O.W.H.A. Minutes

February 3, 2011 **Highway Patrol Post** **Wapakoneta, Ohio**

CALL TO ORDER: Kim Haines

ATTENDANCE: Kim Haines, Shari Parker, Brenda Brooks, Robin Townsend, Kim Bonnette, Sarah Oates, Geoff Oates, Rhonda Haudenschield, Amy Joseph, Angela Foust, Ron Rohrbach, Gwen Clymer, Lisa Scott Reiss, Laura Gossard, Tom Knoch, Geoff Brooks, Dana Stump, Jill Jacobs, Alesia Martin, Stephanie Sorgen. **Excused:** Wendy Hooker, Eileen Clement. **Guests:** Heather Oates, Wilma Fox, Bob Fox, Jackie Stump, Kade Stump, Randy Haines, Dave Shepler, Deb Hulty, Marcus Gallaspie, David Parker, Nathan Parker.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the secretarial minutes by Robin Townsend, Laura Gossard 2nd, motioned passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Presented by Robin Townsend

Beginning Balance was $9,046.45	
Expenses: PIF Cash: $541.84 CIF Cash: $915.01 Cash Banquet $500.00 MCSport Awards $1,814.00 Brenda Brooks FindlaySwap meet: $25.00 Sarah Oates Programs $75.00 Alesia Martin Banquet Supplies:$84.24 Cozy Café Banquet Food: $1030.00 Alesia Martin (300 Club Jan 11): $100 Riverside Acres Pres. Gift: $44.00 Mike Hamilton Banquet DJ: $350.00 Total: $5,479.00	Deposits CIF Cox $50/Truman $100.00: $150 (2010) PIF 50/50 for 2011 $187.00 Banquet Cash: $500.00 Membership $820.00 Meals: $1000.00 Bad Check Payment: $25.00 Silent Auction: $676.00 Total: $3,358.00
Ending Balance. $6,925.95	

Youth Club Beginning balance: $2,306.75

Deposit (Silent Auction): $30.00
Deposit (Christmas party): $85.00
Deposit (Banquet Raffle): $401.00
Expense (Riverside Acres, Banquet items: ($386.00)
Expense (Brenda Brooks, Youth Auction items: ($719.44)

Ending Balance $1,717.31

There was some discussion that meal cost was greater than meal payment but that was due to some donated meals. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Laura Gossard, 2nd by Sarah Oates, motion passed. Kim Haines requested reimbursement for OWHA pens. Motioned by Robyn Townsend, 2nd by Laura Gossard, motioned passed.

MEMBERSHIP & POINTS: Geoff Oates reported same number of members as previous: 63 paid annual members and 67 lifetime members.

EDITOR: Sarah Oates showed a draft of the newsletter. She will include officers, important dates, and secretary minutes and Kim Haines will try to do a letter from the president. Sarah has printer, paper, address labels. Sarah also has received requests for a facebook page. Sarah motioned to have a facebook page, 2nd by Robin Townsend, motioned passed. Sarah will put on the facebook page.

YOUTH CLUB REPORT/SCHOLARSHIP: Rhonda Haudenschield presented the youth club report. Officers are as follows: President - Stephanie Sorgen; Vice President -

Cole Brooks, Secretary/Treasurer - Kalee Hooker. The 2010 sportsmanship winner was Kelli Haudenschield. Youth Club raffle at the banquet made $401.00 with 71 raffle tickets sold by Nathan Parker. The $75.00 gift certificate winner was Becky Derr and $25 gift certificate winner was Karlee Hooker. Scholarship applications for 2011 are on the Web site.

CONTEST INCENTIVE FUND (CIF) and PLEASURE INCENTIVE FUND (PIF): There was a discussion that there needs to be a clarification that CIF and PIF pertain to one horse and rider combination to be added to the application form for this year. Randy Haines won the 50/50 raffle at the Banquet for *$93.50 and donated it back to the Incentive Fund with Club profit of $93.50* and Laura Gossard added ***$13*** for even $200 donation. Thanks!

300 CLUB: Must continue through April for last year's sales. There was a discussion to discontinue the 300 Club since it only made $30. There was re-cap of how the drawing is supposed to work: 300 tickets should be sold at $10 per ticket and one ticket is drawn per month winning $100. Tickets once drawn go back into the drawing for possible re-drawing/multiple wins. The club could make up to $1800 if everyone would sell tickets. There are printed tickets left from last year that have no date that could be sold for this year. Tickets cost about $50 to print. It was discussed that we will wait until next month for further discussion and pass out tickets then. If agreed, the new drawing would start in May; suggested to have tickets sold by then for maximum chances to win. Reminder that it takes money to keep an organization going and it would be beneficial to the club for all to participate.

BANQUET: Everyone really enjoyed the banquet on Jan.22, 2011 at Kenton Fairgrounds Community Center. Thanks to Alesia Martin for coordinating everything! There was a large member turnout including the annual meeting and officer elections. It was noted that the changes in the youth incentive auction helped speed things up and the later annual meeting was helpful in having more members in attendance.

Suggestions/discussion for next year:

- Put a table up front for officers to sit at the annual meeting.
- Due to the large size of the meeting (great!), it was difficult to hear.
- Discussed having the banquet on Sunday afternoon next year, if no dance/DJ.
- Suggested playing cards after the meeting.
- Discussed possibly changing locations for next year. Someone checked with Lima fairgrounds and the newer Youth building could be used for $100 + electric and gas – guessing $200 total.
- If moved to Lima, someone from Lima needed to coordinate food/decorations.
- If stay in Kenton, Alesia would need to reserve the building by early summer.
- Dates considered for 2012 banquet: Jan 21 or 22 or Jan 28 or 29 (Sat or Sun).
- We would like to make sure that Sponsors get an invitation for next year.

