

**SC Horsemen's Council
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2008
Dan Ramage Center**

Present: Donna Patterson, Jim Edwards, Terry Boger, Kaye Watkins, Mary Quarles, Cecil Watkins, Dee Cross.

Absent: Anthony Dyches, Jamie Roberts, Heyward Simmons, John Conner, Tim Sigmon, Carol Deacon, Bill Steele, Betty Rankin, Ivory Johnson.

Guest: Mary Ellen Tobias, SC Dept of Ag

Meeting open with prayer by Jim Edwards, Cecil conducted the meeting.

June meeting minutes and Action Items were submitted prior to meeting. The Action Items were reviewed. Motion made by Jim Edwards to accept minutes as written, 2nd made by Cecil Watkins. Motion carried.

Treasure's Report: given by Donna Patterson.

Scholarship Fund: \$3,841.97

General Fund: \$7,973.10

SETC Fund: \$14,417.94

Hurricane Preparedness Update: Mary Ellen Tobias, with the SC Dept of Ag updated the board on the procedures of how to locate those facilities that offer boarding for equines during an evacuation for Hurricanes. She explained that this is ongoing and changes for each evacuation, due to the facility having prior commitments. Some have shows or other events and will not have the space. Each facility is listed on the SC Dept of Ag's website.

Mary Ellen asked that if we or anyone we knew wanted to be an Emergency facility let her know so that she can add to the contact list. We should get all proper information to be passed on to the evacuees.

SETC: Jim Edwards gave an update on the success of the SETC. He announced that the 2009 SETC will be held in Florida and the 2010 will be held in Georgia. Donna Patterson made the motion that the SCHC be Gold sponsors for both of these conferences and that we send the \$1000.00 each, now to Florida and Georgia. Kaye Watkins 2nd the motion and it was approved by the board.

Annual Meeting & Expo: Mr. Frank McCleery has agreed to allow the 2009 Expo to be held at the Circle M Ranch in Pelzer, SC. Merry Worsham Robeson will be assisting the SCHC again.

Kaye Watkins will be chairing the 2009 event. She will be contacting all board members for help and suggestions. It might be best if you volunteer willingly. Terry Boger will be assisting Kaye with the Expo. Betty Rankin has offered to chair the "2nd Annual Silent Auction." Please help Betty collect items for the auction. Please get her a list of items and the donor.

Membership: Mary Quarles has sent out an updated membership. She reports that a few memberships have trickled in. The SETC gave approximately 50 memberships for the remaining 2008 year.

Mary encouraged each of us to sign up new members, carry an application with you at all times and hand put. If you sign up new members for 2008, it will extend through 2009.

Mary Quarles, Ketchen Place Farms, will be hosting the Equine Management Workshop, beginning Sept. 21. This event is sponsored by the Clemson Extension and co-sponsored by the SCHC.

Build An Effective Board: Cecil Watkins urges each of us to try to recommend new Board members for the balance of this year. Also, we need nominations for the 2009 BOD. If you have any suggestions please contact Cecil with that information. Cecil mentioned that we still want to get on a quarterly meeting schedule instead of monthly.

502 C3 Status: Betty Rankin has work feverishly on this tax exempt status and the changes needed. She has sent out many emails regarding these changes and what must be done.

The board members present at the Sept. 9, 2008 meeting chose to table this topic, until Betty can be present to present her thoughts and more members are present for more discussion. Some reservations were expressed about possible impact on legislative activities. Board members are encouraged to check on their own about the impact of a change in status on legislative activities.

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	Assigned To	Date Assigned	Target	Status
Jim to write notes and send Checks to Fl & Ga SETC	Jim Edwards	9/8/08	9/10/08	
Cecil to put Link on website for Emer. Preparedness	Cecil	9/8/08	9/19/08	
Cecil needs info from all for newsletter	ALL	9/8/08	9/18/08	
Jim suggests all come and work on Friday before expo(fellowship)	ALL	9/8/08	2/06/09	
Donna will write check and get to Carol for scholarship at St. Fair	Donna to Carol	9/8/08	10/5/08	
Seek out new Board Members	ALL	9/8/08	immediately	
Nomination for BOD get to Cecil for Nov newsletter	ALL	9/8/08	11/05/08	
Each BOD member sell at least 2 ADS for EXPO	ALL	9/8/08	01/05/09	
Letter to equine organizations to invite Pres or representative to be a member of SCHC Board	Dee Cross	9/8/08	10/13/08	
Anyone having info on equine organizations get to Dee	All	9/8/08	9/29/08	
Equine economic Summit info to Board	Cecil	9/8/08	9/29/08	
Call Jackie Todd @ Sheraton about check they owe us	Cecil	9/8/08	9/12/08	

