

March 04, 2010

**O.W.H.A. Minutes  
Highway Patrol Post**

Wapakoneta, Ohio

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ashley Gossard

**ATTENDANCE:** Ashley Gossard, Laura Gossard, Kim Haines, Kim Bonnette, Pam Post, Geoff Oates, Brenda Brooks, Sarah Oates, Alesia Martin, Eileen Clement, Angela Foust, Lisa Smith, Ron Rohbach, Gwen Clymer, Lisa Scott Reiss. **EXCUSED:** Geoff Brooks, Amy L. Joseph, Robin Townsend **GUESTS:** Rhonda Haudenschild, Bob Fox, Wilma Fox, Chelsie Crum, A.J. Sorgen, Stephanie Sorgen, Jennifer Post, Heather Oates, . **MINUTES:** Kim Bonnette read the February meeting minutes. Bob Fox moved to accept the minutes, Laura Gossard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** In Robin Townsend's absence, Sarah Oates presented the treasurer's report as follows:

Beginning

Balance: \$10,646.89

Deposits \$ 3,580.50 (2010 Membership, Banquet, CIF, Raffle)

Balance \$14,227.39

Checks; \$ 3,580.58 (Awards)

Balance: \$10,646.81

Checks: \$ 1,557.05 (Decorations, Food, DJ)

Balance: \$ 9,080.76

Checks: \$ 1090.00 (CIF)

Balance: \$ 7,999.76

Checks: \$ 134.32 (PIF)

Ending Balance: \$7,865.44

Alesia Martin moved to accept the report, Kim Haines 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**MEMBERSHIP & POINTS:** Geoff Oates reported we at present have 79 paid annual members and 68 lifetime members.

**EDITOR:** Pam Post as new editor requested some guidance on the newsletter.

Suggestions for the letter included: meeting minutes, a membership form, line items such as suggestions for banquet and awards, showbills and showdates and perhaps a note from the president. The newsletter would be placed on-line at the OWHA website ([www.OWHA.org](http://www.OWHA.org)) and mailed to appropriate members that do not have access to the website as requested.

**YOUTH CLUB REPORT:** The Youth club report was presented by Youth Club president Jennifer Post as follows: The recycle day made \$435.09 for the youth club. The next Youth club meeting will be scheduled for **March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm:**

**Cool Wind Farms  
2060 S. Cool Road  
Lima, OH 45806  
Phone: 419-227-2665**

Please wear appropriate outdoor clothing. Youth will be touring the farm and visiting the AQHA and Standardbred Stallions/Pregnant Mares/foals and show horses as hosted by Kim and Randy Haines. In addition, scholarship applications should be available on-line at the website soon and the deadline for application would be June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**CONTEST INCENTIVE FUND (CIF) and PLEASURE INCENTIVE FUND (PIF):** Incentive fund costs will be \$5.00. For those that have already paid for this year (\$2.00-last years amount), they are considered to be paid at this point. A reminder of the PIF rules from Laura Gossard included: Qualified classes are the open classes (open

showmanship, open hunter under saddle, open western pleasure, and open walk/trot). Each show must have 3 of 4 classes on the show bill to be considered eligible for PIF. Any member participating in this class will automatically receive one point (first will be 6 points, second will be 5 points and so on).

**300 CLUB:** Winners were drawn at the meeting as follows:

**Congratulations!!**

**February winner: Jordan Bentley/Heather Oates**

**March winner: Pam Post**

Just a reminder that the new drawing will begin May 2010. Sarah Oates is in charge of the 300 Club. Please see her for tickets or better yet –if you would like to sell tickets to support the club!

