

**Annual Meeting
O.W.H.A. Minutes**

January 17, 2009

Hardin County Fairgrounds

Kenton, Ohio

3:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Cliff Rempfer

ATTENDANCE: Cliff Rempfer, Ashley Gossard, Amy L. Joseph, Scott Niekamp, Brenda Brooks, Gwen Clymer, Laura Gossard, Ron Rohrbach, Robin Townsend, Pam Post, Geoff Brooks, Alesia Sorgen, Geoff Oates. **EXCUSED:** Kim Haines, Gina Lee, Dennis Lee, Amy Lee. **UNEXCUSED:** Lisa Maag. **GUESTS:** A.J. Sorgen, Stephanie Sorgen, Mark Houser, Morgan Houser, Amy Long, Maggie Long, Dustin Ray, Jessy Longo, Kim Bonnette, Wilma Fox, Bob Fox, Sarah Oates, Megan Gossard.

MINUTES: Amy L. Joseph read last years annual minutes. Sarah Oates moved to accept, Robin Townsend 2nd. Motion passed.

TREASURES REPORT: This report is to be amended pending incoming files. Robin Townsend reported at this time there is \$8,363.83 in our checking account, \$121.09 in our savings account, and \$500.00 plus in our youth account. These are December 31st, 2008 balances. Geoff Oates moved to accept and Bob Clement 2nd. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP & POINTS: N/A **EDITOR:** N/A

YOUTH ACCOUNT: It was reported that today the youth will sell raffle tickets for a \$50.00 gift certificate to Riverside acres, and two \$25.00 Marathon gas cards. The drawing will be held yet today.

CONTEST INCENTIVE FUND: Ron Rohrbach will sponsor the age 40 and over incentive fund high point cash prizes for the April 27th and May 26th shows to be held at Riverside Acres for \$3.30 per point. Scott Niekamp reported the 2008 CIF ended the year with 29 horses participating in 18 shows for a total of 650 points at \$1.39 per point. With the \$300.00 added from our club, the amount paid was \$905.00. The lowest check amount was for \$4.17 and the highest was \$215.00. **AWARDS:** N/A

300 CLUB: We will draw until April at which time our next raffle will begin. Gwen Clymer will print and distribute the new tickets.

BANQUET: Alesia Sorgen reported today's banquet is ready to enjoy. The food is being catered by "Jolene's Cozy Café" and today's entertainment is by "Hams Jams." Alesia again asked that the responsibility for next year's banquet be shared by others.

EQUIPMENT: Scott Niekamp will supply a list of our club's equipment for our inventory.

OFFICER & TRUSTEE SHOWS: The 2008 O&T show held in Wapak was pleasure only and the Marion show was contest and pleasure. Both were very successful. In 2009 there will be O&T shows held again in Wapak and Marion. Both will be in August.

FALL ROUND UP: In 2008 the location of FRU was moved back to Wapak at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds. Entries were up since 2007 at a total of 836 at Wapak as opposed to 773 in 2007 at Circle G in Brookville, Ohio. Ashley Gossard and Kim Haines are revising the 2008 show bill in hopes of having it ready to hand out at the Findlay Flea Mkt. in February. It has been suggested that this year we have members sign up for the jobs they will be responsible for at the 2009 FRU.

WEBSITE: We all would like to thank Lisa Urwin for doing such a good job on our website. It looks great! Our club was approached and asked if we would advertise others show bills on our website. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

SHOW APPROVAL: N/A

SHOW STEWARD: N/A

SCHOLARSHIP: The 2008 scholarship winner was Ashley Gossard. The 2009 application and list of rules are available on our website. The amount is \$500.00 and the application is due by June 15th.

RULES: The December 4, 2008 meeting was the final reading of the rule change: All walk-trot will be open and can show three gaited. Add novice adult walk-trot (19 & over) cannot show three gaited. Also add novice youth walk-trot (9-18) cannot show three gaited. Make sure "cannot show three gaited" is on the show bill on the class line.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Robin Townsend asked about setting up an audit committee for our financial books. Eileen Clement inquired as to if it would be an inside or outside audit. We read the rule book and it states that the audit committee must consist of 2 non board members. Robin moved to have an audit of our finances conducted according to the O.W.H.A. rule book. Ashley Gossard 2nd. Motion passed. It will be set up as soon as possible.

ADJOURN: Robin Townsend moved to adjourn. Eileen Clement 2nd. Motion passed.