

South Dakota Horse Council
Annual Meeting
April 23, 2011

The South Dakota Horse Council held its annual meeting April 23, 2011 at the South Dakota State University Animal Science Walstrom Room in Brookings, South Dakota. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by President Gene Carr. Members present were: Brenda Miller, Crooks; Jo & Rich Waldner, Brookings; Gene & Carrie Carr, Hayti; Rhonda Dinan, Harrisburg; Janice Cronin, Elkton; Doug & Diane Nickel, Canistota; Rebecca Bott, Brookings; Robin Mathison, Canton; Machel Bonde, Brookings; Alise Nickel, Canistota; Amanda Hersom, Garretson; Jayne & Courtney Solberg, Baltic; Freida Fossum, Hartford; Sheila Mathison, Canton; Walter Schaefer, Winfred; Erin McCora, Baltic; Dr. R.M. Christensen, Harrisburg; Dave Dangel, Sioux Falls; Sarah Johnson, Valley Springs and Claude Roebuck, Sioux Falls. Janet Hansen, Ft. Pierre was the representative for the South Dakota Quarter Horse Association and Janine Heifner was the representative for the Rushmore State Morgan Horse Association.

The Secretary's report was read by Secretary, Rhonda Dinan. There were some spelling corrections, but no additions.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer, Diane Nickel with \$4,612.16 in Checking, \$15,064.72 in Savings, and \$7,158.29 in a CD that will mature in May. There was discussion about the income and expenses for the Horse Fair and there were a couple of bad checks written during the Horse Fair and collections still had to be made for a banner and one ad that was printed in the program book. There was some discussion about bank fees and further discussion was added to New Business. Rhonda Dinan made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read and Rebecca Bott seconded it. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

The South Dakota Horse Fair Committee report was given by Chairperson Doug Nickel. The 21st Annual Horse Fair took place on March 18-20th at the Expo Building in Sioux Falls. The main clinician was Julie Goodnight and there were many good comments about her.

- Set up started Wednesday morning and the inmates usually used were unavailable because they were filling sandbags for flooding in other parts of the state. Doug and the fair crew set the stalls and the arena in the south room.
- Set up for the trade show went well with new volunteers helping with the curtains and set up. Although it was still a struggle to get enough help during the event. Horse Council has directors that do not help with the one event that funds the Horse Council. Volunteers were needed to help in the lecture area to introduce speakers and help keep the area presentable. There were also times when the chairpersons for an area were not available for questions.
- There were several people hired to help with cleaning the restrooms, and they also were used throughout the rest of the event as well.
- The gate income was down this year as the financial report reflects, but some expenses were shaved from other areas.
- The Horseman's Challenge was a new event and was very well received. There were 20 entries and 19 participated. Jackets were presented to all of the contestants and have proven to be very popular and very good for the entire Horse Fair. Janet Hansen commented the entries were too low.
- In the Youth Area there 44 kids representing 8 counties and 1 FFA Chapter for the Hippology Contest. It was organized by the SD Arabian Horse Assoc. again this year. The horse judging contest had 17 beginners, 16 juniors and 18 seniors and nine counties were represented. Patty Larson coordinated the Horse Safety training and there were about 125 people attending. Kris Kalb was the presenter. The Horse Safety was moved from the Armory to the South Arena and there were comments that the Horseman's Challenge contestants warming up at the far end of the arena were distracting and a wireless microphone would have been very helpful. Some 4-H clubs have also asked to bring back the Pink Flamingo Scavenger Hunt.
- Breed Boulevard was represented by 17 breeds which was a dramatic increase from years past. Stallion Avenue had 5 Stallions and all competed in the Horseman's Challenge.
- The Horse Fair Committee put on the Ranch Rodeo again this year. There were 18 teams competing in 4 events. There were 2 sponsors for added money with Schoeneman's Building Center with \$500 and Western Working Horse with \$200. The Ranch Rodeo had a \$160 profit.
- The committee is considering doing Electronic Entries for the future.
- Jayne Solberg requested the committee renegotiate with the Fairgrounds on the price. The Fairgrounds were very dirty and we should get a discount if committee members have to clean up the area and set up the stalls and arena. Rebecca Bott suggested the committee make a list and presented it to the Fairboard.
- Jo Waldner also suggested moving it to the Swiftel Center in Brookings.
- Next Horse Fair Committee Meeting will be held May 3rd 6:30 pm, Pizza Ranch, Madison, SD.

The Trail Riding Committee report was given by Richard Waldner.

The Paint Horse Association will have their ride this year in Custer and the South Dakota Trail Riding Association has a website of all of their rides. Richard suggested instead of putting all of the rides on our website we just put a link to the Association's site.

The Legislative Committee report was given by Chairperson Jo Waldner.

Animal Welfare and Animal Abuse Legislation

- State Vet, Dr. Dusty Odekoven and the Animal Industry Board has formed a working group to address animal welfare issues and propose proactive legislation. This group met to revisit livestock treatment laws which haven't been revised since 1991. Gene Carr and Jo Waldner attended 2 meetings on this matter. At the first meeting they presented information from the American Horse Council. There was a follow-up meeting in September. There was a legislator from West River that expressed her belief that the "Laws were ok" and this ended most of the discussion.
 - There was discussion on complaints about horses that are being mistreated. The complaints should go to the Animal Industry Board and not to the County Sherriff. When the complaint goes to the Animal Industry Board a vet will be sent to evaluate the situation.
 - The Extension Service is working on guidelines by species.

Animal Disease Traceability Program

- The Premises ID program is basically defunct now, but horses will continue to be required to have coggins test and health papers. Rebecca Bott is working on the different requirements by State.

