

SCHC 2015

Tuesday November 17, 2015

Present: Wanda Wood, Lellie Ward, Gary Biggerstaff, Merry Roberson, Mike Kinsey, Bill Steele, Wendy Manos, Jackie Twigg, Adam Eichelberger, Kerrie Jane Taylor, Kenny Mullins, Donna Patterson, Lisa Zappolo and Kathy Fisher.

Absent:, David Grant, Billie Joe Williamson, Pamela Worthy, Elizabeth Steed, Ben Doyle and Carl Cartwright.

Welcome/Call to Order by Wanda Wood

Opening Prayer - Bill Steele

Timekeeper – Gary Biggerstaff

Gatekeeper- Kerrie Jane Taylor

Coach – Bill Steele

Scribe- Jackie Twigg

Meeting started at 6:34.

Bill Steele opened us up with a word of prayer.

Wanda assigned meeting roles.

September Meeting Minutes (Jackie Twigg)

Jackie presented the meeting minutes for September. Bill Steele made a motion to accept. Donna seconded it. 10 voted.

Old Business

Wanda brought up that at the last meeting we had tabled a discussion motion from the policies and procedures. Merry made a motion to bring it back for discussion. Gary seconded it. 12 voted to discuss it, and one did not. Wanda explained that of the officers term is three years in the past it was in the policy not in the bylaws. Gary said that it was not clear for the president, the vice-president of admin and the secretary. Merry read the policies and procedures and then the bylaws she said the total for the officers was 6 years maximum. Wanda stated that we need stability if the officers change annually it does not support that. Merry and Gary are saying that they want the by laws and policies and procedures to stay the same. Gary made a motion of the policies and procedures reflect what the BiLaws say about the officers article 6 .1 and 6.2. Wanda second the motion. 10 people voted. Two did not.

Financial Report (Donna Patterson)

Next Donna presented the financial report. Adam made a motion to accept the financials and Gary seconded it . 12 people voted.

Membership (Jackie Twigg)

Jackie presented the membership totals since the last meeting was 8 and two of those people purchase insurance as well. Donna suggested we notify members that insurance needs to be renewed annually. Lisa brought up that she has some people who have contacted her that are requesting the email blast be sent to them in the mail. She said that she would print them and give them to those people. Adam asked for clarification on this. Wanda said that currently all are getting the newsletters mailed. There was discussion in regards to members having proof of insurance. Donna and Wanda pointed out that the insurance is under the SCHC umbrella and an individual policy number is not given. Everyone who purchases insurance receives the following: Arg evidence, coverage date and details. Merry shared with the board what she gives to people asking about the insurance. Donna stated that she should not give out the letter any more because that is her proof of insurance. Jackie stated that it also shows on your membership card.

Electronic Media/Publications Advisory (Wanda Wood)

Wanda discuss the electronic media and publications updates. Wanda recommended us looking into doing a Horseman's Council directory next year. She passed around three examples. Businesses would be able to purchase ads in the directory to help offset the cost. In regards to the winter newsletter, Wanda requested that if you have something to please get it to her ASAP. Wanda also stated that she needs help proofreading. Merry and Lily said that they would help her in that.

District reports

Mike shared updates regarding the beach ride. Wanda said that she had heard very positive results input. Mike said that there were people in attendance that had come from out of state that he was able to talk to. Wanda stated that we were networking and that was great. Lisa talked about our current t-shirts and that from the feedback she had received, people were looking for a different look. Wanda said that she will get the inventory put together. Wanda said that we can look into changing that design. She said that she will bring some information back in to give to the board on this

Wanda talked about the Southern States event. There were 45 in attendance at the dinner and information discussion. She said that it went really well and was so much fun. Wanda encouraged everyone to talk to Southern States or another company and have a clinic in your area. She said it was a good informational networking time.

Lellie talked about her upcoming ACTHA.

She said that she has 22 enrolled in the first ride, which is indoors and 17 for the outside ride obstacle course. Lellie said that \$819 was the profit but only \$384 was coming to SCHC. She did not feel that that was a good turn around. She said that the morning would be the ring inside and obstacles and the afternoon would be the outside course with water and obstacles. Wanda and she discussed how she came about the figures. Lellie said it came from ACTHA report.

