

2019 August Meeting Minutes

Laurens County Cooperative Extension, 219 W Laurens St., Laurens, SC 29360

Attendance: Wanda Wood, Carl Cartwright, Olivia Valentine, Ivory Johnson, Donna Patterson, Merry Roberson, Ashley McCarter, Cassie LeMaster, Mark McCarter, Tommy Doyle

Included: Final report, Equisure fact sheet, Tommy's report from the American Horse Council Annual meeting

Financial Report -Donna (handout). Scholarship winner of the \$1500 has not cashed her check. We will reach out to her one last time giving her until Oct 31, 2019 to cash the check. The State fair is Oct 12th let Wanda know if you would like to help set up a booth and present check to winners. Tommy made a motion to accept final report. Report was approved.

Sponsor Committee- It was requested that sponsorship information be resent to board. Carl reinitiated that each board member should be working on sponsors. He would like for each board member to contact at least 2 potential sponsors. Donna restated that we are not refunding SCHC we need to be working on sponsors as well as ways to bring in money.

Ivory suggested asking for feedback from old sponsors. How can we improve on our part? Did they sponsor for more business or to support the SC equine industry? How can we improve?

Electronic Media-Wanda apologized for not getting our newsletter out yet. She has had to redo it twice. Some board members were not getting newsflashes. Wanda will check to be sure everyone is on the list.

Expo/Annual meeting Committee-

So far, they have CONFIRMED Charlotte Cannon- Echo Tapping, Kelly Macqueen- Equine Law, Search and Rescue Competition – Anderson County vs York County, Obstacle Challenge Finals Committee encourages all board to take part in the statewide obstacle challenge.

Trail Committee- We will be having a pleasure trail ride at Fant's Grove on Feb 16. Donna said be sure to get a permit.

Wanda said can apply for a grant to create an app from our trail's booklet. Or to redo the one we have since we are close to being out. Everyone suggested the app. It was suggested that we ask if we could charge for the app since there would be a maintenance fee. (Wanda ask we can charge a reasonable fee)

Horse Welfare Committee- We've taken in a few calls one about a horse limping wanting the council to do something. SCHC does not investigate abuse or neglect we send folks to the proper authorities.

<https://www.schorsementscouncil.org/horse-health-programs.html>

Membership Committee- Wendy sent in a report there are currently 125 memberships (votes) and 1 Business Membership. We still have folks joining.

Merry shared information on members she received from Membership Chair Wendy

2017	2018	2019 (as of 8.5.19)
Association 3	Association 4	Association 4
Family 28	Family 22	Family 14
Farm 20	Farm 10	Farm 12
Individual 71	Individual 70	Individual 49
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Carl said the numbers were not adding up to what our financial report shows. Wanda said also to what she was given from Wendy. Merry suggested free Memberships (for now), but must join before or on Annual Expo day to vote and get in Free to Expo (or reduced price) just to increase membership list & possible volunteers. Mark asked what about long time members who paid.

Another example was Free memberships to those who do not OWN horses.....

Ex: horse boarding facilities, equine rescue groups, law enforcement to keep abreast of SCHC involvements & activities, animal control for large animals, trail rides (organized & open to public) on someone's property who don't own horses.

Really need to push the insurance. All board members need to know what it is about and be sure to state the correct information. <https://www.schorsementscouncil.org/insurance.html>

It was suggested to put together a brochure or a single page that can be shared. Wanda said we had to be sure anything was approved by Equisure Insurance. (Wanda checked with Equisure they have a one-page facts sheet that we can modify for SCHC. Included in meeting minutes)

Merry suggested a trifold brochure to explain Equisure & to include a synopsis of Frequently Asked Questions..... since people have to join SCHC to purchase ins, give special incentive to join & purchase ins.... such as:

A. Ind Member \$20 + Ind Ins \$20 = \$40 (SCHC makes \$1 on ins).... offer pkg for \$35

B. Fam Member \$40 + Fam Ins \$40 = \$80.....offer pkg for \$75

NC Horse Council does something like these for incentives. Yes, we would lose the extra \$s from ins & have to suck up a few \$s loss on membership, BUT could be incentive to increase memberships.

It was discussed that membership was most likely down due to not holding an expo. But that we were still getting paid members as of a week ago. Merry concluded that she would like the board to push membership.

Legislative Committee – no report

District Reports- District 2 held an education talk about the EECVI.

Commitments on Obstacle Challenge in each district. Carl and Ila are holding a Nature Trail Clinic for District 4 and 5. Please invite folks to attend.

New Business- Tommy gave a report from the American Horse Council Annual meeting. He has been attending the annual meeting for 18 years. He said that the ASPCA are now involved in the AHC. They have a couple of seats on their board. He has seen a change with AHC. There was discussion on AHC thoughts on end of life.

Tommy also suggested checking out the AQHA and AHC for grants.

