Southwestern Donkey & Mule Society

Board of Directors Meeting

June 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:22 at Heitmiller’s Steakhouse, Waco, TX

**Attendees:** Mary Stewart, Greg Schlosser, Lynda Cornell, Donna Baethge, Elaine Wolfe, Larry Wolfe, Julie Archer, Ray Archer, Sally Armstrong, Sarah Matz, Vicki Taylor. Not in attendance: Shirley Knott, Emily Lambeth, Jessica Meuth, and Dianne Smith.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from February 1, 2018 were approved by email and are posted on our website.

**Treasurer Report:**

Shirley emailed the Treasurer’s Report to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. There were questions regarding the Income and Expense Report from the Fort Worth Show. There was discussion reflecting concern about the amount of a show's profit or loss varying within different reports to the board and there was a call for clarification. Greg Schlosser recommended not approving the report until we have further explanation. Sally Armstrong stated there will be an Audit Committee Meeting in July before the August show, and will ask that Shirley attend so they can ask specific questions regarding the report. Sally Armstrong made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, subject to audit. A second was made by Julie Archer. Motion carried. The Treasurer’s Report will be revisited at our next Board Meeting under Old Business.

**Committee Report:**

**Classic:** Lynda Cornell stated everything is set for the SDMS ClASSic. Rosettes are being ordered. All other awards have arrived. Vicky Taylor volunteered to round up volunteers for the show. Ray Archer has the software and know how to create the patterns. Mary Stewart has volunteered to take the boxes of rosettes to the office on Thursday so they will be ready Friday morning. Donna Baethge also volunteered to help. Lynda will drop the trailer off at Donna’s house after the Audit Committee Meeting. (Donna lives 15 minutes from Belton.) There will be a silent auction during the show. A correction was made to the showbill, and the update has been uploaded to our website.

**Spooktacular:** Lynda Cornell stated the Spooktacular Show last year was a success compared to past years. This is a smaller show than The ClASSic. In lieu of gift cards, Lynda suggested we use cash awards. Larry Wolfe suggested we use checks instead of cash so we can better track the money. Checks can be written, an any checks not used can be destroyed. Mary Stewart made a motion to give money for prizes at the Belton Show in October. Julie Archer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vicky Taylor made a motion to accept the Committee Report. A second was made by Mary Stewart. Motion Carried.

**New Business:**

Larry Wolfe and Elaine Wolfe have very generously donated all their tack to be sold at the Brazos Valley Driving & Riding Club’s Annual Horseman’s Market on August 18, 2018. All proceeds will go to the SDMS general fund. Lynda Cornell is storing the tack in a storage shed until the sale. Lynda Cornell will submit a check for $90 to reserve 4 vendor stalls. It was suggested Lynda be reimbursed $90 at the sale from the proceeds to simplify bookkeeping.

Greg thanked Larry and Elaine for their continued support and generous donation to SDMS, and we gave them a hearty round of applause.

Donna Baethge asked about the Tex Taylor Scholarship Fund. She would like to see an article in a future Newsletter about Tex and how the scholarship fund was founded. Rose Jones might have information about Tex. Donna will follow up with Rose.

**Longears Festival:** The attendance was very low at last year’s Longears Festival at Parrie Haynes. This year’s Longears Festival location will be at Walnut Creek Ranch in Cedar Creek (near Bastrop) on November 10-11th . There are nice trails, 25 RV sites and bunkhouses for $125 per night. Their website is [www.rustyswalnutcreekranch.net](http://www.rustyswalnutcreekranch.net) There are restaurants available nearby. The arena and trails are $10 per day. One arena is set up for pole driving. Mary Stewart made a motion to have the Longears Festival on November 10th and 11th at Rusty’s Walnut Creek Ranch. Vicky Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Year End Banquet:** Donna Baethge made a motion to hold the Year End Banquet at Heitmiller’s Steak House on December 8, 2018. Mary Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sarah Matz will include this in the July Newsletter. We will again have an auction during the banquet. Donations to the auction are to be unwrapped. Year End Awards will be will be organized by Vicky Taylor. A question was asked about using software to compilate the Year End Points. Sally Armstrong stated there is no software at this time that fit our needs. Points are calculated by hand.

**Scholarship:** There are no Scholarship Applications this year for large or small animal participation.

**Elections:** Elections for Officers will be held on December 8th during the Year End Banquet. Shirley Knott chairs the nomination committee. Positions are held for two years.

**NMDA National Show and ACOSA National Show:** Greg Schlosser proposed we apply to NMDA to make our 2019 ClASSic a National Show. We need to apply by October 1, 2018. Previous shows have been in Shelbyville, TN. This idea was met positively. ACOSA shows include large and miniature donkeys in each class, however the ACOSA National Show is broken down into size categories. No motion was made but the attendees are in agreement that we should apply to host the National Show in Belton in 2019.

Sarah Matz volunteered to do the formatting and corrections to the Texas Rule Book and index. SDMS will print rulebooks for distribution at our Year End Banquet. There was some discussion as to whether everyone should receive a book, or just the members who show. Membership includes a copy of the Rule Book and all members will continue to receive a printed copy. The Rule Book is also posted on our website and once the new book is printed, the website will be updated with the latest revision. Sarah Matz has created a Newsletter for July that will be sent to our members and posted to our website.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be at the end of day on Saturday, October following the Belton Spooktacular.

**Adjournment**: A motion was made by Mary Stewart to adjourn the meeting. Vicky Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Wallace Baethge

SDMS Secretary