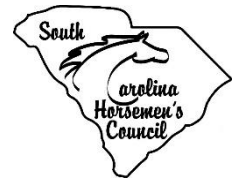


# 2020 Nov Meeting

Monday Nov 30, 2019 at 6:30 pm



GoToMeeting Ila Hanks, Wanda Wood, Guy Hannah, Lisa Zappolo, Merry Roberson, Trisha Dillinger, Vance Stine, Tommy Doyle, Dennis Moss, Hannah Klemm, Olivia Valentine

## Agenda:

**6:30-6:35** Welcome, Roll Call

**6:35-6:40** Financial Report - Guy report (**below**)

Merry check for scholarship, why Jackie on re inverse, Tommy Turbee check returned.

<i>CHECK #</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>REASON</i>
1709	250.00	2019 ACCOUNTING REVIEW
1710	125.00	WANDA/AM HORSE COUNCIL
1711	130.96	WANDA/LOG ME IN ACCESS
1712	100.00	ARG ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/IN CL
1713	100.00	EQ LAND CONSERVATION/LEXINGTON KY
	<b>23,851</b>	<b>CHECKING ACT BAL 11/27/20</b>

**6:40-6:50** Sponsor Committee - The whole bard is on this committee. Lisa possible branch out to vets, farriers, small business, for lower cost. Discussion is lower for 2020-2021. Guy made motion for Lisa to chair committee, Olivia second. Tommy sponsor \$500. Passed

**6:50-7:00** Trail Committee – no report

**7:00-7:05** Legislative Committee - letter against e-Bikes. (**Included**) Using the one sent to us but put our name in it. Feed Bill is on hold. The council has done all we can do. Dennis contact David. Resend information to him.

**7:05-7:20** Scholarship Committee - read letter for an interim scholarship (**Included**) Guy has 2 people, Lisa suggest removing IEA. Vance motion to move forward with this. Wanda second approval passed.

**7:20-7:30** Electronic Media- sending our a eblast on nomination and rejoin

**7:30-7:50** Expo/Annual meeting Committee - want to meet with BCH. No decision from BCH. Outdoor venue so less rick, defer vote until after we hear back. Olivia asked if there would be a way to have a call in, unfortunately there couldn't due to being outdoors. Guy said bylaws can be temporary changed due to the virus. But membership has to approve. A suggestion was to send out an email to members saying a temporary change due to the pandemic. Lisa asked if we email addresses for all members, Wanda checked all but 3 have email addresses. There are concerns about hearing members if it is an online meeting. Tommy made a to defer decision until we hear

back on what our bylaws state, there were several seconds. Motion passed. Committee will get back with a plan to change vote for this year.

**7:50-8:05** Education/Youth Committee – Olivia laid out some plans and will get back to board. Committee met by email they with more details at a later date.

**8:05-8:15** Horse Welfare Committee- Vet letter share letter; **(Included)** we have spent \$250. Final Committee by end year. Guy reminded board there was no budget made. Wanda pulled up 2019 budget HW was 1000 we have used 250 this year. There was discussion on getting a 2021 budget set to ensure we are ready to give grants when we send out this letter. Finance agreed to have a budget ready to be voted on at our next meeting.

**8:15-8:20** Membership Committee – 2020-256 members / 2021– 22 members

**8:20-8:25** District Reports:

District 1 Merry – talked to Mike about holding vacations / teeth floating at Mikes facility.

**8:25-8:30** New Business -

Lisa brought up concerns about reply all emails –

Discussion was:

- when replying change to FYI
- Committees need to reply all
- Whole board - no reply all, never hit reply all but in small group Do reply all.

Merry made a motion to hit reply all. There was not second.

Guy say board needs to use proper etiquette. Board needs to use discretion in replying. Olivia said school systems use the rule of thumb if it is for information don't hit reply all. If discussion, then do reply all.

