

SCHC 2015

Tuesday July 14, 2015 Lizard's Thicket Restaurant

Present: Wanda Wood, Lellie Ward, Gary Biggerstaff, Merry Roberson, Mike Kinsey, Bill Steele, Wendy Manos, Jackie Twigg, Kenny Mullis

Absent:, David Grant, , Ben Doyle, Billie Joe Williamson, Pamela Worthy, Elizabeth Steed, Adam Eichelberger, Donna Patterson, Kerrie Jane Taylor, Carl Cartwright, Lisa Zappolo and Kathy Fisher.

Welcome/Call to Order by Wanda Wood

Opening Prayer - Bill Steele

Timekeeper –Gary Biggerstaff

Gatekeeper- Lellie Ward

Coach –Wanda Wood

Scribe- Jackie Twigg

Wanda started the meeting with everyone doing an activity on a sticky note. She asked for everyone to write down the following: One sacrifice you made to be here and something that you would like to suggest to help horseman in SC. They were then read out loud.

Bill Steele opened us up with a word of prayer.

May Meeting Minutes (Wanda Wood)

Wanda asked for an approval of the May meeting minutes that were sent out. Mike made a motion to accept the May Meeting Minutes. Lellie Ward seconded it.

EXPO (Wanda Wood)

Wanda discussed the Expo for next year. 2016 Expo will be at the TE Garrison Arena. We have some Cowboy Church's that are going to come and be volunteers for the EXPO. We are also talking about getting a headliner for the EXPO. Merry will have a parade of disciplines in the expo. It will be horses that have a specialty. Lellie Ward talked about a lady who has a special horse that she rides now that she has a disability. Several agreed that this horse would be perfect for this parade. Mike asked about draft horses or draft mules. Wanda talked about the importance of the EXPO and the education it will provide. Wanda talked about the possibility of an ACTHA ride at the Expo also. It would start on Friday and run through Sunday. Their overflow of volunteers would be able to help us with the EXPO. Wanda is going to confirm this. Wanda shared that they are willing to network with us to help us both increase our membership. Wanda shared that we should be able to make up most of the deficit that we are going into the EXPO with by having this ACTHA ride. Wanda asked for help and suggestions for help to get the packets made. Lellie Ward said that she would be happy to help make the badges for the expo. Merry talked about the auctioneer that she had found. It is going to happen at 4pm after the EXPO. As offered by Jackie Twigg, here is the link for the gentleman who will be holding an auction after the expo.
<https://www.facebook.com/andistackandmerchandise?fref=ts>

Financial Report (Wanda Wood)

Donna was absent so everyone looked over the budget. Wanda said if anyone had any questions then we could get them to Donna and she could address them. There were no questions.

Budget and Financial report attached

Membership (Jackie Twigg)

Jackie shared with the board that from April to July 14th we had 14 new members join. This brings us to 221 voting members. Merry asked for the Membership committee to review the possibility of opening up a promotion to encourage people to join the second half of the year. Wanda shared that there is not a policy in place right now to address this. Merry asked if we need to have a policy. Wanda shared that we needed to have a policy so that there is a clear understanding. Wanda suggested that the Membership Committee talk and then come back with suggestions on the next meeting. Gary and Merry stated that people ask what do they get for their membership. Wanda said that by being a member it allows them to be a part of the voice for horses in SC. Jackie said that the committee would discuss it and have some recommendations/thoughts by the next meeting. Wanda said that it is exciting that in the middle of the year we have had 10 people join. She said that is exciting and encouraging.

Education (Wanda Wood)

Lisa was out but Wanda shared that Lisa is still working on "Do you know" for the website.

Trails (Gary Biggerstaff)

Gary talked about the joint trail ride. They are still trying to confirm the date. They are still pursuing Manchester for the Annual Joint Trail ride. Tentative date is the 2nd weekend in October. Gary expressed that there are some bad feelings with the Manchester and he is working to try to repair that relationship. The relationship damage goes back to when Bobby was the SCHC President. Wanda shared that the biggest complaint she has heard was that people did not know soon enough about the ride. She said that we need to get the word out there as soon as possible. Gary said that he will get that firmed up date to the council by the next meeting. Then we can get the word out. We said it had to be before next meeting because when we met it would be less than 3 weeks not enough time to let folks know about a ride.

Policies and Procedures (Gary Biggerstaff)

Gary said that the P & P need to be addressed. He feels that it has been changed as needed. Gary asked under what P & P were the reprimand letters sent under. Discussion on this was Gary and Merry expressed that they had issues with the way the letters were delivered and the situation was handled. Merry asked for clarification as to why the 3 of them got the letters. Gary and Merry also said that they felt that sending them registered mail was also not necessary. Bill discussed that the P&P addressed deadlines for nominating for positions. Gary said that someone had to personally bring that up. Merry read part of her letter out loud. Wanda stated that the items in the letters did not only apply to conduct during meetings but also applied to emails sent out.

Wanda stated that the Officers met to discuss the conflicts that we were having. Wanda offered the opportunity to any of the letter recipients talk to them about the reason for the letters. Gary said he felt that the minutes for that meeting should be available to **the board**. Merry said that these letters were not going to make her stop working for the board.

Wanda stated that if there were any more discussions/concerns about the P & P then they should be discussed at a committee level and then brought to the board.

