

**SC Horsemen's Council
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2007
Dan Ramage Center**

Meeting Called to Order by President Deacon

Present: President Carol Deacon, Jim Edwards, Cecil Watkins, Mary Quarles, Kaye Watkins, Donna Patterson, Bill Steele, Ellen Hutto, Jamie Roberts.

Absent: Tim Sigmon, Anthony Dyches, Rebecca Housley, Ivory Johnson, John Conner, and Lloyd Baxley.

Guests: Ed Hutto & Anne Edwards.

Meeting opened with prayer by Cecil Watkins.

Minutes reviewed from September meeting and approved as written.

General Business

Council Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1500 for \$1mm of coverage is due. Donna Patterson says she gets the same coverage for \$500 for their club. She will review the coverage and look into another company with similar and yet possibly better coverage.

Cecil Watkins, Jim Edwards & Carol Deacon gave the names of potential Board members for districts that are presently vacant.

Donna Patterson gave out the monthly bank statement. The billing for the phone was discussed. Kaye Watkins checks this phone system several times weekly. We are not getting enough calls to warrant the \$20.00 monthly bill. It was agreed to cancel this phone service.

2007 sponsors are to be contacted by Cecil & Kaye Watkins. We need to inform and remind them of changes, and that we appreciated their past support and look forward to continuing our relationship in the future.

Jamie Roberts informed the council that the board could get non-profit organization bulk postage for newsletters and other mailers. The cost would be 2.6 cents per piece. She also said Clemson would print, fold, and address newsletters. Cecil is to give her our membership list on an Excel spreadsheet. She will get additional information on charges. This seems to offer a good alternative to our present method of sending newsletters.

Membership

Mary Quarles presented information concerning the membership applications. We agreed the year begins Jan. 1 and runs through Dec. 31. Should anyone join after September, the new membership will get the remainder of the year, as well as the following year.

Mary will continue to work on the application, by adding a space for scholarship donations. Also, she will check to see what the council can provide in opportunities for lifetime memberships. We need to bring in organizations and all of their members as well as the individual memberships.

Newsletter

Cecil Watkins would like to have the next newsletter ready to go out by the 2nd week of November. We need info on what is happening in the local clubs and districts for articles. We also need to publish an article on drought conditions and Veterinary views concerning the potential health risks with the lack of hay available.

Scholarship

A \$500.00 scholarship is to be awarded at the end of the horse show on October 13, 2007 at the SC State Fair. President Carol Deacon will be on hand to present the scholarship to the winner. She also mentioned that we would be able to place some Horse Council info in the SCDA booth.

A motion was made and 2nd that scholarship matters will fall within the province of the scholarship committee. The scholarship committee members are Jim Edwards and Kaye Watkins.

Elections

Cecil Watkins gave a hand out showing a potential ballot for the expo. It is the desire of the nominating committee to have the potential names available for the newsletter for the members to get familiar with prior to the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting and Expo

Ellen Hutto has been working on the sponsorship package for the expo. It will be held at Circle M in Pelzer, SC, on Feb. 10th 2008. Merry Worsham, events coordinator for Circle M Ranch, will be helping the committee again for the 2008 Annual Meeting and Expo.

Ellen has called a meeting for Oct. 23, 2007, at the Dan Ramage Center at 6:30 pm for planning.

SETC

Jim Edwards confirmed that the Sheraton Hotel is the host hotel for the 2008 SETC. The SCPRT has confirmed that they are willing to partner with us and provide a grant of \$15,000.

Other Information

York County has agreed to fund a study to look at the feasibility of an equestrian event facility. Carol spoke at a meeting and apparently had a lot of positive influence on the decision. Kershaw County is also looking into a possible equine facility.

South Carolina Parks Recreation and Tourism will be conducting meetings in counties within the state concerning what they are doing. This is an opportunity for us to have input on what we would like to see happen with equine trails & camping facilities. Those who are available should plan to attend the meetings in their areas. The Horse Council as well as local horse clubs needs to be well represented. Following are dates & locations.

Date	Time	Location	Address	Phone
10/29/2007	7:00 PM	Lamar Library (Darlington County)	103 East Main St., Lamar, SC 29069	843-326-5524
10/30/2007	3:00 PM	Cypress Hall, Wannamaker County Park	8888 University Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29406	843-795-4386
11/05/2007	7:00 PM	Blatt Community Bldg., Barnwell State Park	223 State Park Road, Blackville, SC 29817	803-284-2212
11/06/2007	3:00 PM	Appalachian Council of Governments	30 Century Circle, Greenville, SC 29606	864-242-9733
11/15/2007	7:00 PM	Central Midlands Council of Governments	236 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC 29210	803-376-5390

Next Board Meeting: Nov. 12, @ 6:30pm @ Dan Ramage Center, 1001 Bluff Road, Columbia

Action Items:

1. Board members need to recommend candidates for offices to the Nominating Committee by Nov. 5
2. Cecil needs to check on Pendleton Area Saddle Club link on SCHC website.
3. District Directors need to contact clubs in their area and update them on SCHC and encourage them to join.
4. Ellen needs to send the board her recommendations before the next meeting if she wants to change Expo sponsorships.
5. Mary Quarles will update the membership renewal form.
6. Carol will communicate with the members of the By-Laws committee on how to proceed
7. All Board members need to send information to Cecil for developing the next newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kaye Watkins, Secretary