Tommy said July 2020 is Horse Day he'd like SCHC to join his business to help folks be able to see horses. They hosted one this year and it was a big success.

South Carolina Horsemens Council			
Treasurer's Report			
2019			
Balance brought forward on 1/1/2019			25,043.41
Income in January:			
Dues		455.00	
Insurance		100.00	
Withdrawal from Scholarship		1,000.00	
Interest		2.18	1,557.18
Expenses in January:			
Paypal Fees		18.51	
Sarah Prynne -Scholarship		1,500.00	
Paige Harris - Scholarship		500.00	
Equisure - Ins. Sold		247.00	
Ralph's Trophy Shop		98.79	
Clemson Univ. - Sandhill Rent		250.00	
Tulip - Insurance for Sandhill		103.00	-2,717.30
Income in February:			
Dues		330.00	
Insurance		20.00	
Merchandise		2.10	
Interest		1.96	354.06
Expenses in February:			
PayPal Fees		10.03	
Equisure		19.00	
Vistaprint - postcards		258.18	-287.21
Income in March:			
Dues		240.00	
Merchandise		2.10	
Interest		2.03	244.13
Expenses in March:			
SCUEC - Ad		100.00	
Thoroughbred Retirement		100.00	
Paypal Fees		3.12	
W. Manos - Postage		200.02	
Dues refund-Valentine		35.00	-438.14
Income in April:			
Merchandise		114.20	
Dues		125.00	
Shipping & Handling		22.50	
Insurance		20.00	
Interest		2.22	283.92
Expenses in April:			
Paypal fees		6.06	
ELCR - Donation		100.00	
W. Wood - Misc. Expenses		274.32	-380.38
Income in May:			
Dues		80.00	
Merchandise		102.10	
Shipping & Handling		15.00	
Interest		2.13	199.23
Expenses in May:			
J. Twigg-Postage		29.87	
Paypal Fees		6.45	
Wood/Ramsey - Gelding	H.W.	175.00	
Equisure		38.00	
Re-order checks		113.23	-362.55
Income in June:			
Interest		1.92	1.92
Expenses in June:			
Mailing/Postage		18.06	
Clemson University - Buist		450.00	-468.06
Income in July:			
Dues		50.00	
Merchandise		44.70	
Shipping & Handling		7.50	
Interest		2.24	104.44
Expenses in July:			
Paypal		3.76	
BCHA - Dues		250.00	
SCQHA - Ad		75.00	-328.76
Income in August:			
Sponsors		100.00	
Dues		50.00	150.00
Expenses in August:			
PayPal Fees		4.20	-4.20
Balance in Account			22,951.69
Less Designated Funds			-2,851.57
Available Balance			20,100.12
Balance in Scholarship Fund			1,104.67
Designated Funds:			
Horse Welfare	1,257.37	(added \$1,000 in 2019)	
STEP Grant	94.20		
Trails	500.00		
NETC	1,000.00		
Total	2,851.57		

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offers members

Personal Excess Liability Insurance

\$1,000,000 aggregate limit

\$1,000,000 per occurrence

- **Eligibility:** Individual or Family memberships
Individual is defined as a single member
Family is defined as you, your residence partner, and your resident children less than 18 years of age
- **Premium:** \$20 per declared individual
\$40 per declared family
- **Term:** Coverage starts on member join date & ends on December 31.
- **Coverage:** Accidental bodily injury, accidental damage to property or personal injury while engaged in a “covered activity.”
See the Equisure, Inc. proposal for covered activities
- **Exclusions:** Equestrian businesses & business related activities.
See the master policy for a full list of exclusions
- **Claims:** Contact Equisure, Inc. at
1-800-752-2472
Record all details of the incident, including any witness’s names & contact information.



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For more information please visit

<https://www.schorsemencouncil.org/insurance.html>

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2019 American Horse Council National Issues Forum

June 9-12, 2019

Washington Marriott Georgetown

Washington DC

I attended the 2019 National issues Forum in Washington. This year's meeting, as usual, covers multiple segments and interest in the equine industry.

Second Careers, animal welfare, and end of life decisions dominated the discussion this year.

The biggest Federal legislation pertaining to equines is the PAST Act (Prevent All Soring Tactics). The amendment is to the HPA (Horse Protection Act). The purpose of this amendment is to prevent "action Devices in the "Big Lick" horses. The following is statement from the AHC. The AHC fully supports the amendment.

"... PAST Act

The PAST act would amend the HPA to prohibit a Tennessee Walking Horse, a Racking Horse, or a Spotted Saddle Horse from being shown, exhibited, or auctioned with an "action device," or "a weighted shoe, pad, wedge, hoof band or other device or material" if it is constructed to artificially alter the gait of the horse and is not strictly protective or therapeutic. These new prohibitions would not apply to other breeds that do not have a history of soring. The legislation would also increase fines and penalties for violations, including the potential for a lifetime ban for repeat offenders. The bill would create a new licensing process for horse show inspectors, eliminating the current often criticized designated qualified persons (DQPs) program. The bill would require the U.S. Department of Agriculture to train, license and appoint new independent inspectors for shows and other HPA-regulated activities that wish to hire an inspector. Licensed or accredited veterinarians would be given preference for these positions. The decision to hire and cost of an inspector would still reside with the management of a show, sale or auction."