Ila Animal Control program had 2 clinics for Lexington. They had 10-12 participants. Mike & Randy suggestion Horse Welfare Committee attend seminar open to board. Discussion was that they were the ones who helped write the program. As well as it being presented to the entire board. It should still be the same since nothing has been brought before the board. Wanda recommended all board members to go spectate. If you go to a seminar with LE Board members are just spectator.

Merry gave a brief on the program. Identifying the needs of equine, knowledge to know when / how to step in, as well as a place to take them. The board worked hard to create this program.

Link - LE <https://www.schorsementscouncil.org/laeco-certification.html/>

<https://www.schorsementscouncil.org/uploads/2/7/9/1/27916357/standardsforhorsecaresc.pdf>

Lisa made a motion to adjourn, Olivia second motion, passed

## Legislative Committee - letter against e-Bikes

October 26, 2020



Re: Use of E-Bikes on Federal Lands  
1004-AE72

To Whom this may concern:

The South Carolina Horse Council (SCHC) would like oppose the use of E-Bikes on non-motorized trails on public lands. The South Carolina Horse Council represents the equine industry in South Carolina regardless of the breed or riding discipline. SCHC continues efforts to maintain our trails and recreation areas, and protect the future growth of SC horse industry in recreational, business and personal endeavors. Additionally, South Carolina equestrians have made substantial contributions to the development, building and maintenance of non-motorized trails, as well as packing in supplies and tools for other users. Because recreational trail use is a major equestrian activity, the use of E-Bikes on trails that are classified as non-motorized will adversely affect equestrians throughout the state. Not only will allowing the use of E-Bikes on non-motorized trails affect equestrians; it will significantly impact every other user of on-motorized trails as well. The equine industry and its recreational counterparts are universally opposed to e-bikes on non-motorized trails and are speaking out in unison against any changes which would open trials to higher-speed, machine powered transport. Every equine group nationwide stands in opposition to the risks posed by introducing these vehicles to our nation's non-motorized trails. These safety, economic and environmental threats echoed by millions of equestrian stakeholders.

Motorized and non-motorized trail users have been traditionally separated from each other because their operation on trails is completely different. The two types of users just do not mix, as motorized users generally go further and faster than non-motorized users. Equestrians seek out non-motorized trails in order to get away from fast-moving vehicles and enjoy a peaceful, natural environment. They often will choose to avoid trails where there is a potential for encounters with fast-moving bicycles.

The addition of a motor to bicycles significantly increases the range and speed of these bikes over that of a conventional mountain bike. This poses a safety risk to other non-motorized users, including traditional mountain bike, and would significantly impact the trail experience of millions of public land users, including hikers, backpackers, hunters, horses' packers, climbers, mountain bikes, and birders, to name a few. A Bike with a motor is not non-motorized, and should not be classified as such. After all, an electric motor is still a motor. How long before there are no longer any truly non-motorized trails? If a bike with a motor is legal on a non-motorized trail, then why not an electrified moped or motorcycle?

**Environmental concerns:** Overcrowding is already an issue on many popular non-motorized trails. All users have an impact on the trails they use. E-Bikes will significantly increase the number of users in back-country areas. E-Bikes can attain sustained speed for longer periods of time than conventual mountain bikes, which will also have more effect on trial tread and the adject landscape- more trail miles will cause damage to the tread. E-Bikes are heavier than traditional mountain bikes and thus cause more damage, particularly around bermed turns or if the trails are wet. Increasing the number of people and motorized use will also have an adverse effect on wildlife as more visitor's flock to these areas. The batteries that e-bikes use can overheat and explode, causing fires in more remote areas, where they are much harder to put out and may damage these areas for generations to come.

*The South Carolina Horsemen's Council*

## Scholarship Committee - interim scholarship

November 28, 2020



Dear Educators and Students,

The South Carolina Horsemen's Council would like to bring a scholarship opportunity to you. During these trying times of this pandemic, financial burdens have increased and opportunities have decreased. The South Carolina Horsemen's Council would like to help alleviate some of the financial burden for deserving students with a passion for horses.