Wanda asked if anyone had anything to say or had any questions about what had been said. Wendy Manos stated that she lived in fear of doing something to get one of these letters. Lellie asked if Gary, Merry and Wendy felt that these letters caused them to feel like they cannot communicate to the board because they are going to get their hand slapped. Lellie also asked if they are suggesting that the board officers that they handle things differently. The response was that they were not sure.

Wendy stated that at this point she was just sad at how we were floundering currently. Wanda said that she agreed with that. She said that when the officers constructed those letters they were trying to say ' these are the problems we have'. Wanda said that is was a unified decision. Jackie said that it was done on a professional level. Merry said that it was not going to make her quit. Wanda also shared that it was not the officer's intention to get any of the 3 members to quit the board. Wanda said that the intention was to address that we had problems so that they could be fixed. Gary stated that the bottom line was that it was handled untactful. Bill asked for us to put this behind us and be professional. He also said that they could come to the officers if they would like to address it. Mike spoke up and said that the tactful thing to say is that we just spent 20 minutes on this matter and requested that we move on.

Gary said that the Policy and Procedures committee would meet and then come back to the next board meeting with suggestions.

Electronic Media/Publications Advisory (Wanda Wood)

Wanda said that she is working on the ads. She said that the newsletter was done but is not printed. It will be printed before the end of the month. She is currently running a month behind. Wanda said that we would make our commitment to send out 2 newsletters this year. There has been a delay in getting the current newsletter out due to medical issues going on in her family. Wanda said newsletters will be mailed to be sure nobody was left out. Wanda said that she is working on some deadlines for the ads that need to get out for the Annual trail ride and the EXPO.

District reports

District 1 - Merry stated nothing to report.

District 2 - Southern States is going to host a meal and do a nutrition and pasture management discussion. They have 2 people coming to present. Trying to have it in Fort Mill. Southern States is opening a new location in Rock Hill.

District 3 - Nothing to report

District 4 - Gary made a motion that Lellie Ward be moved from District at Large to District 4. Lellie Ward accepted. Bill Steele seconded it and it was passed.

District 5 - Gary had several rides in District 5 that he was overseeing and he also had a Dental Clinic coming up.

Wanda said that if a district is doing something that we need to get the word out to Jackie or herself so that we can get it out to the members. Merry asked for a list of her district members. Jackie took an action item to get those list out to each of the district board members.

New Business

Lellie talked about a retired Pediatric Surgeon friend that she has that lives in Charleston SC. She had a brain injury. She still rides and is trying to make the Para Olympics. She just returned from a 10 day tour in Europe. Lellie felt that she would be a great encouragement to anyone struggling. She also said that she could come up to the EXPO and do a demonstration. She said if anyone knows of anyone else like this to please let her know and she would be happy to do a write up on them and what they mean to SC. Wanda shared that she is going to be featured in one of the articles that is being written for the newsletter. She will probably be the featured story in our next newsletter. Wanda said that she wants to take the ads and these featured stories and get them out on facebook periodically for others to see. It will be an encouragement to others like the story of Elizabeth rescuing that horse.

Merry shared that David Grant had taken the Marsh Tackies to Time Square recently. It brought awareness to the world of the Marsh Tackies and SC.

Lellie asked is the SCHC could sponsor an ACTHA event at Paradise Farms. She would only need enough money to cover her daily expense and then the rest of the fee income could go to the SCHC. The date for this is still being decided. She also has to get back to the board regarding what her daily expense amount at the next meeting. Merry also let her know that each district has money set aside and she could ask for that also. It was mentioned that this year is filling up quickly. Tentative date was November 21-22. Lellie motioned for this to happen and Gary seconded it.

Wanda shared that she is working on a joint meeting with other councils from other states. Networking is currently being tried with North Carolina, Georgia and Virginia. Right now it is just in the talking stage. No meeting has been set up.

Wanda shared that she is looking for an intern to help with various administrative/computer tasks. Bill Steele is going to ask FFA if they have a suggestion for an intern.

Wanda referred to the Committee chart and challenged the committees to be more active. She let everyone know that Ed Scanlon has moved to Texas. Due to his vacancy, she also asked for recommendations for heading up the Sponsorship Committee. Mike recommended Merry but she declined. Wanda stressed that communication was very important for this position.

Wendy Manos brought up that there are no people of color on our board. Wanda and Merry talked about a group that rides in District 2. We need to reach out to them and see if they would be interested in joining.

Merry brought up the Feed Bill. There was a lot of discussion about it being stated as a tax bill. We have to be sure not say it's a tax bill! It is a feed promotion bill which will help horsemen's in SC. Wanda stressed that this was still in process that there will be education on this at a later date.

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 | |
| Add meeting minutes to website | Wanda Wood | 3-2015 | July meeting | |
| Eblast about Liability insurance and membership | Wanda Wood | 5-12-15 | | |
| Horse Person of the Year | District #2 | 2-2015 | 2-6-16 | |
| Provide " Did you know" for website | Lisa Zappolo / All | 2015 | On going | |
| 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 | August 1st | |
| SCHC ACTHA sponsored Ride | Lellie Ward | 7-2015 | September Meeting | |
| Membership discount | Jackie Twigg | 7-2015 | September Meeting | |
| EXPO Arena/ ACTHA Arena and Ostacle course challage | Wanda Wood | 7-2015 | On Going | |