

SCHC May Meeting
June 6, 2011
Clemson Ext, State Vet Office
500 Clemson Road, Columbia, SC

Present: Terry Boger, Bill Boger, Cecil Watkins, Kaye Watkins, Adam Eichelberger, Diana Hunt, Jim Edwards, Bill Steele, Betty Rankin, Carol Deacon, Trisha Dingle, Mary Quarles,

Absent: Tim Sigmon, Elizabeth Steed, Donna Patterson, Lynn Holcomb, Hayward Simmons, Dee Cross, Keith Stafford, Susan Sander, Tommy Doyle, Kip Bowman, Debbie Garris

Guests: Marsha Hewitt SC Dept of Ag. & Anne Edwards

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bill Steele. President Terry Boger assigned meeting roles and welcomed everyone. Minutes and Action Items were reviewed by Secretary Kaye Watkins. Terry Boger made a motion to accept minutes as written, Cecil Watkins second, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Betty Rankin to accept as presented, second by Bill Steele, motion carried.
General Funds: \$14,156.30
Scholarship Fund \$8,195.07

Horse Welfare Committee: Email sent by Elizabeth Steed & read by Terry Boger in Elizabeth's absence. "I have been in touch with the Unwanted Horse Council as well as several states with minimum standards of care for equine. This is a sticky wicket at best and I have mixed feelings about it as I know many of you do. I spoke with Tim Lyons of Colleton County today and the judge in the Bible Camp Case was inundated with phone calls from concerned horse people. Unfortunately, the calls made the judge feel strong armed into making a decision and, as you can imagine, that did not sit well with him. This case is a perfect example of why we need minimum standards of care for equine and it is also the poster case for well meaning horse people coming across as radical, extremist, bullies. That is exactly the image we do not need to portray as it closes more doors than it opens. We will get more bees with honey, so I propose we move forward with practical, common sense methods and keep the focus on the welfare of the horses."

We also were sorry to hear of Elizabeth contracting Lyme's Disease. We wish her a speedy recovery.

2012 Expo: Kaye Watkins reviewed comparisons between the State Fairgrounds and the SC Equine Park for the SCHC 2012 Expo and Annual Meeting. After much discussion, a motion was made by Betty Rankin to hold it at the SC Equine Park, Camden, SC. It was seconded by Bill Steele. The motion carried. The 2012 Expo will be held in Feb. The specific date will be set as quickly as possible. The Expo committee will make recommendations on gate fees and clinicians for the 2012 event.

Trails: Jim Edwards

The SCHC Annual Trail ride is set for Nov. 17-20 at Lakeview Plantation. Please mark your calendars to attend. Hayward Simmons and Lakeview Plantation will again host this event. This is a good opportunity for the Board members to have a weekend of riding and socializing as well as meet prospective new members.

Jim and crew are still mapping trails, he says this will continue on into 2012, it is time consuming and there are lots of trails to do. The Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference (SETC) is in Auburn, Ala, this summer. Jim will be attending to represent the SCHC. He has encouraged the BOD to consider hosting the event again in the near future. It was a great money maker for us but a lot of work. He suggests that members who have not attended the SETC, to go and see what it is all about. The 2012 SETC will be hosted by Kentucky.

Membership: Mary Quarles

Mary states that we have 200 in memberships, this doesn't include out sponsors. She will be updating the membership file and emailing it out to the BOD. All BOD members are encouraged to work on suggestions on how to increase the membership. Please email suggestions to Mary and Terry.

Newsletter: Cecil Watkins

Cecil has asked that articles be sent to Larissa and him by June 15, 2011 or as soon as possible. He suggests writing about anything that you think would be interesting to equine people. He would rather have too much than not enough.

Equine Health: Adam Eichelberger, DMV

Adam updated the board on the Herpes outbreak that occurred in Ogden, UT. He also gave us a hand out on the disease that is on the Clemson Website: www.clemson.edu/lph He explained how to help prevent this disease and what to do should you have an outbreak with your horse or where you are boarding your horse(s). If you have any questions, please contact Adam, who will answer them or get you an answer.

Equine Census: Adam Eichelberger, DMV

A committee was formed to review and discuss more options and to determine “What do we want a census for?”. The committee members are Adam Eichelberger, chairman, Terry Boger, Marsha Hewitt, Mary Quarles.

Old Business:

Insurance: Terry Boger will be getting more info from Jackie Starnes concerning insurance coverage for the SCHC. She will send that info via email.

Decals: Kaye Watkins obtained prices on 4 x 4 clear, white print decals to help with exposure of the Horsemen’s Council. We will give them to members and use them as a tool to get others curious to check out the SCHC and become a member. The cost for 1500 permanent decals will be \$410.04. These are clear with square corners.

The shipping cost is estimated at \$15.00, and the graphics charge will be \$40.00
Motion made by Bill Steele, seconded by Bill Boger to order, motion carried.

Trisha Dingle will be hosting a “town meeting” at Whitehaven Plantation, Aug. 19, 2011 to promote the SCHC. This will include State Vet update, Farrier clinic and info on the SCHC, information to follow on specifics. Everyone is encouraged to attend if possible.

| Action Items | Assigned To | Date Assigned | Target Date | Status |
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| Newsletter - Get articles to Cecil and Larissa by 6/15/11 | ALL | 5/9/11 | 6/15/11 | |
| Confirm plans & date for Expo 2012 at SC Equine Park | Kaye Watkins | 6/6/11 | 08/08/11 | |
| Evaluate emailing Newsletters - Reduce printing and postage | Cecil Watkins | 5/9/11 | 7/30/11 | Carry forward |
| Liability Ins for SCHC - Get more info prior to June meeting | Terry Boger | 5/9/11 | 6/6/11 | Carry forward |
| Consider how to get Equine Census | Committee | 6/6/11 | 8/8/11 | |
| SCHC Annual Trail Ride | ALL | 6/6/11 | 11/17-20/11 | |
| Suggestions on how to increase membership | ALL | 6/6/11 | 8/8/11 | |
| Town Meeting Whitehaven Plantation – all BOD members invited | Trish Dingle | 6/6/11 | 8/19/11 | |
| Promote Heart Fund Beach Ride & recommend prospective sponsors & vendors | All BOD members | 06/06/11 | 08/08/11 | |

Respectfully Submitted
Kaye Watkins, SCHC Secretary

Next Meeting: August 8, 2011-6:30 PM Clemson Vet Office: 500 Clemson Road, Columbia, SC.