The Membership & Publicity Committee report was given by Chairperson Rhonda Dinan.

- The homepage is a Horse Council page with a link to the Horse Fair. sdhorsecouncil.com now can be used to get to the website and this should be used in future advertisements and correspondents.
- There is a list of events on the website. If you would like an event on the website contact Rhonda Dinan.
- Brenda Miller requested the previous honorees be listed on the website along with a write up of history of the Horse Council. Rhonda Dinan will put together the list of honorees, but Jo Waldner will be responsible for writing the history.
- Newsletters are now being e:mailed to those who wanted them and mailed to those we did not have an e:mail address for. Rhonda sent them to those who paid membership dues in the past two years.
- Jo Waldner requested the Horse Council goals and objectives replace the Horse Fair goals on the first page of the website. The Horse Fair goals should be on the Horse Fair Committee page.

The SDSU Foundation Committee report was given by Chairman Doug Nickel.

- The buy in for the Foundation Scholarship was \$10,000 and now it is \$20,000. The original plan was to hold off on setting up the scholarship until there were enough funds for the entire amount. However the Council can start it with only a part of the funds.

The Audit Committee report was given by Rhonda Dinan

- The audit was not conducted this past year. The committee contacted a lady who agreed to do it, but Rhonda could never get any contact back from her. By the time it was apparent the chosen person was not going to work the 2011 Horse Fair was already well in progress.

There was no SDHC Booth at the SD State Fair due to lack of interest from the members.

Old Business

Audit: There was no audit performed in 2011. There was a discussion if the Council needed a forensic audit or a financial review. Janet Hansen suggested that a financial review be performed because a forensic audit would be cost prohibitive. Sarah Johnson's mother is a CPA in Sioux Falls and has experience in such reviews. She is willing to help the Council. The SD AQHA does a review and has a person who does it for free. Janine Heifner made a motion to solicit 3 bids from people who have experience with non-profit financial reviews, to include references and items to be included in their financial review by June 1, 2011. This would include a reconciliation of all financial records from the last review/audit that was performed on the Horse Council books. Jayne seconded, motion carried. Doug Nickel expressed concern that there was never a report presented to the Council the last time an audit was conducted. Also many of the records from past treasurers are not available, so some of the information needed to go that far back in unavailable. Gene Carr, Janine Heifner, and Janet Hansen will be the committee.

State 4-H Horse Show Sponsorships: Sheila Mathison made a motion to be a gold sponsor again this year for the State 4-H Horse Show. Janet Hansen second, motion carried.

New Business

Horseperson of the year applications needed to have the due date on them. The applications that were posted this year have the date on them.

Selection of 2011 SDHC scholarships: Applications were not brought to the meeting so the selection will be done at the next Horse Fair Committee meeting.

The SDSU Foundation Scholarship:

- At the last 2 Horse Fairs all of the proceeds from the Silent Auction have been dedicated to the SDSU Scholarship Fund. This amounts to about \$1,000. Rebecca Bott will find out the amount of the individual scholarships.
- Jo Waldner made a motion to start an acorn scholarship with \$5,000. Janet Hansen second, motion carried. The standing members were Doug Nickel, Chair; Brenda Miller, Rebecca Bott, Machel Bonde, Sandy Hubbard, and Jo Waldner. This committee is to draft the requirements for the scholarship recipients.

New Bank:

- Currently all of the Horse Council accounts are at Wells Fargo who is charging fees for items like making cash withdrawals. Janine Heifner made a motion that a committee research at least 3 other banks to investigate the fees associated with an account with suggestions of Home Federal Bank and First National. Consideration should be given to location of the branches. Rhonda Dinan seconded, motion carried. Horse Council Officers will form the committee for this review.

By-Laws:

- Rhonda Dinan presented some proposed changes to Article IV: Annual Meetings to include May as one of the months the annual meeting can be held. Also changes to Article VII: Committees, that committee members would be allowed to vote in committee matters not just directors. Rhonda Dinan made a motion for the officers and directors of the Horse Council to review all of the by-laws and present them at the proposed meeting to be held in the fall. Sheila Mathison second, motion carried.

Horse Council Booth Banner:

- The banner that has been used for the Silent Auction booth is very dirty, needs repairs and does not have the current logo. Rhonda Dinan and Jayne Soleburg will look into prices for a new banner.

Elections

Current director Sandy Hubbard had not paid her dues.

Directors

2014: Gene Carr, Janet Hansen, Claude Roebuck, and Jo Waldner were elected as new directors.

2013: Diane Nickel, Rebecca Bott, Machel Bonde, and Irene Graves were all standing directors.

2012: Doug Nickel, Rhonda Dinan, and Farrah Green were standing directors. Jayne Solberg was elected to replace Sandy Hubbard.

President

Gene Carr was nominated to be re-elected as President. Sheila Mathison moved to cease nominations Rebecca Bott second. Motion failed. Doug Nickel was nominated.

Ballots were cast by all members present. Due to discrepancy in the by-laws in Article III and Article IV Doug withdrew his nomination and Gene Carr was elected as President.

Vice President

Doug Nickel and Jo Waldner were nominated as Vice President. Doug Nickel was re-elected as Vice President.

Secretary

Rhonda Dinan and Rebecca Bott were nominated for Secretary. Rhonda Dinan was re-elected as Secretary.

Treasurer

Diane Nickel and Jo Waldner were nominated for Treasurer. Diane Nickel was re-elected as Treasurer.

Members who wished to serve on a committee were to give their names to Gene Carr.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm

Respectively submitted by Secretary elect Rhonda Dinan, April 30, 2011.