

South Dakota Horse Council
Annual Meeting
April 17, 2010

The South Dakota Horse Council held its annual meeting April 17, 2010 at the South Dakota State University Animal Science Conference Room in Brookings South Dakota. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by President Gene Carr. Members present were: Brenda Miller, Colton; Jo & Rich Waldner, Brookings; Judy Schroeder, Brandon; Gene Carr, Hayti; Rhonda Dinan, Harrisburg; Janice Cronin, Elkton; and Doug & Diane Nickel, Canistota; Rebecca Bott, Brookings; Robin Mathison, Canton; Machel Bonde, Brookings; Alise Nickel, Canistota; Amanda Hersom, Garretson; Jayne Solberg, Baltic; Sandy Hubbard, White; Irene Graves, Woonsocket; Farrah Green, Baltic; Patty Larson, Hartford; and Courtney Solberg, Baltic.

The Treasurer's report was given by treasurer, Diane Nickel with \$16,197.19 in Checking, \$13,157.92 in Savings, and \$7,151.16 in a CD that will mature in May. There was discussion about the income and expenses for the Horse Fair and there are about \$10,000 still outstanding in bills. Rhonda Dinan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as read and Jo Waldner 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 Brenda Miller seconded it. Motion carried.

Elections

Current directors Larry Schumacher, Dallas Anderson, Jodie Svenes, and Deb Stamm had not paid dues. Jodie and Dallas' positions were both up for re-elections. Deb Stamm has been very active, but has turned in her resignation for the Horse Fair Breed & Stallion Manager, but did not give a resignation for the Horse Council. She will be contacted to find out her intentions. Larry Schumacher had not paid his dues for 2009 or 2010. The by-laws state all directors must be current on their dues. Doug Nickel made a motion to elect a new person for Larry's director position, Jo Waldner seconded it. Motion carried.

Brenda Miller resigned as a director, but would like to continue as a member.

Directors

2013: Diane Nickel, Rebecca Bott, Machel Bonde, and Irene Graves were elected as new directors.

2012: Doug Nickel and Rhonda Dinan were standing directors. Farrah Green and Sandy Hubbard were elected to replace Larry Schumacher and Brenda Miller.

2011: Gene Carr, Judy Schroeder, Deb Stamm, Jo Waldner were all standing directors.

President

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

Vice President

Rhonda Dinan nominated Doug Nickel to be elected as vice president. There were no other nominations. Rhonda Dinan moved to accept the nomination, Rebecca Bott seconded it. Motion carried.

Secretary

Richard Waldner nominated Rhonda Dinan to be re-elected for secretary. There were no other nominations. Judy Schroeder moved to accept the nomination, Diane Nickel seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer

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

Committee Reports

The South Dakota Horse Fair Committee report was given by Chairperson Doug Nickel. The 20th Annual Horse Fair took place on March 19-21 at the Expo Building in Sioux Falls. The main clinician was Richard Winter and there were many good comments about him.

- Stallion & Breed: There was a slight decline in numbers from 2009. There were 6 Stallions and 2 of their get entered the Stallion Versatility contest. New this year the stallion owners could show the offspring of their stallion in the Stallion Versatility contest. This was very well received. The Stallion area has been declining due to the economy and horse market slowing people who would normally be breeding mares. There were 6 different breeds represented at the Horse Fair. Participation has been down in the breed area due to the decline of breed clubs overall. Deb Stamm was the program manager for this area and recently resigned from the committee. A new chairperson will need to be found.
- Trade Show: This year the trade show was full with 37 10' x 10' booths, 12 bulk spaces, and 2 trailer booths filled and a waiting list was started. There were no discounts being given for vendors like other events and only

one comp booth for the Cowboy Way Church. The Trade show was expanded to the area between the bleachers and concession stand. All of the contracts were online again this year and this has worked very well. The committee is discussing whether to send out e:mails instead of post cards as has been done in the past to inform people the contracts are online. The Silent Auction booth was smaller this year due to the increase of vendors.

- Youth: There were 22 juniors and 19 seniors representing 9 counties for the Hippology Contest. It was organized by the SD Arabian Horse Assoc. again this year. The horse judging contest had 12 beginners, 15 juniors and 16 seniors and nine counties were represented. Horse Council sponsors the Horse Judging with 3 \$25 gift certificates for division Champions and \$15 gift certificates for division Reserve Champions. Patty Larson coordinated the Horse Safety training and there were about 150 people attending. Richard Winter opened and Farrah Green also presented.
- Ranch Rodeo: The Horse Fair Committee put on the Rodeo again this year. There were 15 teams, the events included: Team Doctoring, Your Cows Are Out Sorting, Rope'n Drag Relay, Sort'n Hold.
- Program: Included Richard Winter from California, Juli Thorson, Editor of the Horse & Rider Magazine, SDSU Students presenting the research they had done on horse slaughter.
- Arm bands were used this year and worked very well.
- The biggest issue is the lack of volunteers to organize and help at the event. More help is needed to keep the event going.
- Next Horse Fair Committee Meeting will be held May 4th 6:30 pm, 2nd Street Diner, Madison, SD.

