

SC Horsemen's Council Board of Directors Meeting

September 13, 2010

Carolina Coliseum, Columbia, SC

Attending: Cecil Watkins, Carol Deacon, Terry Boger, Debbie Garris, Kaye Watkins, Jim Edwards, Jenny Bell, David Grant, BB Weavil, Betty Rankin, Tommy Doyle, Donna Patterson, Mary Quarles, Bill Steele

Absent: Hayward Simmons, Mary Roddy, Anne Kennedy, Mark Kennedy, Dee Cross, Larrisa Blick, Jennifer Breaux, Elizabeth Steed, Kip Bowman, Susan Sander, William Bell

Guests: Mary Ellen Tobias, John (Buddy) Cooper, Marsha Hewitt, SC Ag Dept.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Bill Steele

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

Thanks to Debbie Garris for arranging our meeting place.

Financial Report: Made by Donna Patterson and approved as presented.

Balances:

Operating fund \$13,972.34

Scholarship fund \$ 6,891.25

CD Savings fund \$ 14,472.74

Broxton Bridge Trail Ride: Will be October 2, 2010. Report was given by BB Weavil, for Anne Kennedy, who is recovering from surgery. They are expecting a great day of trail riding and fun. BB encouraged all to come out and work and participate in the ride.

Website: BB reported for Anne Kennedy that the new website should be up and going in October.

Expo 2011: Kaye Watkins handed out work assignments. BB Weavil proposed that the SCHC purchase table cloths for the board to use at the Expo and other events. Approval was given to purchase four of these.

Betty Rankin needs a receipt form for silent auction items. Cecil will help her prepare it.

Unwanted Horse Committee: BB reported that the Hotline is complete and in place. Also, the committee will host a coffee and pastry breakfast at the Expo for the Hotline folks to meet and greet around 7:30am on Sat.

SC Trails: Jim Edwards reported good progress on the SC Trails mapping. On Oct. 6,7,8 he will be working at Woods Ferry. If anyone is free to join him and Butch Kennedy, they would appreciate and welcome the help. He will be taking a GPS training course Oct. 21 & 22. Others may join if they desire. He has applied for a grant to defray the cost of the computer program.

The SCHC Ride will again be held at Lakeview Plantation Nov 19 & 20. The Governor has been invited and we will also invite the Commissioner and his wife to join us again. Everyone needs to participate to make this a success.

The Equine Agribusiness survey responses were summarized by Cecil and reviewed by the Board. BB expressed concern over the reference to the elimination of slaughter having a negative impact on the equine industry. Cecil, BB, and Marsha will develop alternative wording that does not state it as a fact, but as a need for study. The rest of it was accepted.

Marsha Hewitt, New Equine specialist for the SC Dept of Ag introduced herself and said she was eager to work with the council and help us in any way she could. She shared some of her thoughts on her new assignment including developing disaster preparedness plans. She invited the council to participate at the SC State Fair Booth Oct. 21-24 from 9 am -9 pm. We can place SCHC materials at the booth. The scholarship award will be made on Oct 16 (Sat) someone from the board will need to participate in the judging and awarding of our scholarship. Please notify Marsha Hewitt, Carol Deacon and Cecil Watkins if you plan to be there.

Elections for 2011: Cecil Watkins reported on which board members will be up for re-election at the annual meeting and which Officers will need to be reappointed. Mary Quarles volunteered to help him with the election process. Up for re-election are Carol Deacon, Terry Boger, Bill Steele, Dee Cross, and Hayward Simmons. Due for reappointment are Donna Patterson, Kaye Watkins, Jim Edwards, Cecil Watkins.

Newsletter: We need articles. Please each district needs to submit at least one article. More would be great. Articles are due Sept 20, 2010. Email them to Larrisa Blick and Cecil Watkins.

Betty Rankin requested \$356.44 for tent rental and \$125.00 for advertising for the Aiken Steeplechase booth which will be Oct 30. This was approved.

Next Meeting October 11, 2010, USC Coliseum, Columbia at 6:30pm.

Action Items:

| Action Item | Assigned to | Date Assigned | Target Date | Status |
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| Donor Form | Cecil & Betty | 9/13/10 | 10/11/10 | |
| SCHC Trail Ride Flyer | Jenny & Hayward | 9/13/10 | 10/11/10 | |
| Items for Auction for 2011 Expo | Betty Rankin | 9/13/10 | 2/5/11 | |
| Get Marsha Hewitt email to BOD | Kaye | 9/13/10 | 9/15/10 | |
| Newsletter Articles | ALL | 9/13/10 | 9/20/10 | |
| Items for Aiken | Betty Rankin | 9/13/10 | 10/11/10 | |