WEBSITE: **NA/ Lisa Niekamp is on Vacation – enjoy!**

SHOW STEWARD: NA

EQUIPMENT: Robin Townsend/Laura Gossard have their own pony measuring sticks.

FINDLAY FLEA MARKET/SWAP MEET: OWHA has a booth for Feb 20th (Kim Haines and Alesia have one nearby). Set up 7:00 am and **shop at 9:00 am**. OWHA will have a bake sale again this year. **Members please bring baked goods.** We will pass out membership forms, sponsorships forms, show bills, and OWHA pens. OWHA members

wanting to bring clothes/tack just need to put prices and provide bottom line (and take turns watching the booth so everyone can shop).

Fall Round-Up Show (FRU): Sept 23, 24 and 25, 2011 at Allen County Fairgrounds covered arena. Judge for Sat. Stephanie McConnell, IN; Sun. Don Jox, OH. Kim Haines presented draft show bill. There are changes from last year (in particular to shorten Sat.), such as eliminating some trail classes; split youth walk/trot by ages; fewer open classes for Sat night, removed guarantee from Showmanship. $100 classes are $7 entry fee with 20 needed in the class to pay; otherwise 70% payback. It was suggested that contesting time be moved up to 5:00 and calcutta to run during the lunch break. There will be a contesting equipment set up plan ahead of time. Opening ceremony may be just play the National Anthem. Prices similar to last year but stalls now $40 for weekend. We need Sponsorships! Contractor from Fairgrounds tentatively to sell shavings and someone from fairgrounds will work the arena. There would be a discount on stalls if we clean them; Kim to check on the amount.

SHOW APPROVAL: Show approval committee volunteers: Laura Gossard, Sarah Oates, Robin Townsend and Geoff Oates. Currently, it was discussed that Van Wert will not be able to put on a show this year due to their fair having been shortened but would like to be considered for next year (they will be missed!). Clubs from Tiffin and Lazy H would like some information about putting on an OWHA approved show. There was discussion about other new clubs wanting us to go in with them to put on an OWHA show or putting on their own OWHA approved show; maybe even at FRU. Since we are already committed with FRU and Officer and Trustee shows, the current feeling is at this time that we would welcome new clubs to put on their own OWHA approved show.

Nominating committee: President is required to appoint a nominating committee for 2012 elections; volunteers are: Gwen Clymer, Shari Parker, Ronnie Rohrbach and Jill Jacobs. We will need three more Trustees elected next year. Currently, the rulebook indicates officers to do ballets/hold/count the vote (except for the office they hold as done at the recent meeting). It was suggested that the rulebook be changed to the nominating committee. Nominating committee could make sure that the appropriate interested names were on the ballot at election time. Nominations to be made in advance but still nominations could be made at open at the Annual meeting.

Fundraising committee – Requested by Kim Haines to assist in getting Sponsorships for the club. Kim Haines will be on the Sponsorship committee along with volunteers: Bob Fox, Tom Knoch and Shari Parker. Kim Bonnette would be happy to help make calls. Brenda would help with Sponsorships for Officer and Trustees for the Wapak show. Shari presented a possible form to request Sponsorships and attach a letter. It was discussed that it was too difficult to name a Sponsor to a particular class but they could pick the show and the amount that they wanted to donate. Motioned by Laura Gossard; 2nd by Robin Townsend to request Sponsorships with a form. Form could be modified for Youth Team Tournament. Sponsors will be placed on a Sponsor page on the FRU show bill and pattern book and Officer and Trustee Shows; possibly banners or other advertisements acceptable.

AWARDS: It was reported that everyone loved the jackets; there was an email of appreciation. Two misspellings on awards will be corrected. We will need to think about awards for next year.

Officers and Trustee Show –Marion: Date Set (Aug 20, 2011)

Officers and Trustee Show – Wapakoneta: Date Set (July 31, 2011)
RULES & BY LAWS: Rulebook committee volunteers: Sarah Oates, Robin Townsend, Wilma Fox There are several rules that need reviewed or added as discussed from last year/previously. In addition, the new committee will look into the older rules and add the new rules such as the recently OWHA approved open cart class. Also, the pony measuring rule needs to be reviewed/reworded as needed since there have been some complaints about size in these pony classes. OWHA stewards will need to be available for measuring and carding members as appropriate at each OWHA show; tabled for next meeting.
OLD BUSINESS: NA – discussed above
NEW BUSINESS:

- There were discussions on having the monthly OWHA meetings at a more central location so that all members may more easily attend the meeting. We would like to maintain a free location. Suggestions included: Moose Lodge at Kenton, AM *VETS Post #94* in Kenton or the Allen County Fairgrounds. Suggestions welcome.
- A Chief Show Steward needs appointed to make sure that there is one for each show. This person in charge of making sure the Show Stewards measure ponies the same way. All ponies to be measured at each show and/or issued an OWHA pony measurement card.
- It was suggested that we send surveys for awards and banquets to members. Something could be added to the facebook page and OWHA website.
- Ron Rohrback reported that we will need to find a new lunch stand for fall show. The new person doesn't want to work horse shows.
- Mount Gilead requested suggestions for making it shorter to get their pay backs completed. Robin Townsend volunteered to take a look at their system for suggestions.
- Alesia Martin reported the equine chiropractor: Racheal A. Oldham Stevens 33, Kenton OH Died Feb 1 from complications from child birth; please keep her family in your thoughts/prayers.

Robin Townsend motioned to adjoin the meeting, 2nd Laura Gossard, motioned passed.

Sincerely,

Kimberly L. Bonnette
O.W.H.A, Secretary