For many years, The South Carolina Horsemen's Council has partnered with the S.C. Farm Bureau Federation and the S.C. State Fair in the sponsorship and coordination of the S.C. State Fair Equine Scholarship Program. The cancellation of the State Fair due to the pandemic has meant that the scholarship was not awarded in 2020. SCHC's motto is to "Connect, Communicate and Educate". To that end, we would like to offer two interim scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 and \$500 as we have done in the past. Hopefully 2021 will see us all back on track with the regular scholarship offerings at the State Fair in conjunction with Farm Bureau and Clemson.

The criteria for the scholarships will be as follows:

1. A completed application.
2. Two recommendation letters from either educators or equine professionals.
3. An essay to include:
  - a. What has drawn them to horses and why they are important in their lives.
  - b. What their long-term goals are in life and with horses.
  - c. In what way has being involved with horses made a positive impact on their lives.
  - d. Describe one event involving horses that has made a profound impact upon them.
4. A written exam consisting of 50 multiple choice questions.
5. Horsemanship skills as illustrated by ~~HEA scores~~. (Breed associations, Youth Rodeo, SC 4-H awards or accomplishments)
6. An interview by horse professionals.

Items 1,2,3 and 5 will need to be submitted by Jan 18, 2021. The exam and interview will be conducted at a date and time to be determined by the scholarship committee. These may be in person observing all social distancing protocols or via telecommunication.

We at the South Carolina Horsemen's Council hope that this scholarship can help someone in need at this time. We look forward to receiving the applications, and meeting the future of the equine industry.

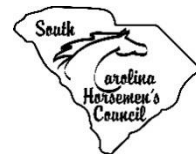
If you have any further questions, please contact XXXXXXXXXXXX.

Sincerely,

The South Carolina Horsemen's Council

## Horse Welfare Committee- Vet letter

Dec 1, 2020



Dear Equine Care Provider,

The South Carolina Horsemen's Council would like to make you aware of Horse Welfare programs that we offer to assist horse owners that may not have the means. We would encourage you to join us in assisting with these essential services and making the public aware of them. The SCHC is a 501C3 organization, and we would like for you to recognize and offer discounts if at all possible. SCHC would certainly give a tax deduction letter for any services provided at a discounted rate.

Stallions to Geldings Grants SCHC began this program to assist low- or limited-income equine owners. This program is designed to discourage unwanted foals adding to the existing issues of owning equines and not being able to care for them properly. Application is available on our website <https://www.schorsemenscouncil.org/horse-health-programs.html>.

Euthanasia Program This program was implemented several years ago to assist with end-of-life care for aged, injured, or unwanted horses whose owners could not otherwise afford to euthanize their equine. Assistance request application is also available on our website. SCHC reimbursement is limited to \$200 per horse or maximum of \$400 per household. Our reimbursement does not include a disposal fee.

The SCHC is committed to helping the equines of this state and their owners. We know that you, as equine professionals, are also dedicated to this cause. We also understand there are emergency situations, and it is difficult to coordinate the application, approval, check sent to the client, all within a few hours or day. We ask if you would be willing to accept direct payment for these services directly from the SCHC. This would ensure that the service is provided in a humane manner, and payment is made to you in a timely manner. The Council would give you a voice (phone call) and email approval, and payment would be sent directly to your business for services being performed. Sending directly to your business is our preferred method of payment. A detailed statement of services is required for payment for our records.

If you are willing to participate in these essential services, please let us know by e-mailing your contact information to [horsewelfarecommittee@schorsemenscouncil.org](mailto:horsewelfarecommittee@schorsemenscouncil.org). Having a list of veterinarians to contact within certain areas of SC is essential for services needed more closely to address of needs. If you do not want to directly participate in these programs, please help us in getting the word out and direct your clients to our website where they can make a direct application to the SCHC.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

The South Carolina Horsemen's Council