

SCHC Board of Director's Meeting

January 27, 2014

6.00 pm

Clemson Diagnostic Lab

Attendees: William Bell, Gary Biggerstaff, Carl Cartwright, Ben Doyle, Dr. Adam Eichelberger, Julia Fisher, David Grant, Marsha Hewitt, Diana Hunt, Wendy Manos, Merry Roberson, Jeanie Sabbagha, Susan Sorenyi-Sander, Bill Steele, Lellie Ward and Wanda Wood

The January 27, 2014 SCHS **Board of Director's Meeting** was opened by Bill Steel with a welcome and opening prayer.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Bill Steele. It reflects a 2013 year-end balance of \$22, 440.50; \$6,240.50 in the Scholarship Fund and \$17,787.07 in the NETC Account. It was noted that an expense in the amount of \$150.00 for Taste of SC Booth should be deleted. The Taste of SC was cancelled and this expense was not incurred. The current Treasurer's Report indicates an available fund balance of \$19,155.74 with the Scholarship and NETC account balances remaining the same. The Treasurer's Report was approved with the above noted correction.

Expo 2014 – Wanda Wood presented updated information on the Expo 2014, to be held February 8. Help is needed on February 7 to assemble 200 buckets for distribution to visitors.

District Director – There is currently an opening for District Director in District #1.

The **Standards of Horse Care in South Carolina** brochure is available on our web site. <http://www.schorseouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Standards-For-Horse-Care-In-South-Carolina-12-16-13.pdf> Currently, there are no funds available for printing the brochures. Motion made and passed to provide funds for the printing and distribution. Dr. Adam Eichelberger advised the brochure may need slight tweaking pending the audience it is directed to (law enforcement, private owner....).

William Bell updated on the **SC Admissions Tax** assessed by the SC Department of Revenue. Meetings between the DOR, Department of Agriculture and Farm Bureau have not changed the DOR's interpretation that an admissions tax should be assessed on any event that causes comfort, is mind easing, relaxing or enjoyable (excludes 501 C

3 organizations). The Ward Trail Ride has been assessed an admissions tax going back three years for their bi-annual trail rides. Motion made and approved to have this reviewed by our legal counsel and be formally addressed in writing by Bill Steele against this tax for equine events.

Raffle tickets for the Marsh Tacky, Southern Brawn were distributed. Southern Brawn is currently in training with Rachel Post. Lacie Aerhart and Mercy Southern Dream will be attending the EXPO and presented just before Southern Brawn.

The **Membership Chair** is currently open. There were no volunteers for this position. We may have to consider having a non-council person handle this. Suggestions were made to have renewal notices generated to current members at the end of each year.

Information regarding the **Spring Trail Ride** will be distributed by Bill Steele. The ability to ride at Otarre Point is moving forward. It is hoped there will be a spring ride at this site to introduce the trails to the public.

Dr. Adam Eichelberger announced there have been 15 cases of **Pigeon Fever** in SC. A flyer from Clemson is being created and will be distributed.

A beta web site is under development as a symptom checker for equine:

www.horsedvm.com