

## **Online Meeting 10-17-20**

*Lisa, Ila, Merry, Wanda, Wendy, Randy, Hannah, Dennis,*

**\* Ila welcome**

**\* Expo Committee**

Committee meet, rereviewed a Expo guide for the council. The expo committee feels at this time we can't do a tradition. But possibly holding a virtual expo. We could have videos or zoom meetings for each part that we normally had folks presenting. We could ask vendors to pay a small fee for an ad on each video. Then think of some kind of fund raiser.

Try for education grants that will be coming up soon. Farm Bureau Equine Advisory committee feels it is best to wait. They honestly discourage SCHC holding any face to face events at this time.

we also discussed holding our next expo at different location.

It was suggested to hold annual meeting but step it up a bit have vendors / tents, keep it simple.

**Wanda made a motion to hold our annual meeting on Feb 27, 2021, Merry second. Motion carried.**

**\*No report from Youth Committee**

**\*Media** – Wanda would like to send out an eflash on hurricane list. Lisa & Wendy volunteered to proof. Due to the Feed Promotion Bill Wanda was able to make some great contacts with SC Quarter Horse, SC Youth Quarter Horse, SC Youth Rodeo. Merry has contacts too.

**\* Membership-** Wendy currently 251 members

Ila mention some board members not paid and they need to come up for review. Lisa suggested sending a cheerleader letter encouraging those to be active. *(a letter that was sent before is included at end of these minutes)*

**\*Trails Committee** - Merry willing to do a state trail ride. Randy BCH Reported 3 were certified to legally cut trees on state property. BCH have been helping with storm damage. BCH works with local groups.

**\*Horse Welfare Committee:**

SCHC has had helped one horse in need. With the help of Adam due to it being an emergency.

Committee submitted a euthanasia form. *(attached)* There was concern that the person applying may not have to funds to pay in advance. We feel the need to edit one line in “submitting invoice” to SCHC contacting vet asking to pay them directly, as some folks may not have the money at the time.

Committee would like approval to send a letter of introduction to all SC Vets. In this letter we will let vets know of SCHC grants and that we would like to be able to pay them directly if someone is awarded a grant (they'd be given a formal letter of approval) and ask if they would be willing to give services at a reduced fee with a donation letter for tax purposes. **Motion- Wanda, Randy, Merry, Hannah, Lisa, Ila motion passed**

**\*Legislation Committee** - **Randy motion, Wanda second** to get back to American Horse on ebike. **Lisa modified the motion** to send the letter to ACH. Wanda asked if we would send a letter, Randy suggested send a letter to AHC and do a public release. **Motion carried.**

**\*Nominating Committee- Ila**

Carl #4, Merry #1, Wanda #2, Tommy #5, (Merry confirmed)  
Suggested Trisha D. #3 (Lisa confirmed)

**\*Sponsorship Committee - Ila** said to look at sponsor packet

**\*District 1** - Merry had a shot and teeth float clinic Patrick Sullivan. Working to establish a relationship. She would like to do another clinic for Dis 1, possible at Mikes. This will be in Feb. Question if SCHC will receive any money. Merry will get it set up and report to the board.

**\*Finance committee - Guy \$24,919.00 -\$24,469.00**

Randy asked about paying with a card, Wanda can set up a PayPal button. Board agrees to set a button for these 2 classes. Finance committee come back with an easy way for folks to pay.

Wanda asked for is \$125 fees to be paid for the cost American Horse Council annual - **Merry made a motion Wanda attend Dennis Moss second motion pass.**

Wanda would like to recognize Donna with one of the statues for her long service of SCHC from 2007-2020. **Ila motion for \$300 for statue Randy second. Motion passed**

**\*Horse person of year - Merry District 4**

Merry asked about scholarship for this year. We need to removed old information off the website. Guy suggested possibly giving another type of scholarship.

**\*Special Scholarship Committee** – was formed Wanda Chair  
Scholarship committee Merry, Hannah, Guy, Lisa.

Guy asked about who has access to website PayPal. Wanda will send them to Guy.

Ila suggestion put out brochures. And letting folks know what they get out of joining.

Wanda will check on how SCHC members can access AHC webinars.

Anyone interested in being on membership committee. What perks you get, some new ideas to bring members.

Guy need to get communicate with people online. Lisa join membership committee. Wanda will share info.



## Euthanasia Assistance Request

The purpose of the South Carolina Horsemen's Council Euthanasia Program is to assist with end of life care for aged, injured, or unwanted horses whose owners could not otherwise afford to euthanize their equine.

In the event that euthanasia is the best option for a horse, but the cost of service and burial is unaffordable, an individual may complete and submit the application below for financial assistance from the SCHC.

### Guidelines

- Services must be invoiced within 30 days – invoice to include name, breed, gender, and age of the horse(s)
- This completed form must be attached to the invoice
- SCHC reimbursement limited to **\$200 per horse or maximum of \$400 per household**
- Funding is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. SCHC members will be given preferential consideration.

Vouchers will be awarded **subject to available resources** and a vote of the horse welfare committee. Further information may be requested by the committee.

### This section to be completed by applicant:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Practice \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the owner's situation that necessitates financial assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain why euthanasia is the best option:

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Time permitting, would you prefer SCHC attempt to arrange payment and services through the veterinarian directly prior to euthanasia? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that the above information is truthful and accurate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The following section must be completed by veterinarian performing the services:**

Date of Euthanasia Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all equines euthanized through this program for this client/household:

Gender	Breed	Age
1		
2		

Gender	Breed	Age
3		
4		

I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I euthanized the above animals at the request of the client. I attest that the client had limited financial means and was unable to pay for euthanasia. I agree to the requirements as set forth in this document.

I understand that false or incomplete information could jeopardize payment of the euthanasia voucher. I understand that the services I performed were for the client, not the South Carolina Horsemen’s Council, and that SCHC is not obligated to provide financial assistance even after it is approved by the SCHC. I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold the SCHC harmless and free of liability for any claim arising out of my participation in the SCHC Euthanasia Program.

I certify that there exists a veterinarian-client-patient relationship and that I have provided euthanasia services consistent with the relationship.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only

Received on _____ by _____.	Reviewed on _____ vote _____.
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Submit to South Carolina Horsemen’s Council,  
horsewelfarecommittee@schorsementscouncil.org or 668 Burns Road, Smyrna, SC 29743

## **Board Reconsideration Letter**

Dear Mr,

As Directors of the South Carolina Horsemen's Council, it is our responsibility to participate in and promote the organization's endeavors. Board members are all volunteers who take time from their busy lives to further the goals of the Council. We understand that everyone has family and work obligations that must come first; however, we do need a commitment to our organization. Participation on committees, attendance of meetings, and assistance with our Expo and other events is essential to the life of the organization.

With this in mind, we ask that you reconsider your position on the Board of Directors. While we do not want to lose anyone, we do need people that will contribute to the workings of the board. Please consider your ability and willingness to actively participate. If you are unable to do so, kindly let us know so that we may seek another to fulfill the duties of the position so that your District is adequately represented.

A written response within seven days is requested so that we will know in which direction to move forward.

Sincerely,