There were several speakers there to discuss second careers and end of life ending decisions. The two that stood out to me were the Right Horse Foundation <https://therighthorse.org/> and the Home for every horse <https://ahomeforeveryhorse.com/>. What stood out with these, in particular the The right horse is the collaboration between industry, Veterinarian's, ASPCA, and the HSUS. A shift that happened within the last year.

The wild horse population continues to be a problem. Bruce Rittenhouse from the Bureau of Land management said the current plan the BLM is using ".....is not sustainable". Pressure from welfare groups, a shrinking budget and an ever increasing herd size are cited as reasons for unsustainability.

Horses kept in corral cost \$4.99 a day, on pasture \$2 a day. BLM cares for roughly 75,000 horses, burros and donkeys. There are no true accurate numbers for wild horses, burros, and donkeys. BLM's count is roughly 75,000. This doesn't include estimates as low as 45,000 to over 100,000 on tribal land. Estimates are that 16,000 to 18,000 would need to be culled from the herd just to maintain current numbers. To exacerbate the problem approximately 80% of the mares are in foal.

Solutions are costly-

Round ups to castrate or for birth control for mare can cost up to \$1000 a horse. One of the contributing factors to the cost is a round up on this scale is usually done by helicopter. Fertility and castration work long term, but doesn't fix immediate problem.

Euthanasia is extremely expensive. Not the euthanasia itself, but the cost of disposal.

With the defunding of the slaughter plants, that is not an option.

July 20 is national meet a horse day. The AHC was promoting it and encouraging farms to participate.

CBD oil was discussed and met with a mixed reaction. The main issue is that there isn't a lot of science it when it comes to equine. Lots of testimonials, but not a lot of science. It's not regulated by the FDA and is being treated as a supplement in the equine industry. It's not promoted or discouraged by the AAEP. My opinion in listening to the room is that there were more skeptics than believers. There was concern of both sides when it came to drug test, and or approved supplements for competition horses.

The 4 day event wrapped up with visits to the Hill. I met with Rep Cunningham from the 1st Congressional District of SC. I asked for and received his support for the amendment to the Horse Protection Act.

Submitted by

Tommy Doyle.



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Prevent All Soring Tactics Act

Introduction

On March 30, 2017, Representatives Ted Yoho (R-FL) and Kurt Schrader (D-OR) re-introduced the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2015 (HR 1847) (PAST act) in the House of Representatives. The bill is intended to strengthen the Horse Protection Act (HPA) and prevent the soring of Tennessee Walking Horses, Racking Horses, and Spotted Saddle Horses. The bill is identical to the bill introduced last Congress and is supported by the American Horse Council and most national horse show organizations.

Background

Soring is an abusive practice used by some to train Tennessee Walking Horses, Spotted Saddle Horses, and Racking Horses. It usually involves the use of action devices, chemicals, pads, wedges or other practices to cause pain in the horse's forelegs and produce an accentuated show gait for competition. Despite the existence of a federal ban on soring for over forty years, this cruel practice continues in some segments of the walking horse industry.

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The legislation would also increase fines and penalties for violations, including the potential for a lifetime ban for repeat offenders.

The bill would create a new licensing process for horse show inspectors, eliminating the current often criticized designated qualified persons (DQPs) program. The bill would require the U.S. Department of Agriculture to train, license and appoint new independent inspectors for shows and other HPA-regulated activities that wish to hire an inspector. Licensed or accredited veterinarians would be given preference for these positions. The decision to hire and cost of an inspector would still reside with the management of a show, sale or auction.



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Many national horse show organizations have endorsed the PAST Act including;

The American Horse Council
The American Quarter Horse Association
The American Association of Equine Practitioners
The American Paint Horse Association
The U.S. Equestrian Federation
The American Morgan Horse Association
The Pinto Horse Association of America
The Arabian Horse Association
The American Saddlebred Horse Association
The United Professional Horsemen's Association
The Appaloosa Horse Club

Many state and local horse organizations also support the bill.

Congressional Action

The bill has been referred to the House Commerce Committee and currently has 335 co-sponsors.

AHC Position

Various efforts have been made since enactment of the HPA forty years ago to stop the soring of horses and they have not worked. This bill is focused on the problem it is intended to solve and does not adversely affect other segments of the show industry that are not soring horses and have no history of soring horses.

The AHC supports the bill and urges all members of the horse industry to contact their Representative and ask them to support the bill and become a co-sponsor.

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