There was no Trail Riding Committee report. Richard Waldner volunteered to be the new chairman of the committee.

The Legislative Committee report was given by Chairperson Jo Waldner.

Animal Welfare and Animal Abuse Legislation

- State Vet, Dr. Dusty Odekoen and the Animal Industry Board has formed a working group to address animal welfare issues and propose proactive legislation. This group will meet to revisit livestock treatment laws which haven't been revised since 1991. Farm groups want clear exceptions in any future felony cruelty statues for agriculture and are concerned particularly about any attempt to define all horses as companion animals.
- Gene Carr and Jo Waldner will represent the Horse Council in the working group at a meeting in Pierre on May 11.

New Property Tax Evaluation Method

- New methods prescribe land being valued based on the NRCS Maps. Cropland and pastureland are valued separately. Everyone should check their tax statement to make sure the land was valued properly.
- Dept of Revenue has determined horses are not "farm" livestock and has trained their Directors as such. SD Legislature has determined horses to be livestock.
- Jo Waldner is trying to find the law that says horses are considered as farm livestock. This is an important distinction in the fight against horses being deemed as companion animals.

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.
- There is 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.

The Newsletter Committee report was given by Chairperson Rhonda Dinan.

- There was a newsletter before the Horse Fair and there will be one coming out with the annual meeting minutes.
- It was suggested to e:mail newsletters instead of mailing them. The next issue will be mailed out but following issues will be e:mailed, but a hard copy will be sent to the members who what them mailed.

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

- A draft of the criteria can be formulated by the Council.

Old Business

State 4-H Horse Show Sponsorships: The South Dakota State 4-H Horse Show is still soliciting sponsorships. Doug Nickel went to a meeting with the county educators and expressed the Horse Council's concerns. 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. At the meeting Doug attended, Ron Gephart indicated we would be able to hang the banner and present the awards. Brenda Miller asked that it be in writing. Sponsoring Grand & Reserve Champions for a class cost \$150, Grand Champion alone \$100 and Reserve Champion alone \$50. Different levels of sponsors have been formed. If you are a Gold sponsor of \$500 you are able to hang a banner, hand out awards, etc. Jo Walder made a motion to sponsor the Grand Champion awards for all of the Stock Seat Classes, making the Horse Council a Gold Sponsor. Irene second, motion carried.

New Business

4-H Judges Training:

- SDSU is sponsoring a 4-H Judges Training May 14-15. In order to be a 4-H judge you must be certified every 3 years. Re-certification has not been held in several years. Also there is now a provision for judges who hold a National Breed Judges Card. New regulations include: National Judges Card holders pay \$20 and pass a written test every 3 years. Non card holders must come to the training, pay \$30, and pass the written test.
- Judy Schroder expressed concern about out-of-state judges not knowing the South Dakota rules. Judges should be sent the rules and have to pass the written test.

Horse Person of the Year

- "Nominations should be type written" needs to be added to the application. It was also expressed that the nominee of the recipients is responsible for writing an announcement that is suitable for the announcer to read, not just a list of accomplishments. The committee has had to put together write-ups for several recipients in the past.

Audit

- The new directors and officers called for an audit of the books. The committee will include Judy Schroder, Farrah Green, Jayne Solberg, and Rhonda Dinan. Farrah Green will try to find someone who will donate their time for the audit.

Humane Society of the United States

- Rebecca Bott presented a letter that Dr. Latif Lighari, Associate Dean and Director, SD Cooperative Extension Service had written to the National CYFAR Coordinator, Lisa Lauzman. The letter expressed concern and opposition for putting the HSUS on the program at the National 4-H Conference March 23rd. The letter also asked for "more rigorous peer review of all future programs."

Horse Council Presence at other venues

- Janice Cronin asked if the Horse Council is represented at any other venues. Due to the lack of volunteers the Council has not been at any other events. There is a place at the State Fair that used to be used by the Horse Council and still is available. If someone would be willing to take the materials up and man the booth the Council has no opposition. Farrah Green volunteered to try to put something together.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm

Other upcoming events

- SDSU is sponsoring a Managing Your Business, marketing class. It is a 6 week course. If you are interested please contact Irene Graves

Committees

SDSU Foundation:

Doug Nickel, Chair
Brenda Miller
Rebecca Bott
Machelle Bonde
Sandy Hubbard
Jo Waldner

Newsletter:

Rhonda Dinan, Chair
Jayne Solberg
Sandy Hubbard

Membership:

Rhonda Dinan, Chair
Amanda Hersom
Farrah Green
Robin Mathison

Legislative:

Jo Waldner, Chair
Rebecca Bott
Gene Carr
Judy Schorder

Trail Riding:

Richard Waldner, Chair

Horse Fair:

Doug Nickel, Chair
Janice Gronin
Jayne Solberg
Amanda Hersom
Patty Larson
Farrah Green
Irene Graves
Robin Mathison
Gene & Carrie Carr
Rhonda & Tim Dinan

Respectively submitted by Secretary elect Rhonda Dinan April 25, 2010.