

## MINUTES

Virginia Carolinas Morgan Horse Club

April 21, 2012

Cedarwood Equine, Chapel Hill

Leanne Jones called the meeting to order at 1:30 and thanked Gael Jaeger for handling plans for the lunch and the gala. A quorum was declared. Leanne announced that due to complications in her life, she has to resign as president and this is the last meeting she will chair. She will continue to chair the Membership committee. The board has just met and elected Dini Swanson as the new president. Mary Daughtry, who already chairs promotion, was appointed Vice President by the Board.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rob Marsh presented the treasurer's report. There is currently a total club balance of \$2,405.03 in the three accounts: general, Scrip, and PayPal (membership). André Vetrano explained the fee of \$425 for Constant Contact. This is a pre-paid expense for use of the program which can be used for emails, announcements and newsletters. As the fee for a non-profit is only \$10/month when used (if not used, there is no charge), this payment should last us several years.

### Committee Reports:

**Awards**—Elizabeth (not present) encouraged everyone to sign up using the forms on line, especially the youth. Youth members receive points for many activities not related to horses, so everyone should send in their points.

**Membership**—Leanne—There is a current total of 72 members, which is equal to membership at this time last year. She plans to send out an email this week to open a membership drive to increase the numbers and encourage greater connection.

**Show**—André reported that the show is in good shape with special plans for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A copy of the flier sent out by Horse Wire was passed around. There is a spectacular party planned this year with a live band. Sponsorships have already met budget, but more are still sought. There will be a Mint Julep class Thursday night, a fun class in which riders will carry a mint julep glass through the class, and the rider with the most left in their glass at the end will win. Sheri Barber has already agreed to make the drinks.

**Promotion** — Mary (not present) reported that the two recent shows in Raleigh had good representation in the Morgan division. She is always looking for photos and fliers which she exhibits at these shows.

Pete again stated the license plate fund raising/promotion project was approved by the state legislature. We need a chairman to take over this project and 300

