

SCHC 2010 Planning Meeting

March 08, 2010 5:30 PM

Dan Ramage Center

Columbia, SC

Present: Carol Deacon, Bill Steele, Betty Rankin, Anne Kennedy, Mark Kennedy, Mary Quarles, Jim Edwards, Kaye Watkins, Cecil Watkins, Elizabeth Steed, BB Weavil, Jenny Bell, Terry Boger, Donna Patterson,

Absent: David Grant, Debbie Garris, Dee Cross, Mary Roddy, Larissa Blick, Jennifer Breaux, Kip Bowman, Tommy Doyle, Susan Sander, William Bell, Tim Sigmon, Hayward Simmons,

Guests: Mary Ellen Tobias, SC Ag Dept, Anne Edwards, Michelle Reid of Charleston

Bill Steele opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the Feb. meeting minutes were presented. Terry Boger made a motion to accept as written, with a second by Betty Rankin, Motion carried.

Financial Report: Donna Patterson

2010 Expo Revenue \$ 11,388.45

SCHC General Fund Balance \$ 18,167.09

SCHC Scholarship Balance \$ 4,436.35

Board Member Status:

VP Tim Sigmon has asked to be released from his position on the board. The Board has accepted Tim's resignation, reluctantly. Tim has been a great asset to the Board and its legislative affairs. His presence will be greatly missed.

Jennifer Breaux was approved to serve in a dual capacity, Legal Counsel and Legislative VP.

Liability Insurance: Carol Deacon reminded the board that we had to purchase insurance for the 2010 Expo. We need to be searching for Insurance that will cover this and other events that the SHCH may be involved with during the 2010 year. Donna Paterson will check with the agent that the PASC uses. Kaye Watkins will check with the agent we used in previous years, as well as David Fulmer, who was a vendor at the Expo, and with Jackie Starnes. We will bring this info back to the April meeting.

Newsletter: Cecil Watkins

Yes! We have a new Editor! Larissa Blick.

Cecil and Larissa will finalize the Spring 2010 Edition. Larissa will be taking over the duties of Editor as soon as she can. They both need our assistance, with articles and info.

Deadline for the Spring newsletter is March 22. Please get all your articles and pictures to Cecil no later than March 22.

Trails: Jim Edwards

Jim and the trails committee are working on the SC Trails Guide. The SCPRT and the US Forestry Service is working with the committee on mapping the trails that are managed by the two agencies. As this progresses, private trails will be included.

Jim will have discussions with Rhonda Pratt, SCPRT, to investigate filing a grant to help with this trail guide publication.

Jim has expressed the need for a trail GPS for the use of mapping trails as they ride them. They will not only include where to start and how to get back with mileage, but will have things of interest along those trails as well.

Elizabeth Steed suggested we use Pay Pal on the website for folks to download maps for a fee.

Should you want to ride and help with the mapping or know of a trail that might want to be added to the guide, please let Jim know. He plans to ride all the trails in SC. Anne Edwards has suggested he may “bite off more than he can chew”.

Trail Mapping will be as follows:

1. US Forestry trails
2. SCPRT trails
3. County and other local public trails
4. Private trails

A motion was made by Betty Rankin to purchase 2 GPS units with the SECT money for the trails committee to use. The motion as seconded by Terry Boger. Motion carried. Jim will also explore other avenues to help fund the GPS units and other needs for the Trail Guide.

Jim reminded the Board, that the 2010 SETC, will be held in Norcross, Ga, July 15, 16, 17. Those who have not attended may want to consider attending.

Upcoming Rides:

March 20th Marsh Tacky Ride at Hobcaw Barony

March 16, 17, 18 Wonderful Weekend in Ward at Bell Farms

March 16, 17, 18 David Grant Weekend at Lakeview Plantation

Budget: All committee heads are asked to review their needs for the 2010 and propose a budget.

Silent Auction: Betty Rankin, handed out tax info for those who made contributions and has asked that those who got items to please deliver this letter to those who need one.

Betty has done a remarkable job with the Silent Auction! Thanks Betty!

Discussion on the “split” of items and monies from the Auction for Scholarship and Unwanted Horse Fund was discussed. After much chatter, Cecil Watkins suggested we table this for a future meeting. All agreed.

Membership: Mary Quarles

Mary had a few notes that we sent to her from members. One letter expressed their excitement over the hard work the board has done, they are really impressed with the newsletter.

A 2nd letter came from Patsy Gowen. Pasty is the President of the AREC, Endurance for SC. They will be hosting a large national ride at H Cooper Black in October. She is requesting a sponsorship from the SCHC. Also, it was suggested that we go out and help them in whatever capacity they may need.

Other suggested “Partnerships” are the SCTA (SC Thoroughbred Assoc.).

2010 Expo: Kaye Watkins

AWESOME! The SCHC Expo was well attended (950-1000 people) and the first in many years to bring in a sizeable revenue. It shows what our Horsemen’s Council can do when we work together. We had a lot of great folks working hard to get the job done.

We need to plan a date for 2011 and decide where we will have it.

Kaye has a meeting set up with Hope Cooper for March 30 to talk about the 2010 Expo and to explore option of holding in Camden in 2011.

2010 Goals for SCHC

- 1. Update Equine Census**
- 2. SCHC Representation at Eq Events**
- 3. Each district hold an Event**
- 4. Hold an Exceptional Expo and Annual Meeting**
- 5. Complete Trail Guide**
- 6. Redesign Website**

Action Items	Assigned to	Date Assigned	Target Date	Status
Event Insurance Quote	Donna Patterson, Kaye Watkins	03/08/10	04/12/10	
Articles for Newsletter to Cecil Watkins	Board members	03/08/10	03/22/10	
Prepare SC Trail Guide	Jim Edwards & Trails Comm	03/08/10	12/15/10	
Support AREC	Board	03/08/10	10/01/10	
Unwanted Horse Plan	BB Weavil	03/08/10	Summer	
Determine Budget 2010	Comm Chmn	03/08/10	04/12/10	

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Watkins
Secretary - SC Horsemen’s Council

