

**SC Horsemen's Council
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2009
Dan Ramage Center, Cola, SC**

Present: Cecil Watkins, David Grant, Mary Quarles, Anne Kennedy, BB Weavil, Kaye Watkins, Mark Kennedy, Debbie Garris, Tim Sigmon, Hayward Simmons, Betty Rankin, Donna Patterson

Absent: Carol Deacon, Bill Steele, Terry Boger, Jim Edwards, Mary Roddy, Jennifer Breaux

Guests: Mary Ellen Tobias - SC Ag Dept, Tommy Doyle of Palmetto Carriage Co, Jimmy Maner of the Marsh Tacky Assoc, Elizabeth Steed – L.E.A.R.N. and Unwanted Horse Coalition

**Meeting was called to order by VP Cecil Watkins in the absence of Pres. Carol Deacon.
Opened with prayer by Kaye Watkins.**

October Meeting minutes reviewed and accepted as written.

Treasure's Report- Donna Patterson

Regular Fund Balance \$ 4,548.12

Scholarship Fund \$4,435.28

PR-Media Exposure

Debbie Garris - The Camden Equestrian ad for the Expo ¼ page \$210.00. Motion was made to place this ad, 2nd by Betty. After much discussion on other possible advertising media, the motion carried.

Mary Quarles talked about a partnership with Southeastern Equine Magazine. She will send additional info when she receives it.

Equine Associations

Mary Quarles and Betty Rankin attended the SC Thoroughbred meeting at the Elloree Training Facility. They reported it as a very informative and enjoyable meeting. The SCT and the SCHC have expressed an interest in joining efforts to help each other.

Unwanted Horse: BB Weavil

BB proposed a mission for the SCHC:

1. Fact finding info within each district on unwanted horses and local animal control in order to create a directory.
2. Educate horse owners, define the unwanted horse and get directories printed and out to the public.
3. Set up a Relief Fund, to help in huge rescue efforts.

BB made her proposal into a motion. After much discussion, the motion carried.

Marsh Tacky: David Grant

The Marsh Tacky Association has asked that the SCHC recognize the Marsh Tacky as the SC Heritage Horse.

After much discussion, it was proposed that David Grant, Cecil Watkins, Jimmy Maner and Betty Rankin make a proposal that would be palatable to the SCHC Board in recognizing the importance of the Marsh Tacky in SC history and heritage. Cecil Watkins made this into a motion, 2nd by Tim Sigmon. The motion carried.

501c(3): Betty Rankin

Betty believes we will obtain approval. It was mailed and Carol as been contacted by someone from the IRS with questions. Carol has provided answers and we should get approval soon.

Expo: Kaye Watkins

- It will Happen! But....not without the efforts of all Board members help and presence at the Expo.
- Job assignments will be sent out by Jan 6, 2010 to those who are participating.
- All members are encouraged to contact anyone they know and ask them to participate; we will make room for them. We need vendors, sponsors, demos, mini seminars, etc....
- Please contact Kaye should you have questions or suggestions, all are welcome.

Silent Auction: Betty Rankin-Betty has asked that each district put a basket together for the auction. Everyone contribute items as they can.

SCHC Trail Ride: Hayward Simmons

Great ride, great weather, good fun, and Hugh Weathers and Blanche seemed to enjoy themselves as guests. Hayward reported revenue of \$2550 for the SCHC. In addition, 56 memberships were signed up for 2010.

Double membership: Mark Kennedy - District Directors should get more involved. He suggests having a presence at as many functions as we can around the state. We should hand out brochures and ask people to join us. Board members need to assist each other with these events.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Submitted by Kaye Watkins – Secretary

Action Items	Assigned To	Date Assigned	Target Date	Status
Submit ad copy on Expo to Camden Equestrian Magazine	Debbie Garris	12-14-09	01-04-10	
Partner with SE Equestrian Magazine Info	Mary Quarles	12-14-09	02-06-10	
Develop Marsh Tacky resolution of support	C.Watkins, D. Grant, B.Rankin, Jim Maner	12-14-09	02-06-10	
Send job assignments for Expo	Kaye Watkins	12-14-09	01-06-10	
Obtain items for the Silent Auction at Expo	District Directors	12-14-09	02-05-10	
Send dates of events in each district to board members & plan participation	District Directors	12-14-09	03-08-10	
Send profile forms to Tommy and Elizabeth & get in newsletter	BBWeavil	12-14-09	12-16-09	