

On Saturday, Feb 11, 2017, SCHC held its annual members' meeting. The meeting was held at the Lake House at Clemson Columbia, SC. The following Officers/Directors were in attendance: Wanda Wood, Carl Cartwright, Mike Kinsey, Bill Steele, Donna Patterson, Randy Creamer, Mark McCarter, Kerrie Jane Taylor, Kathy Fisher, Merry Robeson and Lisa Zappolo. Marsha Hewitt, Equine Specialist for the SC Dept. of Agriculture was also present.

President, Wanda Wood, called the meeting to order. Wanda thanked the members for their attendance, and introduced the guest speakers, David Grant of Horse Tales TV, and Ellen Mary Wilson, DVM, Director of Animal Health Programs of Clemson Livestock Poultry Health. Cassie Wycoff was introduced as Equine Extension Agent for Laurens and Union Counties.

District 1 Director, Randy Creamer gave a blessing.

Carl Cartwright, VP of Administration gave an introduction

Treasurer's report was given by Donna Patterson. The 2016 Operating Income/Expense Summary reflected a beginning balance of \$27,237.48 and ending balance of \$24,381.16. Scholarship Income/Expense – Beginning balance \$4,615.10, Ending balance \$2,615.53. Year to date Treasury report reflects an opening balance of \$24,381.16, a current balance of \$25,601.20, with an available balance of \$22,345.63. A proposed 2017 budget was also distributed showing a net of \$2,777.

A summary of the presenters for the April 1, 2017 Expo was reviewed. A reminder was given of the SCHC's participation at the Taste of South Carolina on April 18, at the State House. Members were informed of the Council's intention to update the 1997 Trails Booklet. The 2017 slate of nominees was presented to the membership. Each individual was given a paper ballot and asked that they be returned to the secretary for tally. Kathy Fisher of District 2 and Elizabeth Steed of District 5 were thanked for their service.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

Following lunch, David Grant, The Pee Dee Cowboy, of Horse Tales TV, and Carolina Marsh Tacky Outdoors, spoke of the turn his life has taken through his relationship with God and the horse. He told how Horse Tales TV came about and where it has taken him in the five seasons that it has been on air. "Through the horse, my life has stayed on course." David Grant

Ellen Mary Wilson, DVM was the next speaker. She has recently taken over the position of Director of Animal Health Programs, for Clemson Livestock Poultry Health. Dr. Wilson has been employed in private practice, bio-medical research, and regulatory medicine. Dr. Wilson covered a multitude of topics including recent equine disease outbreaks and the hurdles in tracking them. She discussed the FEI World Equestrian Games to be held in Tryon, Sept 16-23, 2018. This will be the second time that they

will be held in the US. She gave details on the SC Equine Event Permit which is a 6 month permit for interstate movement within 14 states.

The final presentation of the day introducing the SCHC seminar, Introduction to Basic Equine Evaluation and Safety, was given by Mike Kinsey, VP External Affairs, and Randy Creamer, District 1 Director. The course will be taught to law enforcement and animal control officers throughout the state. It will be an 8 hour course which includes a "hands on" portion. A booklet which will be given to all attendees is being priced at this time. A copy of "Basic Standards for Horse Care in South Carolina" will also be distributed. Randy will teach the section devoted to the applicable laws, and Mike will teach the section on safety, evaluation, and handling.

Wanda Wood adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.

A total of 17 ballots were returned.

16 votes for Wanda Wood, 1 abstained

15 votes for Kendra Carter, 2 abstained

15 votes for Pamela Worthy, 1 "no", 1 abstained

17 votes for Ben Doyle

17 votes for Kathy Swanson