

**SC Horsemen's Council  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2008  
Dan Ramage Center**

**Present:** Jim Edwards, Cecil Watkins, Terry Boger, Kaye Watkins, Donna Patterson, Tim Sigmon, Juanita Ardis, Hayward Simmons, Mary Quarles, Jamie Roberts, Dee Cross.

**Absent:** Ellen Hutto, Carol Deacon, Anthony Dyches, John Conner, Natasha Vitkovic, Deena Bass, Betty Rankin, Bill Steele, Ivory Johnson.

Cecil Watkins presided over the meeting in the absence of President Carol Deacon who had an eye injury.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Kaye Watkins.

Minutes from the Feb 11 meeting reviewed and accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Donna Patterson

Scholarship Fund: \$2,881.44

February Balance: \$8,300.51

SETC \$4,410.94

**Committee Assignments:** Cecil Watkins handed out updated assignment sheets based on feedback from Board members. Everyone is asked to review and let him know if you wish changes to be made. These assignments will be finalized and placed on the SCHC website next week.

**Newsletter:** Debbie Gaiser is developing our first Quarter newsletter. If you have information from Expo, saddles clubs, general equine info, or anything you think should be included, please send it to Debbie as soon as possible. She is planning to get this newsletter out before the end of March.

**Tax Exempt Status:** Betty Rankin has worked hard on this process and obtained a lot of information. Cecil Watkins gave a hand out with information and requirements for making these changes. Board members were asked to review and get back to Betty with any questions or concerns. We will need to review at the next Board meeting and decide if we would like to move forward with this process.

**Insurance:** Cecil has been investigating the possibility of the SCHC offering Excess Liability Insurance to our members. He passed out an update on what has been learned to date and also expressed some concerns about the way the insurance company expects us to handle some of the administration. Cecil has recommended that we check out some additional insurance companies to see if competitive products are available with more favorable terms. Everyone was asked to review this proposal and be prepared to recommend we move forward or wait until we can find a more favorable approach. If you have questions about this, please contact Cecil Watkins.

**SETC:** Jim Edwards gave us an update on the SETC conference. There are grants coming in as well as sponsorships to help conduct the conference. Everyone is getting excited as the dates draw closer. Jim handed out a schedule of duties with each Board member's name and their suggested duties for the weekend. He asked that we review these and let him know if these assignments are okay or if we would prefer something different. We do anticipate some manpower from the Low country Saddle Club as well as other SCHC members. If you were not present at the meeting, you will be notified as to what is needed. Should you have questions, concerns, or just want to volunteer for something, please contact Jim.

**Legislative:** Tim reported that nothing has changed with the Promotional Bill. As far as he can tell, the Farm Bureau is on board supporting the #4305 version that the SC Dept of Ag and SCHC support.

**Other:** Terry Boger and Kaye Watkins gave quotes about letterheads, envelopes and business cards for the council. Both estimates were very similar in cost. It was decided to use Terry Boger's printer for this service. Terry also reported that the financial audit has been arranged and should be occurring soon. Cecil took a few minutes at the end of the meeting to celebrate the progress this Board has made since last August. He commented on our very successful Expo, our excellent financial status, progress with the scholarship program, the improvements to the by-laws, the progress we have made with the equine promotional bill, and the tremendous progress that has been made with the SETC. This group has worked exceptionally well together and we need to feel good about how far we have come. We should now be able to devote more of our energy to implementing our strategic plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kaye Watkins  
Secretary

### March Action Items

<b>Action</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Date Assigned</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
Review Committee Assignments & notify Cecil of changes	ALL	3/10/08	3/19/08	
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	<b>Done</b>
Insurance – send Cecil anyone he should contact	All	3/10/08	4/8/08	<b>Done</b>
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	
Update everyone on Strategic Planning Meeting results	Carol Deacon	3/10/08	Next Meeting	