**SDMS Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 28, 2017**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice President Mary Stewart in Greg Schlosser’s absence. The meeting was held Saturday after the conclusion of the Belton Spooktacular Show at the Belton Expo Center.

**Attendees:** Mary Stewart, Donna Baethge, Shirley Knott, Lynda Cornell, Kristin Stolee, Robert Polley, Jackie Bien, Emily Lambeth, Dianne Smith, Jessica Meuth, Sally Armstrong, Carol Obermeier, and Tara Kress.

**Minutes:** The minutes from August 12, 2017 were approved electronically via email. The minutes are posted on the SDMS Website.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Shirley Knott distributed the balance sheet dated October 27, 2017. A motion was made by Dianne Smith to accept the Treasurer’s Report. The motion was seconded by Sarah Matz. The motion carried.

**Show Committee Reports**:

**Belton Spooktacular:** Lynda Cornell reported she is upbeat about this year’s show. Entries were up and the Costume Class was well attended.

**Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo (FWSSR):** Shirley Knott reported on the FWSSR. Entries are due on November 15, 2017 with late entries due by December 30, 2017. Shirley will send out an email regarding the deadlines. There is a change to the Premium Book, all green donkeys are walk/trot.

**Old Business:**

**Longears Festival:**  The Longears Festival is November 10, 11, and 12, 2017. Mary Stewart reported that there are 10-12 people signed up so far. Mary had a booth at the Belton Show for those who wanted to sign up, or purchase a $5 square for Donkey Poop Bingo.

**New Business:**

A discussion was held regarding using PayPal for Membership Dues. A motion was made by Jackie Bien for SDMS to set up a PayPal Account. Dianne Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Robert Polley will help Shirley Knott set up an account for online payments.

**Year End Banquet:** The Annual Awards Banquet is December 2, 2017 at Heitmiller’s Steakhouse, 4509 I-35 at Loop 340, Waco Texas. Donna Baethge made a motion to have an auction of unwrapped gifts instead of a wrapped gift exchange. A second was made by Shirley Knott. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** We will have our Annual Year End Awards Banquet and Meeting on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Heitmiller’s Steakhouse, 4509 I-35 at Loop 340, Waco Texas at 11:00 a.m. This will include an election of 6 Board Members, 3 from the Miniature group and 3 from the Large animal group. Contact Shirley Knott if you want to run or nominate someone.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Matz. The motion seconded by Donna Baethge. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Wallace Baethge

Secretary, SDMS