**BANQUET:** Alesia Martin reported that overall the January banquet went well. She did have complaints from people regarding the early clean-up during the entertainment portion of the evening as it was difficult to enjoy the entertainment and personal items were moved. She wanted to be sure that those were addressed for the future such as having an assigned clean-up crew and assigned time, if entertainment was planned. Alesia volunteered to be in charge of the banquet again this year and that she would reserve January 22, 2011 for next years banquet at Kenton Fairgrounds. There was discussion over whether to have entertainment or not. The entertainment has been traditionally built mostly within the cost of the meal. The disc jockey also brings his own equipment and allows the club the use of his PA system for award announcements which is very convenient. It was motioned by Sarah Oates and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eileen Clement to have a DJ (Ham Jams) at the next award banquet – motion passed. In addition, there was discussion, about a possible change in the schedule in order to shorten the day and have the annual meeting closer to dinner. Suggestions included possibly having the youth club's incentive auction on a different day such as Christmas meeting or in February. However, it was also suggested that if moved then consideration should be given to whether or not the incentive auction donators would like to be present to observe the kids during the auction. In addition, there was also a discussion about possibly even having something different other than an incentive auction for the youth. Brenda said that she will discuss with the youth at their next meeting and determine if this were feasible (dates, a place to have it, etc.) and would ask the youth if they had other suggestions rather than having an incentive auction. In addition, it was suggested that officers on the ballot be scheduled ahead of time for the annual meeting in order to shorten the time for the annual meeting itself.

**WEBSITE:** Geoff Oates indicated that the show schedule on the website is current as of now. In addition, he was working on updating the officers and trustees information for 2010 to go on the website.

**SHOW STEWARD:** N/A

**EQUIPMENT:** N/A

**FINDLAY FLEA MARKET/SWAP MEET:** Brenda Brooks reported that this was the best swap meet yet promoting interest in the club. They had lots of people stopping by the booth and gave out all of their showbills and show schedules. In addition, the club made \$70 from the bake sale which more than paid for the \$25 booth. Brenda gave to Sarah Oates the money for Robyn Townsend to deposit.

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**SCHOLARSHIP:** Brenda Brooks re-iterated that the scholarship applications would be on the website soon for those interested. Also, the applications needed to be turned in by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall Round-Up Show (FRU):** Geoff Oates said that he was contacted by the Allen County fairgrounds regarding contracting Fall Round-up and the use of their new covered arena facility to be completed this summer. Geoff explained that the club was committed this year to the Wapakoneta fairgrounds but would bring to the clubs attention for next year's consideration. Allen County was to let them know the costs for rental and stalls. This years Fall Round-up show bills (#500) were made up at a cost of \$37.49. A motion was made to pay the amount by Kim Haines and seconded by Pam Post, motion passed. In addition, Alesia Martin donated \$100 (THANKS!) for FRU which brings the total donations to currently \$550. The committee still needs \$1,200 to sponsor the remainder of the show. There was further discussion regarding costs for Sponsorships. It was suggested that businesses donating \$100 would receive full advertisement in a prime location in the pattern books (such as the front or back cover) in addition to being announced. Also, if the \$100 Sponsors provided signs that they could possibly be displayed for additional advertisement. Donations of \$50 would be listed inside the pattern book. Others wanting to donate lower amounts would be welcome but may have their names presented just typed. Please ask/give generously to support the club and make it a success!

Kim Haines checked into advertisements for FRU within the Horse Circuit news. They will put in their calendar for free. A quarter page ad – paid up front – was \$101 for August/September. Kim said that she would coordinate with Amy Joseph who was contacting the Corral for similar information.

**SHOW APPROVAL:** Geoff Oates reported that there were two show bills outstanding for approval. Van Wert County fair indicated that theirs will be turned in a little late due to their fair being so much later.

**AWARDS:** There was some discussion about possibly checking with a place in Kenton for next years awards. However, several places had been contacted for quotes; given that the quotes were all similar, the club had voted for MC Sport in Celina since they had sponsored Fall Round-up last year. Sarah Oates reported that Stephanie Martin's award was mailed.

**Officers and Trustee Show -Marion:** N/A

**Officers and Trustee Show - Wapakoneta:** N/A

**RULES & BY LAWS:** Sarah brought sample Rulebooks to go through. Carls Graphics would be conducting the printing at \$290 in Marion for 200 books/ 3 hole punch – black/white cover (which was less than the \$305 previously agreed upon amount as previously club approved). The receipt will be turned into Robin Townsend for reimbursement.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Kim Haines still needs a high resolution bay horse without a halter for OWHA emblem. Pam Post said that she had one that she could send her. Bob Fox has volunteered to make-up formal membership cards to view upon an OWHA emblem decision.

**NEW BUSINESS:** It was brought before the club that an OWHA family had a house fire – Laura Gossard's family. There was a motion by Sarah Oates for OWHA to donate

