

**SC Horsemen's Council
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2008
Dan Ramage Center**

Present: Tim Sigmon, Kaye Watkins, Cecil Watkins, Jim Edwards, Ivory Johnson, Mary Quarles, John Conner, Donna Patterson, Bill Steele, Betty Rankin, Heyward Simmons

Absent: Ellen Hutto, Anthony Dyches, Carol Deacon, Denna Bass, Natasha Vitkovic, Jamie Roberts, Terry Boger, Juanita Ardis, Dee Cross

Guest: Mary Ellen Tobias, SC Dept. of Ag

Cecil Watkins presided over the meeting in the absence of President Carol Deacon who was in surgery for her eye. Meeting was opened with prayer by Jim Edwards. Minutes from the March 10 meeting reviewed and accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Patterson

Scholarship Fund: \$3,838.63
March Balance: \$8,581.51
SETC \$6,751.44

Cecil suggested we pause, take a look at these balances, breathe deeply, and applaud ourselves. We have come a long way since last August in strengthening the finances of this council

Legislation: Mary Ellen Tobias and Tim Sigmon gave info concerning the Promotion Bill. It is to be heard on Tuesday and as many SCHC members who can were urged to make a show of support for the bill. The bill is facing strong opposition from Marion Frye, everyone to contact all representatives and especially their local representatives.

Mary Ellen Tobias gave update on the "Trexler Rescue Horses". The SC Humane Society will be hosting the "Mane Event" to raise money for the cost of feeding and caring for the horses, their needs are great. She also, urged the SCHC to donate and for some of us to attend this event if possible.

Building an Effective Board: Cecil reviewed some ways that might improve the effectiveness of our board meetings or any type of meeting. He explained how they could be conducted to be more in line with parliamentary procedure. A document on "Basic Business Meeting Procedures" was handed out as a guide. Unbeknownst to those attending, we would get an opportunity to use some of the information provided in this guide.

Cecil brought up special recognition request by Carol Deacon to give past President Bobby Anderson a show of gratitude for past accomplishments for the SCHC. A motion was made by Kaye Watkins that we table this discussion until Carol could be present to discuss in more detail as to what her desires are. Motion was seconded by Tim Sigmon and motion carried.

Double membership for 2008: Mary Quarles gave update on membership. We have had a trickle of both renewals and new members join since the February expo. This is an area **we all** need to really work on.

Betty Rankin gave an update on the changes for making the SCHC a 501 C 3 organization instead of the 501 C 5 that we are today. After discussion on the pros & cons of becoming a 501 C 3 organization (mainly it would make us a charitable organization and make donations by individuals tax-deductible) a motion was made by Betty Rankin to apply for changing the SCHC's tax status. A 2nd to the motion was made by Kaye Watkins, and the motion carried. Betty will get to work on making this happen.

Insurance as a possible membership inducer was tabled until we can find a carrier with more favorable terms. The biggest drawback to the Equisure proposal is the requirement to sign everyone up for insurance whether they want it

or not and require the individual to apply for a refund. This was not acceptable to the Board.

Trails: Betty Rankin gave a report on the SC Thread Trail. A motion was made by Betty that we make a donation to the Thread Trail. In addition to benefiting the trail effort, it will get the SCHC name on the ground floor of building this trail. This should help promote the SCHC. The amount suggested was \$100.00. Jim Edwards 2nd the motion. The motion carried. Betty will get information on who to send the donation to so that Donna Patterson may send them a check for \$100.00 from the SCHC.

Betty Rankin and Bill Steele will be attending the meetings concerning the SC Thread Trail as it progresses.

SETC: Jim Edwards reminded us we are only 3 ½ months out from the conference. The planning is pretty much on schedule, now the implementing is coming in to play. Please everyone plan to attend and help where you will and can. Review Jim's work sheet and let him know if the proposed assignment is okay with you. If anyone has sponsors or contacts that we can get in touch with for donations or funds of any kind please contact Jim, Kaye or Tim. The grants have been coming in, however they will not pay for the cost of meals. If you have any suggestions please forward to the planning committee. The Planning Committee has put in a lot of personal time and incurred a lot of expense since Feb of last year. They are doing a great job.

Old Business: None

New Business: Kaye opened discussion on giving a donation to the SC Humane Society for the Trexler Rescue Horse. Donna Patterson made a motion of a donation of \$50.00, Bill Steele 2nd the motion. The motion was amended to \$200.00 by Tim Sigmon, second by Kaye Watkins. Then the amendment was amended to \$250.00 by Donna Patterson and 2nd by Heyward Simmons. The 2nd amendment was voted on and passed. The first amendment was then voted on and passed. Then the main motion was voted on and passed. Therefore the motion, as amended was passed that we donate \$250 to the Humane Society. Kaye Watkins also made a motion that anyone who matches the \$250.00 donation receive a SCHC 2008 membership, 2nd to motion made by John Conner. In addition, Ivory Johnson made a motion that we give 2 free memberships as door prizes, and a member of the SCHC attend this function. The motion was 2nd by Heyward Simmons. Motion carried.

Ivory Johnson will be the SCHC representative for the Mane Event. He will get the membership applications lined up and take care of door prize applications. Kaye Watkins will get the address as to whom and where to send the donation from the SCHC.

Meeting adjourned!
Respectfully submitted,
Kaye Watkins

April Action Items	Assigned To	Date Assigned	Target	Status
Attend Subcommittee meeting at House	ALL	4-14-08	4-15-08	Done
Committee Chairpersons get a plan of action on what should be done with your committee	ALL Chairpersons	4-14-08	5-12-08	
Recognition of past president – provide more insight	Carol Deacon	4-14-08	5-12-08	
Plans for 2009 Expo	Ellen Hutto	4-14-08	5-12-08	
SETC attend planning meeting & plan on attending conference	All	4-14-08	7-31-08	
Develop ideas as to entice new members	Membership Com. M. Quarles	4-14-08	5-12-08	
Look over Insurance and try to get better terms	Natasha Vitkovic	4-14-08	5-12-08	
501 C 3 status up and going	Betty Rankin	4-14-08	5-12-08	
Recommend someone to take over web site as webmaster	ALL	4-14-08	5-12-08	

Obtain web site info from York Tech & Winthrop Univ.	Bill Steele	4-14-08	5-12-08	
Mail hard copy of membership to Betty Rankin	Mary Quarles	4-14-08	5-12-08	
March Action Items	Assigned To	Date Assigned	Target Date	Status
Review Committee Assignments & notify Cecil of changes	ALL	3/10/08	3/19/08	Done
Newsletter – send info to Debbie	All	3/10/08	03/21/08	
Look over Tax Exempt Status Proposal	All	3/10/08	4/8/08	Done
Insurance – send Cecil anyone he should contact	All	3/10/08	4/8/08	Done
Order Cards, Letterhead and envelopes	Terry Boger	3/10/08	4/8/08	
Expo 2009 - apply for county tax grant for whichever county we host Expo in	Ellen Hutto	3/10/08	Prior to Expo	Carry forward
Update everyone on Strategic Planning Meeting results	Carol Deacon	3/10/08	Next Meeting	Carry forward