

**November 10, 2007 Ohio Paint Horse Club
General Membership Meeting**

(These minutes will not be approved until the November 2008 General Membership Meeting.)

The General Membership of the Ohio Paint Horse Club held a meeting November 10, 2007 at the Bellpoint U.M. Church in Delaware, Ohio. Vice President, Roger Taylor, called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. The roll was called and the following Board members were present: Ron Cramer, Drew Emmett, Jill Davis, John Van Sickle, Roxann Rohrl, Roger Taylor and Sue Johnson. Four other Board members had excused absences. Membership Chair, Kate Emmett, took roll of the general membership; 26 total members were present.

Ron Cramer conducted the 2008 Election of Officers and Directors. Nominated for President was Roxie Snyder. Cramer asked three times for more nominations from the floor. With none presented, Gene Emmett moved and Sue Johnson seconded to close nominations. Motion passed. Roxie Snyder was elected President by acclamation.

Nominated for Vice President was Roger Taylor. Cramer asked three times for any other nominations from the floor. With none presented, John Van Sickle moved and Drew Emmett seconded to close nominations. Motion passed. Roger Taylor was elected Vice President by acclamation.

Nominated for Secretary was Jeni Yoak. Cramer asked three times for any other nominations from the floor. With none presented, Gene Emmett moved and Drew Emmett seconded for nominations to be closed. Motion passed. Jeni Yoak was elected Secretary by acclamation.

Nominated for Treasurer was Roxann Rohrl. Cramer asked three times for any other nominations from the floor. With none presented, John Van Sickle moved and Drew Emmett seconded to close nominations. Motion passed. Roxann Rohrl was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Three 2-year Directors positions were open for 2008. Nominated for re-election were Drew Emmett, Shari Love, and Raymond Coy. Cramer asked three times for any other nominations from the floor. With none presented, John Van Sickle moved and Gene Emmett seconded to close nominations. Motion passed. Drew, Shari and Ray were elected for 2-year Director terms by acclamation. Remaining 1-year Directors are John Van Sickle, Ron Cramer and Sue Johnson.

The minutes of the general membership meeting from November 11, 2006 were read. Several corrections were noted. Gene Emmett moved and Roxann Rohrl seconded to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was given to date. The balance of the general checking account is \$11,310.80, balance in the money market checking is \$78,359.24. Due to tax rules of not commingling funds there are separate checking accounts for each futurity. The account for the 2007 Stallion Service Auction was closed, with 90% of funds put into separate C.D.'s for each futurity year and 10% deposited into the general checking. Once all weanling papers have been received, the futurity accounts for OPHC Halter, SSA, Buckeye, and OBOS can be closed. The Youth Club balance as of 10/24/07 was \$11,536.60 and the Amateur Club balance as of 10/31/07 was \$5,167.59.

Other financials reviewed were the eight certificates of deposit, Zone 8 report, 2006 total OPHC report, 2007 total Amateur report, 2007 profit and loss statements from all OPHC shows and exhibitors party. John Van Sickle noted Rohrl has been Treasurer for many years and thanked her for managing the quarter million dollars in income and expenses that runs through the club during the year. Gene Emmett moved and Jeni Yoak seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

1. APHA Packets were received with upcoming forms and deadlines.
2. Thank you notes were received from the Ashland Red Cross and Cancer Society.

Committees:

Youth Club – Jeni Yoak reported the Youth elected new 2008 officers as follows: President Beth Yoak, Vice President Beth Zimpfer, Treasurer Lindsay Burnett, Secretary Whitney Eller. For charitable donations this year the Youth raffled off a weanling halter and raised \$215 for Breast Cancer Research. They will again hold charity raffles in 2008 at the Buckeye show in March and the Labor Day show. There will be 6-10 youth participating in the Youth Team Tournament at the 2008 APHA World Show.

Amateur Club – Shawna Eisenhart reported the Amateur Club will hold a swap meet March 15, 2008 at the Buckeye Extravaganza in Springfield. Two shows are being planned for 2008 on June 14 in Springfield (manager needed) and July 26 in Findlay (Manager Ron Cramer). Judges are being hired. There were not enough members present to conduct the election of officers and community service plans for 2008; they were tabled until the January 19 meeting in Dublin.

Stallion Service Auction – Jill Davis reported many service contracts have been received and advertising is underway. New this year, the highest bidder at the auction will have their choice of a custom HARRIS headstall or yearling halter with lead. Elliott Cline suggested a random drawing be held for all auction bidders and possibly having door prizes. Gene Emnett (moved and Elliott Cline seconded) a special thanks be sent to Tina Eller for all her work the past several years on the SSA. Tina increased the auction to the highest it has ever been. She will remain chair of the SSA Futurity. A discussion was held on the mailing of the catalog before the auction.

OPHC Halter Futurity – Roxann Rohrl reported the first payment deadline is January 31, 2008.

