

Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels
Thoroughbred Chapter
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM by Kevin Bullock at the Lexington Public Library, 2197 Versailles Road, Lexington, KY 40504.
2. Present were: Kevin Bullock; Lezlei Kelly; John Osborne; Alex “Cash” Olszowy; Glenn Hudson; Vince Barber; Wade Abbott; Mary Breiner; Francisco (Frank) Quintana; Alana Insko-Kelley; Barbera Insko; Ray Wood; and Daryl Privott. Twenty-six (26) members had responded that they would be in attendance.

Forms distributed electronically prior to the meeting were:

- a. Minutes from August 18, 2024
- b. Bylaws of the Thoroughbred Chapter, a Chartered Chapter of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels

3. Ray Wood read the following, “The commission of Kentucky Colonel is the highest title of honor bestowed by the Governor of Kentucky.”
4. The Minutes from the meeting on August 18, 2024 had been electronically distributed prior to this meeting for review. Motion by Ray Wood to accept the Minutes as presented. Frank Quintana seconded the motion. Motion approved.
5. Kevin Bullock informed us that Barbara Ellerbrook filed our paperwork for us to be a 501(c)(3) organization with a name of “Thoroughbred Chapter of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels”. Donations can be received at this time but until we receive our approval from the federal government, we cannot guarantee a tax deduction.
6. Kevin Bullock reported that two people, Alex “Cash” Olszowy and Barbara Ellerbrook had been diligently working on the bylaws. A copy of the proposed bylaws had been previously electronically distributed for review. Lezlei Kelly made a motion that the bylaws be approved as presented. Ray Woods seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Kevin Bullock informed us that the bylaws also required formal approval of the State Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels (HOKC). There was discussion about board members meeting and general member meeting requirements. A small typo was pointed out and corrected.
7. Kevin Bullock informed us that he had opened an account for us at PNC Bank.
8. The floor was open to people interested in serving as officers of the board.

a. For the position of vice president, Frank Quintana, said he would be willing. Kevin Bullock added that Barbara Ellerbrook had also indicated an interest and that she had done a lot of work for our club already.

b. Three (3) At-large positions available. Vince Barber, Wade Abbott, Daryl Privott, and Alex "Cash" Olszowy expressed an interest. Alex "Cash" Olszowy has previously been appointed as Parliamentarian.

c. For the position of Treasurer, Mary Breiner, expressed an interest. Kevin told us that Melissa Holland had also expressed an interest. Mary Breiner has a degree in business and has previously kept books.

Alex "Cash" Olszowy made a motion that we elect Barbara Ellerbrook for Vice President. Ray Wood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Alex "Cash" Olszowy made a motion that we elect Mary Breiner as Treasurer. Frank Quintana seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Barbara Insko made a motion that we elect Vince Barber, Wade Abbott and Daryl Privott as Members at Large. Ray Wood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kevin Bullock informed us that these are actually interim positions until we hold our annual meeting which has been scheduled for March 27, 2025. A short biography will be made available of the people seeking election at that time. We need additional officers to be authorized signatories at the bank. It will be Mary Breiner, Kevin Bullock and Lezlei Kelly.

At 2:47 PM we were adjourned for a five minute break to get a snack.

At 2:55 PM we were called back to order.

9. Kevin Bullock informed us that as of this morning, we had \$674.38 in the bank. Discussion of dues for our chapter. According to the survey, suggestions for dues ranged from a high of \$200 to a low of \$40 per year. The average was close to \$80 and that seemed a good amount because if you broke it down to four quarters, it would be \$20 per quarter to belong. Discussion about new members and it was agreed that their dues would be prorated as to when they joined the club. There is a place on the new website where members can pay their dues but if they pay by credit card, the cost will be \$84 to cover processing fees. A Colonel must pay at least \$1 to HOKC to be an active member.

Kevin Bullock said four (4) people had turned in checks for dues to date. Discussion about how much Kevin Bullock has personally invested in the club. Kevin Bullock stated he has spent about \$1,500 to date. We agreed that we need to repay him and a line item should be Kevin Debt.

10. Kevin Bullock asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to categorize and then later prioritize the interests of the membership. This was from a survey that was sent out prior to our first club meeting. Vince Barber, Wade Abbott and Lezlei Kelly volunteered to serve on this committee. The categories are:

- a. Community Service
- b. Disabled Support and Services
- c. Historic Preservation
- d. Support for the Poor and Needy
- e. Health, Rehabilitation and Mental Illness
- f. Veterans Services and Military
- g. Youth Services

11. Kevin Bullock asked for people to serve on a committee to obtain more venues. The venue needs to be free. Kevin Bullock said he would prefer the venue not to be a church since our club has no religious or political affiliations, but we have a shortage of free venues. The members in attendance indicated no objections to meeting at a church. The venue should be able to hold forty (40) members, be American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. We do have a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy. Daryl Privott, Alex "Cash" Olszowy and Alana Insko-Kelley volunteered to serve on this committee.

12. Our first Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2025.

13. Announcements. John Chmela has asked that we set up a table on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at Queenslake Park in Georgetown, KY for the Mogadishu Mile 2024. This is a fitness challenge. Kevin Bullock said he would set up and man the table to encourage membership.

14. Discussion about a dinner and meeting on November 12, 2024. Bring a dish to share, pre-Thanksgiving gathering. Location to be determined. Motion by Mary Breiner to hold a dinner and meeting on November 12. Motion seconded by Ray Wood. Motion passed.

15. Daryl Privott read the Colonel's Toast, "I give you a person dedicated to honor and authenticity while holding firm to the ideals of humility and service to others. They stand as a leader in their community and enjoy the convivial hospitality that is a Kentucky tradition. Gracious in spirit. Generous in action. Kind in all that they do. And proud of the traditions of Kentucky. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the Kentucky Colonel."

16. Mary Breiner made a motion that our meeting be adjourned. Ray Wood seconded the motion. Motion passed and we were adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Lezlei Kelly