

South Carolina Horsemen's Council Meeting

Minutes

**** Next Meeting:**

August 12, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Location:

Laurens County Cooperative Extension

219 W Laurens St.

Laurens, SC 29360

- **Meeting Attendance:** Wanda Wood, Sean Eastman, Ethan Bedford, Susan Bedford, Merry Roberson, Carl Cartwright, Mark McCarter, Ashley McCarter, Pamela Worthy, Tommy Doyle, Donna Patterson, Olivia Valentine, Dennis Moss
- **Sponsors-**
 - Wanda encourages members to look for sponsors (remember also, SCHC can do an "in-kind" sponsorship, ex.-SCHC supports the Trail Rider Magazine and in return, he supports SCHC)
 - Current sponsors are listed on the SCHC website and newsletters
 - If anyone doesn't have a flashdrive and would like one, please let Wanda know.
- **Financial Report-**
 - Merry Roberson asks about refund on behalf of Olivia Valentine for paying SCHC membership dues twice
 - Olivia Valentine confirms she has been refunded

- **Electronics/Media Committee-**
 - Newsletter will be ready next week
 - If anyone would like to help with the Newsletter, please contact Wanda Wood.
- **Expo/Annual Meeting Committee-**
 - Expo will be at T.Ed.Garrison Arena February 15th,2020
 - Sean Eastman asks about clinicians and what SCHC pays them
 - Wanda says “Generally we have about 4 and a lot of clinicians will donate their time. A lot of times, they’ll donate their time and we just pay their expenses.”
 - Clinicians mentioned in consideration for the Expo: Keri Swanson, Mozon McCibbins(suggested by Sean Eastman),
 - Wanda makes a motion on behalf of the Expo Committee to have the Expo location, date budget approved that was sent out via email.
 - Votes: Merry Roberson-no
 - Carl Cartwright-yes
 - Dennis Moss- yes
 - Sean Eastman-yes
 - Ethan Bedford-yes
 - Susan Bedford-yes
 - Olivia Valentine-yes
 - Pamela Worthy-yes
 - Wanda Wood-yes
 - Mark McCarter-yes
 - Ashley McCarter-yes
 - Donna Patterson-yes
 - Tommy Doyle-abstains from vote due to being late to meeting.
 - Motion is passed.

- **Trails Committee-**
 - Wanda notifies that we are down to 2 boxes left of the trail booklets.
 - We have been given an “un-official” approval of grant help from Parks and Recreation. Wanda says “They want to help us as much as their budget will allow.”
 - We are looking at creating an app that correlates with our trails booklet, and re-make our trail booklet and make the maps larger. -Wanda
 - Hoping to have our annual ride at the Expo.-Wanda
- **Horse Welfare Committee-**
 - Lancaster County Animal Control contacted SCHC requesting a grant to have a horse gelded, which has also opened up another door for SCHC to present our Animal Control horse **program**.-
Wanda
 - A later goal is to look into the Euthanasia Grant and promoting it, and having an article written in our newsletter-Wanda
 - Carl Cartwright recommends we refer to the article in the American Horse Council when writing our article about Euthanasia. Carl will send said article to the Horse Welfare Committee.
- **Membership Committee-**
 - Wanda reminds members to promote the SCHC and our committees and our programs as much as possible.
- **District Reports-**
 - Wanda reminds members that we hope to have each District host an obstacle event and at the end of the year, SCHC will present awards for winners at the Expo.

-Merry updates she has 2 vendors for the Expo. Wanda makes a note to contact Merry when it comes time to pursue possible vendors.

-Wanda asks if the upstate would be willing to host an obstacle course, and if so, can you coordinate and communicate with your District director.

-5 obstacle events is the goal before February

- **New Business-**

-Wanda nominates Olivia Valentine as Vice President for External Activities.

-Carl opens to invite any board member to nominate any board member for any other position.

-Tommy Doyle makes a motion that we close nominations.

-Wanda 2nds, Carl 3rds, Motion carried.

-Votes for Olivia Valentine as Vice President of External Activities- Wanda Woods-yes

Sean Eastman-yes

Tommy Doyle-yes

Merry Roberson-yes

Ethan Bedford-yes

Susan Bedford-yes

Pamela Worthy-yes

Carl Cartwright-yes

Dennis Moss-yes

Mark McCarter-yes

Ashley McCarter-yes

Olivia Valentine-yes

Donna Patterson-yes

-Motion is passed.

-Wanda makes motion to adjourn.

-Carl and Olivia 2nds

-Merry proposes SCHC BoD do whatever they can to get new members(handing out membership applications, etc) and also proposes free membership

-Carl asks Merry to get with Wendy and form a solid proposal with facts and evidence regarding membership growth and have it ready to present at the next meeting (aug. 12)

-Ethan Bedford mentions our membership will grow when SCHC has more events in our Districts

-Ashley McCarter mentions that generally, there is more commitment from someone if they pay for something, rather than it being free.

-If you have any interests or ideas for growing membership, Wanda encourages members to join the Membership Committee, or if you would like to attend a meeting to share ideas/thoughts and have no interest joining the committee, you are welcome to do so.