



## **SCHC 2008 Annual Meeting MINUTES**

### ***Officers and Board Members Present:***

Carol Deacon, Cecil Watkins, Jamie Roberts, Terry Boger, Ivory Johnson, Mary Quarles, Juanita Ardis, Anthony Dyches, Ellen Hutto, Bill Steele, Hayward Simmons, Betty Rankin, Donna Patterson, Kaye Watkins, Jim Edwards, Tim Sigmon

### ***Board Members Absent:***

John Conner, Dee Cross, Deanna Bass, Natasha Vitkovic

The annual meeting of the SCHC was called to order at 1:30 pm on February, 2008 by Interim President Carol Deacon. The annual meeting took place at the Circle M Arena, Pelzer, SC. Members were welcomed and the agenda for the meeting was outlined.

Director Cecil Watkins presented the changes to the by-laws as proposed and presented to the members in the December, 2007 newsletter. A motion to pass the by-laws as proposed & presented was made and seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken and the motion to accept the changes to the by-laws was passed.

Director Watkins presented the slate of officers and directors developed by the Nominating Committee and presented to the members in the December, 2007 newsletter. A call for nominations from the floor was made. Member Wheeler Buff noted that additional Directors from District 3 were needed. An additional request was made to the members for individuals interested in serving from District 3 to make themselves known. There were no nominations from the floor. With no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Wheeler Buff and seconded by Bill Steele to accept by acclamation the slate of officers and directors as proposed and presented. There being no discussion, a vote was taken and the motion to accept the slate of officers and directors was passed.

Treasurer Donna Patterson presented the Treasurer's Report for 2007. The financial position of the organization was reported as improving. Cost saving measures and financial controls put into place have placed the organization on a more secure financial footing. Membership dues were noted as the organization's primary source of revenue. The importance of membership and sponsorship recruitment were stressed.

Secretary and Scholarship Committee Chair Kaye Watkins reported on the 2007 Equine Industry Scholarship. The \$500 scholarship was awarded to Kaityln Puryear. As Ms. Puryear was unable to attend the annual meeting, Watkins read her thank-you letter to the members. Watkins noted to members that the scholarship amount has been increased to \$1200 for 2008.

Director Jim Edwards reminded the members that SCHC was the host for the 11th annual Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference to be held in Charleston, SC July 31 – Aug 2, 2008. Members were encouraged to attend and to volunteer their time to ensure the success of this event.

President Deacon thanked the members for their attention and called them to remember that SCHC is an all volunteer organization who needs active engaged members to ensure success in its mission. Deacon thanked the sponsors for the annual meeting and EXPO. Deacon asked for any additional questions, comments, discussion. There being none, the annual meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm February 9, 2008.