

**SC Horsemen's Council
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2008
Dan Ramage Center**

Present: Tim Sigmon, Kaye Watkins, Cecil Watkins, Jim Edwards, Carol Deacon, Terry Boger

Absent: Ellen Hutto, Anthony Dyches, Jamie Roberts, Dee Cross, Ivory Johnson, Betty Rankin, Heyward Simmons, Mary Quarles, John Conner, Bill Steele, Donna Patterson,

Guest: Mary Ellen Tobias, SC Dept. of Ag, Nicole and Paul Walukemicz with P.E.A.R.L.

Carol Deacon presided over the annual meeting; it was nice to have the president back, all healed and healing from recent injuries. Cecil Watkins opened with prayer.

April meeting minutes were submitted prior to the meeting. Motion made by Jim Edwards to accept as written, 2nd made by Terry Boger, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: given by Carol Deacon in Donna Patterson's absence.

Scholarship Fund: \$3,838.63
General Fund: \$7,226.94
SETC Fund: \$6,751.44

Legislation:, Mary Ellen Tobias and Tim Sigmon gave info concerning the Promotion Bill. It is back in committee. Many legislators expressed concerned about it being a "tax", and were not comfortable with passing this due to '08 election year. Once elections are over in November 2008, the SCHC and general membership will need to petition the legislators again and to get this bill passed.

Double membership for 2009: Carol Deacon suggested each board member pick 5 businesses and sign them up for the remainder of '08 year but waive the fee for the web link to the SCHC website.

Carol also suggested that SCHC sponsor a class in SC Association Horse Shows. This shows our support and gets the SCHC's name mentioned as the sponsor for said class. She will get back to us with more information. Jim Edwards made the motion that we give \$20 to Pendleton Area Saddle Club to sponsor 2 classes at their upcoming show. Motion was second by Kaye Watkins, motion carried.

Betty Rankin emailed the board with the information concerning the 501 (c) 3 status. It will require a \$750.00 application fee and a By laws change. Betty has rewritten the mission statement to include primay educational focus. Cecil Watkins made the motion that Betty Rankin finalize the mission statement and schedule a general membership meeting to discuss and to vote on. Tim Sigmon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trails: Jim Edwards made the motion that Carol Deacon answer a survey about Kings Mountain in an official capacity, representing the SCHC. 2nd was made by Cecil Watkins, motion carried.

SETC: Jim Edwards reminded us we are only 2 ½ months out from the conference. The planning is on schedule, now we must implement effectively. Please everyone plan to attend the conference and help where you can.

Old Business: Carol Deacon reviewed her idea about a letter of appreciation to past president, Bobby Anderson, in thanks and appreciation for what he has done for SCHC. A letter will be drafted by Carol, and it will be reviewed by the board. After finalizing and signed by all board members it will be sent to Bobby Anderson, put in the newsletter and placed on the web site. Kaye Watkins made the motion that we do this, 2nd by Tim Sigmon, motion carried.

Thank you notes were received from Carolina Thread Trail in appreciation for the \$100 donation for the support of their project and HSPCA in appreciation for the \$250 donation to their Mane Event. This donation has been placed in the Timmons Fund which helps with the care of horses that have been rescued.

Next meeting will be June 9th @ 6:30pm at the Dan Ramage Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye Watkins

<u>May Action Items</u>	<u>Assigned To</u>	<u>Date Assigned</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Status</u>
Draft letter to Bobby Anderson	Carol Deacon	May 12, 2008	June 10, 2008	
Assume Show Comm. Chair	Carol Deacon	May 12, 2008	June 10,2008	
Email SETC Flyer to all SCHC Board members	Kaye Watkins	May 12, 2008	May 13, 2008	Done
Respond to Kings Mountain Survey for SCHC	Carol Deacon	May 12, 2008	May 13, 2008	
Develop a plan for 2009 Legis reception for Promo. Bill	Tim Sigmon	May 12, 2008	June 10, 2008	
Finalize 501 (c) 3 proposal & plans	Betty Rankin	May 12, 2008	June 10, 2008	
Each board member sign up 5 business to membership in SCHC, waive \$25 web link fee	ALL	May 12, 2008	June 10, 2008	
Draft Show sponsorship for SCHC	Carol Deacon	May 12, 2008	June 10, 2008	
Work on obtaining web program & training from Mike	Cecil Watkins	May 12, 2008	July 1, 2008	
Obtain Business Cards, Letter heads, envelopes	Terry Boger	May 12, 2008	May 20, 2008	

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	Continue as needed
Recognition of past president – provide more insight	Carol Deacon	4-14-08	5-12-08	Done
Plans for 2009 Expo	Ellen Hutto	4-14-08	5-12-08	Continue as needed
SETC attend planning meeting & plan on attending conference	All	4-14-08	7-31-08	Done
Develop ideas as to entice new members	Membership Com. M. Quarles	4-14-08	5-12-08	Continue as needed
Look over Insurance and try to get better terms	Natasha Vitkovic	4-14-08	5-12-08	Continue as needed
501 C 3 status up and going	Betty Rankin	4-14-08	5-12-08	Continue
Recommend someone to take over web site as webmaster	ALL	4-14-08	5-12-08	Done
Obtain web site info from York Tech & Winthrop Univ.	Bill Steele	4-14-08	5-12-08	Done
Mail hard copy of membership to Betty Rankin	Mary Quarles	4-14-08	5-12-08	Done
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	Done
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	Done
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