



SCHC Meeting Minutes Jan 10, 2017

A meeting of the South Carolina Horsemen's Council Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, Jan 10, 2017, at Lizard's Thicket restaurant in Columbia, SC. In attendance were, President Wanda Wood, V.P. Mike Kinsey, Treasurer Donna Patterson, Wendy Manos, Kerrie Jane Taylor, Kathy Fisher, Merry Robeson, Randy Creamer and Lisa Zappolo. A quorum was present. Wanda opened the meeting with a blessing.

Financial Donna distributed a "Treasurer's Report" and "2016 Operating Income/Expense Summary". The operating summary reflects a **loss of \$2,856.32 for the calendar year of 2016**. It was determined that fundraising events will be discussed at the Planning Meeting.

Expo Carl Cartwright sent an update to Wanda. She informed us of the verified presenters: Mike Lyons, Carolina Trick Riders, Mounted Shooters, and J.D. Winslow. They are still searching for an "English" presenter. Anyone with a suggestion, please forward to Carl. The clinicians will be Cassy Wycoff on feed and nutrition, Mike Kinsey and Randy Creamer on the SCHC sponsored seminar for Basic Equine Evaluation and Safety, Alice Riddle of SC Parks and Recreation on trails in SC parks, and possibly basic emergency treatment with SCHC basic emergency kits. Merry will get back to Wanda with a vet that had kits and did presentations. Dr. Kristine Vernon and Jackie Twigg will again do a Youth Corral. Vendors are signing up, but more vendors and sponsors are needed. The expo will be on April 1, and a trail ride will be held on April 2.

Membership Wendy Manos reports that at this point in time there are 6 family, 6 farm, 21 individual memberships, and one sponsorship. It is not unusual for the numbers to be this low, at this early calendar date. It was suggested that letters be sent to previous members to renew. Suggestions were made for membership drives.

Merry Robeson made a motion that Lisa Zappolo be voted into office as Secretary. This second vote is due to the prior meeting not having a quorum. Mike Kinsey seconded motion. Vote passed unanimously.

Wanda Wood clarified that a Director that accepts a position as an officer, forfeits their director position. Upon stepping down from said position, if they want to remain on the

board, the board may appoint/vote for them to remain in an open director chair until the next annual meeting. At that time, they will be duly voted upon by the membership.

Electronic Media Wanda Wood reports that E-blasts have been sent out regarding membership renewal. There are 377 people on the “Mail Chimp” list, and we can reach up to 10K+ people via various other media outlets. The next project that Electronic Media will be working on is the Trails Booklet.

Education Randy Creamer presented a preliminary booklet of the SCHC Basic Equine Evaluation and Safety program for circulation. Legal definitions and Standards of Care will be included in the booklet. Randy reports that agencies are already inquiring as to when they can sign up for the course. Randy suggested a fee be charged to cover costs. Discussion followed regarding costs of printing, reimbursement for travel, and hardship cases of agencies. It was suggested that host agencies will receive two free slots and an additional one for every ten slots that are filled. Merry made a **motion** that upon request, instructors may be reimbursed, for travel fuel, hotels, and meals outside of a 50 mile radius of their home. Donna **amended** the **motion** to: Two instructors may be reimbursed, upon request, for fuel, hotels and meals outside of a 50 mile radius of their home. Motion **passed** unanimously. Donna made a **motion** that the fee for the seminar be set at \$75. Kerrie seconded. Motion **passed** unanimously. Merry made a **motion** that instructors, at their discretion, have the authority to adjust the cost of the class for hardship cases. Donna seconded. Motion **passed** unanimously. Randy requested that SCHC design a certificate to be given to attendees upon completion of the class.

Trails Wanda reports that Mark McCarter is unable to devote his attention to this project at this time due to work obligations. Wanda has a list of contacts for various parks, and has sent them e-mails requesting updated maps for the book. **Requests will be sent to District Directors to follow up with contacts in their district.**

District Reports Equus Film Festival will be in Camden, SC, Feb 17 -18. Information can be found on Facebook or at www.equusfilmfestivalcamden.com.

New Business Wanda presented a slate for the upcoming elections at the annual meeting. Donna requested that the board begin to look for someone to assist with or assume Treasurer’s duties. A discussion ensued regarding participation, communication and contributions of board members. **A letter will be sent to each board member regarding their obligation to the board, their required participation, and a reminder to review the By-laws and Policies and Procedures.** Wanda suggested that in person meetings be held quarterly and “Go To” meetings be held monthly. It was also suggested that Board meetings be held in various districts. Merry made a **motion** to approve the slate. Lisa seconded. Motion **passed**. The board was reminded that officer’s positions must be voted upon annually by the board after the annual meeting. Jennifer Howe, our legal counsel is no longer practicing law.

Lisa reported that River Neck Acres in Florence, is available the weekend of March 24-26. There are 24 campsites with hook-ups, two cabins, and unlimited primitive camping. Pricing is \$75 per

night for cabins, \$35 per night for hook-ups, \$15 for primitive, and \$10 per night for stalls. Picket lines are available. An arena would be included free of charge. There is a building available for use for dinner and activities. Mike made a **motion** that we reserve the facility for the weekend of Mar 24-26, 2017. Kerry seconded. Motion **passed**.

Wanda presented the board with a sponsorship proposal submitted by David Grant for Horse Tales. Three options were submitted for consideration. David's contributions, and support of SCHC were discussed. Merry made a **motion** to accept option #1. Mike Kinsey seconded. Motion **passed** unanimously. An "in kind" sponsorship will be extended to Horse Tales.

Discussion of 4H was tabled until the next board meeting.

Annual meeting of the membership is Feb 11, 2017 at The Lake House at Sandhill Rec.

Motion to adjourn by Lisa; second by Kerry. All in agreement.