

**SC Horsemen's Council  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
July 9, 2007,  
Dan Ramage Conference Center  
Bluff Road, Columbia, SC**

**Meeting Information**

President Bobby Anderson called monthly meeting to order.

Meeting began with Pres. Anderson welcoming everyone, making introductions, and leading the Board in prayer.

Guests attending this meeting were Marsha Boykin and Ginger Briggs, both from the Manchester Trail Riders.

Members Present: Bobby Anderson, Jim Edwards, Cecil Watkins, Ray Bishop, Tim Sigmon, Rebecca Housley, Mary Quarles, Ellen Hutto and Kaye Watkins.

Members Absent: Linda Klein, Chris Tyler, Lloyd Baxley, John Conner, Ivory Johnson, Anthony Dyches and Carol Deacon.

Minutes were mailed out in advance of the meeting for everyone to review. President Anderson asked for any corrections and noted that he would like to make it clear it was not his "idea" for the 2007 annual trail ride to be changed from Mill Creek. He merely asked for the "guidance of the board" concerning the 2007 trail ride. There was no other discussion, no other corrections. Minutes stood as read with the above corrections. Motion was made by Jim Edwards to accept as corrected, Ray Bishop seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial**

May and June financial statements were handed out by Pres. Anderson, he asked that it be reviewed and accepted as information. Questions concerning particular payments were raised. Tim Sigmon asked why are there 2 charges for AOL? Pres. Anderson replied that one charge is a basic- rate fees, the second charge is usage fees. Cecil asked why Bobby had written a check for \$160.00 rent to Green Savannah Nursery when this was not what the Board and Bobby agreed to at the last meeting. Pres. Anderson said since the office dismantling was not complete and the SCHC was using his office, he felt justified. However, he said if they did not want to pay it say so. Cecil said we did not want to pay it. There are not enough funds in the account. Bobby said this was okay. Cecil asked what the Godaddy fees were for. Bobby stated that Julie Buffington wanted to be paid for the website she is providing the SCHC. Cecil said he thought Bobby had said Julie was providing the website in exchange for the advertisement she is getting on it. Bobby said he thought so too.

A Motion to accept the financial report as information was made by Donna Paterson, with Cecil Watkins seconding. No other discussion. Motion passed.

Donna Patterson asked for resolution of check signing for the SCHC. The board resolved that the finance committee members consisting of Donna Patterson - Treasurer, Cecil Watkins - District 3 Director and Carol Deacon – Vice President of Administration were authorized to sign checks on behalf of the SCHC.

Cecil asked how to get more info on sponsors and sponsorships, who they are how much they gave and what did they agree to sponsor. Pres. Anderson says all of that is written on the deposit slips and that Carol Deacon and Donna Patterson have all that information in the materials he has given or will be giving them.

Tim Sigmon wanted to know where a \$500.00 deposit came from. Pres. Anderson said that Donna Patterson would be able to get that information off the deposit slips.

\$300.00 dollars was collected from the May Barrel Show. Donna Patterson had some questions as to how much money was taken in and how much paid out. Cecil suggested we ask Lind Klein for more accounting of the Barrel Show receipts and expenditures. Tim Sigmon seconded, no other discussion. Motion passed.

### **Legislation:**

Pres. Anderson reported that David Brannam sees the Nickel a Bag Promotion Bill as a dead issue. Bobby said it is time to look to other areas for funding.

Tim Sigmon also spoke with David Brannam who told Tim he wants to get with his equine group and with SCHC. Since we had an agreement that they changed, we don't really think there is much to discuss.

Also, Tim wants to talk with Laurie Funderburke about how the Bill got changed from the way it was supposed to be presented.

On the National scene, Washington, Clemson, and the American Horse Council are pushing The NAIS heavily. There is only a vague outline for guiding equine owners. More information is needed on this.

### **Membership**

Bobby did not get with Mary Quarles to transfer membership materials to her. He said she would have to get it from Carol Deacon in order to begin tracking and reporting on members.

### **Trails & Recreation**

Ray Bishop reported June 9<sup>th</sup> was a clean up and organization day at Kings Mtn. Twelve people worked on trails. Kings Mtn. will be getting a new Park Ranger. We need to make decisions on annual ride. H Cooper Black is willing to help hold the ride. The Carolina Trail Blazers Saddle Club has offered to provide some manpower.