Ohio, Bred, Owned & Shown Futurity – Entries increased this year over last year. It was noted the entry form was mistakenly not submitted for the newsletter.

Buckeye Futurity – Due to the Ohio State Fair no longer offering a paint show, the Buckeye Futurity will no longer be held.

Performance Stakes – Entries increased this year. It was noted this was the first year prize payouts were proportional to the number of entries received.

Points and Awards – Shari Love is almost finished auditing the points.

Membership – Kate Emnett reported there are 656 total members, with renewals down 100, but 131 new members. She is ready to receive 2008 memberships.

Newsletter & Website – Liz Maclean has the newsletter on the website now. If members need information, rules, forms, etc. they should get them from the website: www.ophc.org. Members will have their choice in 2008 to receive their newsletter either by mail or online.

Recreational Riding – There were 18 riders at the October trail ride at Alum Creek State Park. It was noted three other groups of Ohio riders went elsewhere for rides. A reservation will be made early for Mohican for next year.

Youth Scholarship – The requirements for scholarships were updated and will be in the November issue.

Ride Ohio – Suzanne Allen requested riders turn in their logs by December 28, 2007 for her to get awards.

Banquet – Sue Johnson met with the Crown Plaza Hotel in Dublin this week. The banquet will be Saturday, January 19, 2008. She has reserved a block of 30 rooms for \$96.95 each until December 29, 2007. The menu has been chosen and an Executive Member from APHA has been invited. APHA will be sending promotional materials to our banquet including trading cards, magnets, coloring, and paint horse Pete.

Solid Paint Breds – John Van Sickle reported there were 750 solid paint bred entries at Ohio shows this year. Next year the entry fees will be half price the regular fees. The Paint Journal will print a 3-part series on solid paint bred classes and Ohio has been included. We've been very successful in promoting solid paint bred classes.

National Directors – Roxann Rohrl reported APHA rule change suggestions need submitted by January 15, 2008. Marie Ternes, Mike Wright, Butch Snider, Joe and Roxann Rohrl attended the APHA Convention. It was noted Greg Reisinger is now a member of the executive committee. All APHA figures are down, from stallion breedings and registrations to show entries. They will be splitting the 2008 World Show into a summer show for Youth, Novice Youth and Amateur classes, and a fall show for Weanling, Yearlings, Two Year Olds and Challenge classes. Also discussed were the color registration rules which may be changed again for 2009. The Ohio Paint Horse Club received the APHA Club of Distinction Award for the third time. The OPHC received gift certificates for \$400 in prizes which will be given out at the banquet. APHA may plan another Paint Horse 101 seminar to be held in Ohio. Rohrl also mentioned every exhibitor will need an APHA number to exhibit next year, including youth riders, open riders, and all owners.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

OPHC Rules – One rule change was submitted: To combine (run concurrently) the OPHC Halter Futurity classes with the corresponding APHA Open classes for Yearling Stallions, Two Year Old Stallions, Yearling Mares, Two Year Old Mares, Yearling Geldings and Two Year Old Geldings. This would take twelve separate classes and result in only six classes to judge. This would also mean that members who enter the OPHC Futurity for those classes would also be required to enter the corresponding open class. The Board approved this submission at its last regular meeting. Discussion followed. Gene Emmett moved and Connie Runkle seconded to approve the rule change as presented. Vote: 12 For, 7 Against; Motion passed.

The Board also approved the suggestion to split the OPHC Halter Futurity Solid Bred Paint Weanling Colts and Weanling Fillies into Junior and Senior divisions. These classes had 17 and 20 entries respectively this year.

Trish Lanoux asked if a Yearling In-Hand Trail or Challenge class could be added to a showbill sometime to see if there is interest in the class. John Van Sickle suggested trying this at the Buckeye Extravaganza in March and/or the Zone 8 Show in June. Both shows offer trail courses at will and would be a nice time to try the classes.

Elliott Cline made several suggestions for increasing interest and entries at horse shows: Hold a special event for Novice Youth during the Ohio State Fair 4-H Horse Show. There was a Quarter Horse event like this that was successful. With halter entries down, maybe offer a free halter entry with a performance entry or something similar. Make the shows more exhibitor friendly, fun and easier to show - like splitting pleasure classes instead of running them with 20+ in the ring or dragging along the rail after several classes to keep the footing nice.

Celeste Fender added making the stalls a safe environment for the horses. Much discussion was held about the stalls at the Ashland facility. The Board is trying to find a different facility for the Futurity Show instead of Ashland for 2008. Springfield is booked for Labor Day weekend until 2013. The majority of members attending agreed (only 2 opposed) that they would pay \$30 more per stall to move to a facility other than Ashland.

With no further business, Gene Emmett moved and Drew Emmett seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Davis
2007 OPHC Secretary