Wanda stated that they are using a new company to issue payments to partner events and it is a known issue that the new company has some bad issues. Lisa asked how many of the riders that are registered for morning and afternoon will repeat riders. Lellie said approximately 4-5 were doing both events.

Next Wanda talked about the Steeple Chase and the Colonial Cup. She thanked everyone who had taken time out of their schedule to go to these. She stated that networking with other horse groups and people is very important.

EXPO (Wanda Wood)

Wanda talked about the expo. There was some discussion in regards to the auction that will be held after the expo. Wanda stated that we needed to get the information out to people. Lisa mentioned that we need to get the word out to come to the auction. Lisa also suggested that we put the auction information under the auctions section on various websites. Wanda asked for people to pass out the Expo postcards so that we can get the word out. Wanda also asked for help with posting the EXPO information out with various sites.

Horse Person of the Year (Jackie Twigg)

Jackie opened up the floor to discuss the Horse Person of the Year for District 2. Three names were presented: Jan Carter, Anne Springs Close and Tomas Gimenez. There was discussion about each one and their bios were read. Jan Carter will be recognized in the SCHC newsletter. Gary made a motion to vote by show of hands.

Adam seconded. 10 voted

There were no votes for Anne Springs Close. There were no votes for Jan Carter. 13 people voted for Tomas Gimenez.

Trails (Gary Biggerstaff)

Gary talked about the annual trail ride. He presented Manchester but it was decided to relook at the location due to the cost. The date decided is the first weekend in April. The location is still being decided.

Nominating Committee (Wanda Wood)

Wanda said that we already had some interest shown. She said that everyone is welcome to talk to others about being on the board but to please refer them back to the website for specific information. Wanda said send anyone interested to the website. She stated that it is important to let them know that this is a commitment. She encourages everyone to have the interested person look at the position description and then talk to them more if they are still interested. Here is the website address. <http://www.schorsementscouncil.org/2016-elections.html>. Names need to be submitted to the Nominating Committee. Wanda encourages all members to bring nominations before the board. It is important that they are a SCHC member. As far as the positions coming up, we have 8 District Directors and President. Merry said you can nominate from the floor but they have to be present and meet all requirements. We confirmed that this in our bylaws.

South Carolina Equine Promotion Act (Wanda Wood)

Wanda talked about the South Carolina equine promotion act. Adam gave brief on the EPA it was started about 10 years ago by SCHC, SCFB and SCDA. It is a \$2 on every ton of feed that goes into a fund (that you can opt out of) the money goes to support the SC horse industry. When it was presented before it was viewed as a tax, so we don't want to ever say it is a tax. This bill may be reintroduced this coming session. FB Equine Committee has said now is the time.

A copy of the promotion was passed around for all to review. Adam gave a brief of what is in the bill. It was discussed that this was model after what others states already have and what was has working for them. Donna said that upstate has already sent in their support. This not for public knowledge right now. Gary asked if the money will always go towards the equine industry and Adam said yes it says "The funds collected from this assessment shall be used for research, education and promotion for the purpose of supporting the equine industry." Lisa asked for the definition of the equine promotion act. It was reread from the above. Want to caution all to be careful how we discuss it to others. Wanda has talked with other councils in the US. She stressed the importance of being unified in this. Donna made a motion that we send a letter of support for this act. Gary second of it. 10 people voted.

Wanda stated the next meeting will be in January of 2016.

Lisa suggested that sponsors for bronze and higher get their own banner. Gary made a motion that we recognize the higher sponsors Lellie seconded. 11 people voted.

Gary made a motion that we adjourn. Donna seconded it.

Action Items (Status of previous and repeat of current)

Action Item	Assigned	Date Assigned	Target	Status
Feed Promotion bill	Officers	1/10/2015		Close to completion
SCHC Annual Trail Ride	Gary Biggerstaff	3-2015	July Meeting	
Provide Club affiliations for links on website	All	2015	On Going	
Provide each district board member with a list of their members	Jackie Twigg	7-2015	On Going	
EXPO Arena/ ACTHA Arena and Ostacle course challage	Wanda Wood	7-2015	On Going	