposes. Sarah Oates moved that we not advertise other organizations show bills on our website, Kim Haines 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

SHOW STEWARD: Kim Haines volunteered to appoint stewards for the 2009 shows.

FLEA MKT: It will be Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ the Findlay Western Farm. Set up is at 7:00 am, if you bring items to sell be prepared to work the booth in exchange. All food should be individually wrapped and priced. The new entrance is off of Rt. 68 and it costs \$2.00 per person to enter.

SCHOLARSHIP: Application is available on our website.

BY LAWS: Our volunteer 2009 by-law committee members are: Sarah Oates, Ashley Gossard, Wilma Fox, Megan Gossard. We agreed the rules and by-laws should be separate from each other. Sarah Oates suggested the rules be kept in notebook form so only the updated page will need to be replaced. More discussion next month.

SHOW APPROVAL: The 2009 show approval committee is: Pam Post, Robin Townsend, Laura Gossard.

AWARDS: Sarah Oates, Angie Foust, Alesia Martin, and Gwen Clymer volunteered to be in charge of awards this year.

FALL ROUND UP: Kim Haines brought a copy of the 2009 FRU show bill for corrections. Changes must be made by Feb.15<sup>th</sup> if they are to be handed out at the flea mkt. Laura Gossard and Ashley Gossard are also on the FRU committee.

Scott Niekamp moved to have Jr/Sr barrels and Jr/Sr poles on Friday evening the 18<sup>th</sup>. Geoff Oates 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Robin moved to have open barrels and open poles on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Sarah Oates 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Scott moved to have dash and open ball race on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Alesia Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Alesia Martin moved to limit the number of exhibition runs to: 50 barrels and 25 poles. Robin Townsend 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

OFFICER & TRUSTEE SHOW: August 2<sup>nd</sup>. in Wapak and August 22<sup>nd</sup>. in Marion.

RULES: This was the 2<sup>nd</sup>. reading for the rule change of dividing the high point pony award into two age brackets. (9-13) and (14-18).

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Ashley Gossard reported that she has been asked why there isn't a pleasure incentive fund. We will look into these rules and make a decision.

Robin Townsend moved to adjourn, Angie Foust 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting: March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Yours,  
Amy L. Joseph