Marsha Boykin talked about some of the risks involved. The annual SCHC ride draws a different crowd from the other rides at Manchester. After much discussion, the board agreed to discuss it at the next meeting. Ray and Cecil said they would get together and lay out a proposal.

### **Annual Meeting**

Ellen Hutto met with Merry Worsham of Circle M of Pelzer, SC. February 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 is the date set for the 2008 annual meeting and Expo. The McCleerys are again donating their facility with the same agreements as the 2007 Expo. Ellen needs a committee and is asking for volunteers.

A generic flyer will be printed by Sept 1 for Expo and SETC, the official flyers will be ready October 1.

Merry Worsham has requested \$82.00 for stamps. Ellen will rough out an expense budget based on last years activities.

**Education:** No Report

**Youth:** No Report

**Show:** No Report

**Public Relations:** No Report

### **Nominating:**

Cecil reminded Pres. Anderson of the need to appoint someone from District 2 to the committee. Pres. Anderson appointed Ivory Johnson. Cecil Watkins made the motion to accept the appointment, and Jim Edwards seconded. The motion carried.

### **SETC**

Jim gave an over view of the SETC progress to date. He reminded everyone that SCHC will be hosting the 2008 conference in Charleston, SC July 31 thru August 2, 2008. At the 2007 conference in Knoxville, there will be a meeting of the South Carolina committee at 7:00 am on Saturday, for those in attendance.

The next year host is supposed to give a small gift at the present years conference. Donna Patterson helped put together magnets at a cost of \$300.00.

Also, SC will have an ad placed on the back of the notebook, costing \$100.00.

Jim requested \$400.00 from the SCHC for expenses.

There are a lot of members on the board participating, as well as Mullet Hall of Charleston, PRT, US Forestry, SC Forestry and Saddle Clubs.

Cecil made a motion to provide the SETC the \$400.00 for expenses for magnets and ads. Ellen Hutto seconded. The motion carried. Donna Patterson informed the board that a separate account had been opened just for the SETC.

### **Old Business**

Cecil asked about the Scholarship fund. Pres. Anderson was to get information out to members about how it works but didn't. Tim Sigmon asked him if he was going to do it, he said no that Carol Decon had all the info in the materials that had been removed from the office. But for general information; the applicant had to be a member of the SCHC; and they had to use the requested monies for equine related studies. A committee from

the SCHC Board would review the application and make suggestions to the board and the board would make final approval.

### **New Business**

Tim Sigmon asked Pres. Anderson about the issue of changing the scheduled board meetings just to suit his own schedule. The by-laws provide that the VP can conduct the meetings in the absence of the President. President Anderson said, yes, if he so chose he could change the meetings as he desired. He said Linda Klein, VP, declined to hold the meeting in his absence in June. Cecil said that all board members have to plan their work and personal schedules around the meetings. The President has to do the same. When the President changes the meeting on short notice to meet his personal needs, it is inconsiderate of the rest of the Board members who have made other plans. He asked that the President not do this again. Bobby said he would not do it again.

President Anderson then said he had received a fax from Chris Tyler stating he is resigning from the SCHC board. Chris said he feels there is dissention among the members and that the board was not willing to support his request for insurance on their shows. Bobby said they made \$6300 on their show and it was all going to the March of Dimes instead of the Horse Council.

President Anderson read a letter of resignation from Linda Klein. She stated that she will be working in Kershaw County for a horse park. She felt it would not be possible to continue to serve as a member of the board. She also feels that the board is split and feels little will be accomplished.

Ray Bishop gave his resignation to President Anderson to read to the board. He feels he can serve his district horse owners in a better way, and that there is too much arguing among the members.

President Anderson then read his personal letter of resignation, which is attached to the minutes. He basically said that he had worked hard for 13 years to centralize the organization and that with the decentralization of our operations, it will be difficult to regain the momentum. He also said the board was not engaged as a group and he was not willing to rebuild it, with the loss of so many supporters.

Marsha Boykin said she was withdrawing her support of the horse council and would no longer be a member.

### **Postscript:**

After the meeting was adjourned and the resignees left, the remaining Board members stayed and talked about how to proceed. A meeting was set for next Tuesday evening, July 17, at 7:00pm at Tim Sigmon's house in Union.

