

SC Horsemen's Council

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Dan Ramage Center

June 8, 2009

Attending: Jenny Bell, William Bell, Carol Deacon, BB Weavil, David Grant, Kaye Watkins, Cecil Watkins, Tim Sigmon, Bill Steele, Terry Boger, Donna Patterson, Mary Quarles, Susan Sanders, Betty Rankin,

Absent: Jim Edwards, Heyward Simmons, Anne Kennedy, Mark Kennedy, Debbie Garris, Mary Roddy, Dee Cross

Meeting called to order: by Carol Deacon. Opened with prayer by Bill Steele.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted as written. Motion made by Terry Boger with a second by Bill Steele.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Patterson.

- Operating Fund: \$7,064.15
- Scholarship Fund \$5,623.52
- SETC ACCT \$15,440.73 (holding this account open due to one final bill from a bus transport company, it appears after this long we will not be receiving this bill)
- Treasure's report accepted by motion by Terry Boger and seconded by Tim Sigmon. Motion carried.
- Cecil Watkins made motion for \$500.00 for the USC Equestrian Team for induction into Hall of Fame., Tim Sigmon seconded. Motion carried.
- Financial Guidelines were recommended for Expenses and Reimbursements. Donna Patterson gave handouts on the guidelines. These were accepted by way of motion by Cecil Watkins and 2nd by Tim Sigmon. A copy is included with these minutes.
- Donna Patterson also made a motion that we set up a yearly Budget. Cecil Watkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2008 Audit. William Bell made a motion that Terry Boger's contact also perform this audit as she is working on the 07 audit. Cecil Watkins seconded the motion. Motion carried. Terry Boger will contact her.

Public Relations:

- Susan Sanders reported on the Mounted Police problem and urged us to help.
- Susan requested an honorary SCHC membership be given to Carol Makowee for letter written on strangles. Motion was made by Susan and seconded by Tim Sigmon, motion carried.
- Susan Sanders also, requested webmaster put links on website between them (Carol Makowee) and SCHC. In which they will put a SCHC link on their web page. Tim Sigmon made the motion that we accept this with BB Weavil seconding. Motion carried.

Rescue Efforts:

- BB Weavil gave a report on the 47 rescue horses in Colleton County, citing the difficulties in caring for these horses. Immediate attention for the Colleton Rescue effort is financial. Bill Steele made a motion that the SCHC give \$250.00 for this effort. Betty Rankin seconded the motion. Motion carried
- Cecil Watkins made a motion that the SCHC form a committee on Rescue and gather information on the magnitude and current methods of dealing with the problem. This committee should make recommendations to the Board on what involvement the SCHC should have in this process. Betty Rankin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Committee consists of BB Weavil-Chairperson, Betty Rankin, and Carol Deacon.

501c (3) status/update: Betty Rankin

- Betty Rankin reports that paper work and request in at the lawyer's office. She still needs information from years '04, '05, '06, and '07. She asked that all *old* members please check any records they may have. If you have questions regarding what is needed, please contact Betty.
- Betty made the motion that \$750.00 be set aside for the IRS fee. BB Weavil seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2010 Annual Meeting and Expo: Kaye Watkins

- The 2010 Expo will be held in Camden, SC at the former Westfall Arena. This will be different than what we have worked with in the past. Please get ready to give ideas and to help. Please mark your calendars now for Feb. 6, 2010.
- The SC Equine Promotion Foundation has graciously agreed to provide their facility at no cost. We will have pretty much the same freedoms as we did at Circle M and more regarding sponsors. If you have questions, ideas, etc. please contact Kaye Watkins or Terry Boger.

Membership: BB Weavil reporting in Mark Kennedy's absence

A list of ideas was developed on how the district leaders can strengthen their district. Please contact BB Weavil or Mark Kennedy for more information. Bottom line is to get out and meet people, get involved, and become active in your district.

State Trails Committee Meeting: Cecil Watkins reporting in Jim Edwards' absence

- Cecil gave an update on meeting attended in Columbia on state trails grants. Many trails groups were given grants by SCPRT at this meeting including some equestrian trails. Jim Edwards has done a great job of representing the SCHC and trail riders in general on this committee.
- SECT will be held in Gainesville, FL, July 9-12.

Meeting Adjourned:

- No July Meeting.
- **Next meeting will be held on Aug. 10th at Ketchen Place Farm in Rock Hill, SC @ 5:30 PM.** Please contact Mary Quarles (803-984-1813) for directions. Address is 3090 Cedarvale Rd, Rock Hill, SC. 29732