

SC Horsemen's Council
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2007
Dan Ramage Center

Present: President Carol Deacon, Tim Sigmon, Jim Edwards, Cecil Watkins, Mary Quarles, John Conner, Kaye Watkins, Ivory Johnson.

Absent: Bill Steele, Ellen Hutto, Anthony Dyches, Donna Patterson, Rebecca Housley, and Lloyd Baxley.

Guests: Jamie Roberts & Mary Ellen Tobias.

Meeting opened with prayer given by Kaye Watkins.

Minutes reviewed from August meeting and approved as written.

Build an effective Board:

District 5: Cecil Watkins has had no response from a prospective Director for this district.

District 1: Jim Edwards presented Jamie Roberts for nomination as Director for District 1. Motion to nominate made by Jim, 2nd by Kaye Watkins. Jamie was confirmed as a new Director.

We still have some other vacant positions that board members are encouraged to find candidates for.

Advisory Council: A lot of discussion centered around whether or not we need this committee and who would serve on it. Ideally the general membership would fill this role. This could enable them to keep the board filled in on the general concerns and needs of the horse community. Advisory may not be the correct name. Carol Deacon suggested a cross section of people to represent the voice of horse owners. Cecil Watkins suggested we invite presidents of all horse associations and others who have equine related ties to a meeting. Tim Sigmon would like to get participation from these groups, yet not get diverted as to what our agenda is really concerning. This could be a round table discussion for input and suggestions.

We decided to wait on forming a committee. People to be invited could include, Feed Distributors, Hay producers, Trailer Distributors, Vets, etc. A date will be set later.

Treasurers Report: Carol Deacon gave the treasures report in Donna Patterson's absence. Donna has made noticeable improvements in the reporting and accounting for SCHC funds. Jamie Roberts will check to see if we qualify for Bulk rate postage.

Sponsorship: Cecil gave a hand out to compare sponsorships for SCHC and the Annual Meeting & Expo. We need Ellen Hutto's new sponsorship recommendations.

Membership: Mary Quarles has investigated how other states handle membership. She will give a proposal at the next meeting on what changes she thinks we should make. Any membership changes will require changes in the by-laws.

Scholarship: Jim Edwards & Kaye Watkins will be determining what will be necessary to get this moving forward. Jim will get info from Donna Patterson on past sponsor contributions.

By-Laws: Carol asked that we form a By-Law committee. Members will be Carol Deacon, Mary Quarles, Ivory Johnson, Cecil Watkins.

SETC: Jim gave a hand out on what has been done and what the next steps are. He also emailed this to all board members.

Nominating: Cecil reminded the Nominating committee members that we need to develop a list of nominees for the Feb election. These will need to be published in the next newsletter. Committee members are: Jim Edwards,

John Conner, Ivory Johnson, Rebecca Housley, Cecil Watkins. Positions that have to be voted on at the annual meeting are: President, First Vice President, District 1 Director (Jamie Roberts), District 3 Director (Lloyd Baxley), District 5 Director (vacant), At Large Directors (Bill Steele, Tim Sigmon, 2 vacant).

Legislation: Carol brought up the new Promotion Bill. She advised that it appeared the SCHC could support the new (#4305) bill as written. When this bill comes out of committee it may change from its present form. We will have to decide at that time how we will respond.

The Board adjourned and celebrated Ivory Johnson's birthday with a delicious cake.

Next Meeting: Oct. 8 @ 6:30pm @ Dan Ramage Center, 1001 Bluff Road, Columbia

Action Items:

1. Board members need to recommend candidates for offices to the Nominating Committee by Oct. meeting
2. Ellen needs to send the board her recommendations on sponsorships before the next meeting
3. Mary Quarles will make a proposal at the next meeting on what changes she thinks we should make in membership.
4. Carol will communicate with the members of the By-Laws committee on how to proceed
5. All Board members need to start sending information to Cecil for developing the next newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kaye Watkins, Secretary

Action Items September 10th, 2007

Action	Assigned to	Date Assigned	Target Date	Status
Update Sponsorship levels benefits & send to Board	Ellen	8/13/07	NOW	
Contact Judy Boozer	Carol	8/13/07	8/27/07	
Info From Ag Dept	Carol	8/13/07	8/27/07	
Flyers for Annual Mtg & Expo	Ivory	8/13/07	10/08/07	Ongoing
Contact Bobby Long	Tim/Jim	9/10/07	10/08/07	
Each District Person is to contact 2 people, about round table discussion, AQHA, SCDA, etc	ALL	9/10/07	10/08/07	
USPO/Bulk Rate Qualify	Jamie	9/10/07	10/08/07	
Budget for next Newsletter	Cecil	09/10/07	10/08/07	
By Law Changes on membership/next Newsletter	Cecil	09/10/07		
3 alternatives on what SCHC can offer on memberships & campaign	Mary	09/10/07	10/08/07	
Contact Lloyd Baxley	Carol	09/10/07	10/08/07	
Scholarship Recommendation & moving forward	Jim Kaye	09/10/07	10/08/07	
By Law Changes	Mary, Carol, Cecil, Ivory	09/10/07	????	
EXPO, contact folks for help, get meeting scheduled	Ellen	09/10/07	By10/08/07	
SETC	Planning Committee		ON GOING-----	