

South Dakota Horse Council  
Annual Meeting  
April 25, 2009

The South Dakota Horse Council held its annual meeting April 25, 2009 at the Brookings county Resource Center in Brookings South Dakota. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm by President Gene Carr. Members present were: Brenda Miller, Colton; Jo Waldner, Brookings; Judy Schroeder, Brandon; Gene Carr, Hayti; Rhonda & Tim Dinan, Harrisburg; Janice Cronin, Elkton; and Doug & Diane Nickel, Canistota.

The Treasurer's report was given by treasurer, Diane Nickel with \$1,365.11 in Checking, \$13,391.28 in Savings, and \$7,130.47 in a CD that will mature in May. There was discussion about the income and expenses of the Horse Fair. Judy Schroeder made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as read and Doug Nickel seconded it. Motion carried.

The Secretary's report was read by secretary Rhonda Dinan. There were no corrections or additions to the report. Jo Waldner made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as read and Judy Schroeder seconded it. Motion carried.

### **Elections**

The secretary will send a letter to Larry Schumacher and Jodie Svenes since they have not paid their dues and they are directors.

### Directors

2012: Doug Nickel, Brenda Miller, Rhonda Dinan, Larry Schumacher

2011: Gene Carr, Judy Schroeder, Deb Stamm, Jo Waldner

2010: Keith Fischer, Diane Nickel, Jodie Svenes, Dallas Anderson

Dallas Anderson was elected as the fourth director with Michelle Bonde as an alternate.

Jo Waldner made a motion accept all nominations for Directors and Doug Nickel seconded it. Motion carried.

### President

Judy Schroeder nominated Gene Carr to be re-elected as president. There were no other nominations. Judy Schroeder moved to accept the nomination, Doug Nickel seconded it. Motion carried.

### Vice President

Judy Schroeder nominated Keith Fischer to be re-elected as vice president. There were no other nominations. Judy Schroeder moved to accept the nomination, Diane Nickel seconded it. Motion carried.

### Secretary

Diane Nickel nominated Rhonda Dinan for secretary. There were no other nominations. Diane Nickel moved to accept the nomination, Doug Nickel seconded it. Motion carried.

### Treasurer

Judy Schroeder nominated Diane Nickel to be re-elected as treasurer. There were no other nominations. Judy Schroeder moved to accept the nomination, Tim Dinan seconded it. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

The South Dakota Horse Fair Committee report was given by Chairperson Doug Nickel. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Horse Fair took place on March 20-22 at the Expo Building in Sioux Falls. The main clinician was Stacy Westfall and there were many good comments about her. There were some comments about her not doing the bridle less reining run. The committee felt that for the price of \$1,000 was too expensive and they wanted her to explain how to get a horse the point of riding bridle less. She drew many spectators from the surrounding states.

- Trade Show: This year the trade show was full with 34 10 x 10 and 10 bulk booths filled and a waiting list was started. A number of the vendors were new exhibitors this year.
- Stallion & Breed: No real increase in numbers over 2008. There were 10 Stallions and 8 entered the Stallion Versatility contest. Owners liked the new stall layout. There were 7 different breeds represented including draft horses and other different breeds than what had been shown in the past. There was discussion of changing the versatility contest to include geldings and mares and changing the classes to include different breeds like a cart class and trail in hand, but the decision will be left up to the committee. Also there was discussion to increase the variety of breeds. Janice Cronin volunteered to help find different breeds to come for future events.
- Youth: There were 23 juniors, 14 seniors representing 7 counties and 4 different states for the hippology contest. It is organized by the SD Arabian Horse Assoc. The horse judging contest had 10 beginners, 15 juniors and 28 seniors. Thirteen counties, 2 FFA Chapters and 3 states were represented. Brianna Larson conducted the Horse Safety training and there were about 150 people attending.
- Ranch Rodeo: The Horse Fair Committee put on the Rodeo this year. There were 14 teams and 1 scratched, the events included: Pen 'n Sort, Stampede Surfing and Doctoring.
- The material for the SDHC booth was outdated and needs to be updated.

- The next Horse Fair meeting will be May 19 at the Pizza Ranch in Madison. 2010 Horse Fair dates are March 19-21.

There was no Trail Riding Committee report.

The Legislative Committee report was given by Chairperson Jo Waldner.

From the American Horse Council

- In the Economic Stimulus package there is funding for Trails: \$650 million for the Forest Service, \$750 million for the Park Service, and \$320 million for the BLM. They are looking for input as to where the money should be spent.
- The Horse Transportation Safety Act was discussed. The act restricts horses being transported in double decker trailers.
- Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act was introduced again.
- Dan Fick was a speaker at the Horse Fair and spoke about the Unwanted Horse Collision.
- The Economic Stimulus Bill has some tax incentives for operators who are buying broodmares, equipment, and other related items.

State Legislation is working to:

- Keep the National Animal Identification voluntary
- Continue to consider horses as livestock and not as companion animals.

Jo encourages everyone to visit [horsecouncil.org](http://horsecouncil.org) and get on the hot list and the Grass Roots hotline to keep up with current issues.

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

- The homepage now is a Horse Council page with a link to the Horse Fair.
- The officer's phone numbers will be published as contacts on this page.
- There is also a list of events. If you would like an event on the website contact Rhonda Dinan.
- The minutes, by-laws, a map to the fairgrounds, a link the AHC, and the newsletters will also be put up on the website.
- It was suggested that we advertise on Kelo.com

The Newsletter Committee report was given by newly appointed Chairperson Rhonda Dinan.

- There was a newsletter before the Horse Fair and there will be one coming out with the annual meeting minutes.

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

- The amount has been raised from \$10,000 -20,000, but we still might be able to set it up for the original \$10,000.
- Representatives are willing to come to a meeting and discuss the program. We would be able to set up how the funds are to be awarded. Doug will set up a time that they can come to a Horse Fair committee meeting.

### **Old Business**

Doug Nickel created an asset list of all property owned by SDHC and it was reviewed.

The South Dakota State 4-H Horse Show is still soliciting sponsorships. Doug Nickel will send the letter to Gene Carr so he can send a letter to the committee. The last time the SDHC sponsored awards the Council requested that the SDHC banner be hung and a Director would be permitted to hand out the buckles. Both of these requests were denied. Also no recognition was given to the Council for the sponsorship. The SDHC decided not to sponsor award until the requests are met.

A matching fund grant idea was brought up at the 2008 meeting, but no one on the committee was present to give a report.

### **New Business**

Doug Nickel brought up that a vet had talked to him about a mustang sanctuary in western NE was needing wormer and feed for horses that were malnourished.

Rhonda Dinan requested to have another meeting in the fall. Gene Carr will set up the time and place.

Janice Cronin brought up the idea of having rummage sales in order to increase the awareness of the Horse Council. The council will look into this idea.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm

Respectively submitted by Secretary elect Rhonda Dinan May 6, 2009.