**Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**April 22, 2017**

**Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order at 4:52 p.m. at the Flying Bella Rosa Farm in Rio Vista.

Attendees were Greg Schlosser, Mary Stewart, Shirley Knott, Donna Baethge, Jessica Meuth, Dianne Smith, Kristin Stolee, Robert Polley, Lynda Cornell, Cayla Robbins, and Emily Lambeth.

**Minutes:**

The January 7, 2017 minutes were read by Donna Baethge and amended to reflect Emily Lambeth’s name was misspelled. The minutes were approved as amended.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Shirley Knott distributed the 2017 Fort Worth Stock Show Income/Expense Report, SDMS Financial Information 2016, and a Balance Sheet dated April 21, 2017. Dianne Smith made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Lynda Cornell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Committee Report:**

Lynda Cornell reported on the upcoming SDMS ClASSic. Judges and arena are secured. There is no commitment from the 4H coordinator at this time. Everything is ordered. Circle T will provide ice for chests. Debra Nowlin Keith volunteered to be our Ring Steward for the judge all day Saturday. Emily Lambeth volunteered to be Ring Steward on Sunday. Donna Baethge will be gate keeper Friday morning, and Sarah will be gate keeper Friday afternoon. Lynda Cornell contacted Country donuts. They do not deliver. Mary Stewart volunteered to pick up donuts. Jackie Bien, Youth Coordinator, will bring watermelon and supervise the Youth Swim. Emily Lambeth will bring 6 cases (40 per) of water. Donna Baethge will bring 6 gallons of water for the Keurig Coffee Maker. Kristin will provide Keurig coffee and creamer at check in. There will be (4) drawings each day for exhibitor appreciation gifts. We cannot bring any obstacles into the upper warm up arena or they will charge us for it.

There were two designs for a T-Shirt presented by Jessica Meuth. Donna Baethge made a motion to go with the black shirt with tan logo. A second was made by Emily Lambeth. Motion carried. It was suggested a tan shirt with black lettering could be used for Volunteer Staff shirts. Mary Stewart made a motion, and Dianne Smith seconded the motion to accept the tan and black shirts for the volunteer staff. Motion carried.

**Policy and Bylaws:**

Vicky Taylor asked Donna Baethge to send an email to members asking for suggestions on any changes they would like to see made.

**Scholarship Committee:** no report at this time.

**Old Business:**

Membership: It was reported that the Membership List is not posted on the website. Donna Baethge will check and update it as necessary.

The Long Ears Festival dates are not available. Mary Stewart asked if there are any other facilities available. Nails Creek was suggested. Greg Schlosser will see if Nails Creek has an opening on that date. Mary Stewart will check with Bandera. Greg Schlosser and Mary Stewart will work together to locate another facility.

**New Business:**

Belton Show: Dianne Smith suggested re-naming the Spooktacular to The Silver Dollar Show. Awards could be plaques with a silver dollar on them. Cost is low. There was discussion regarding making this show a double-point show or have two judges to increase participation.

Shirley Knott stated we do not file Income Tax Returns, she uses an E-post card because our average income is less than $50,000 for the three (3) most recent years.

Shirley Knott has 1 gift card from Jeffers for auctions or awards, and has driving aprons and 8 mugs from previous shows. Shirley suggested we use these for the exhibitor appreciation drawings at the ClASSic.

The next Board Meeting will be August 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Dan’s in Waco.

Dianne Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Stewart seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Wallace Baethge