



Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society (SDMS)

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2016

Call To Order

The SDMS Board Meeting was held on January 9, 2016 at the El Conquistador in Waco Texas presided over by Jim Tippie, President. The meeting was called to order at 11:02am.

Attendees

Jim Tippie, Shirley Knott, Laura Harless, Jan Stallone, Emily Lambeth, Jackie Bien, Greg Schlosser, Jessica Meuth, Dianne Smith, Mary Stewart, Debbie Kelly

Pam Harless, Linda Cornell

Minutes from Previous Meeting Read

Minutes were read by Laura Harless. Greg Schlosser motioned for approval of the minutes as read. Jan Stallone seconded. Motion passed and minutes approved.

Report of Committees

Treasurer's Report (Shirley Knott)

- Current Balance \$10,263.82
- Current Balance of Scholarship Fund \$4,202.32. Plus an additional \$160 to be transferred in.

Fort Worth Stock Show Report (Shirley Knott)

- Show is extremely small based on number of entries
- There will be a printing expense
- We should have a small profit due to sponsorships
- Some of the smaller classes include: 1 adult donkey showing, 1 novice donkey showing, and 1 youth donkey showing
- Shirley has ordered the belt buckle awards. Due to some smaller classes, she asked the vendor about placing a few on hold, however the vendor was not able to do this. We can use these belt buckles in the future and have the year changed
- We need award ideas for the driving and the English classes
- Jan said she can help at the Stock Show as she does not have any animals to show. Debbie, Shirley's friend will also be there to help
- Participants can still add other classes if wanted.
- Dianne will bring 4 standard jumps to Fort Worth, Shirley will bring the poles



PR/Marketing Report (Laura Harless)

- Send all marketing ideas to Laura. Rhonda Tippie will take the lead to create more marketing for our club.
- Shirley proposed an idea to assign each Board member current members to call for a verbal survey about what they want from our club. Shirley noted a low response to past written surveys. Laura, Rhonda and Shirley will develop a survey to review at the next meeting.
 - Dianne Smith suggested developing a new member packet.
 - Jan suggested having a Competitive Trail Ride
 - Laura suggested a grooming workshop and basic skills class
- Develop a flyer to put at all feed stores. Laura, Rhonda, and Shirley design a flyer
- Laura will:
 - Review website for consistency and new logo usage
 - List committees on the website
 - Put job descriptions for the Board on the website

Rules Report (Jan Stallone, interim)

- Rules Committee: Greg Schlosser, Dianne Smith, Jessica Meuth, Linda Cornell, Shirley Knott, Emily Lambeth and Jackie Bien. Jan will retire from this committee.
- Rule changes to review:
 - Increase height limit of mini mules to 40" or 46"
 - Allow donkeys 3-years in the Green division, rather than 2 years (large animals)
 - Guidelines for Sub Youth wanting to compete in Youth instead
 - Technical questions about size
 - Make whip optional in snigging with miniatures (didn't pass last time)
 - Can Sub Youth and Youth show additional animal but not collect points on the extra animal
 - Sub-Youth make a change to a limit of 3 obstacles. Recommend not less than 4 and no more than 6. Make it a set number.
 - Pg. 51, Versatility Ride and Drive:
 - Currently says, riding tack must be carried in. Change to: All tack must be carried into the arena in the cart.
 - Some require the halter and some don't
 - Pg. 59. #3a. backing up, #4 class will be walk, trot. Youth needs to be lope and back-up
 - Discuss how Halter points are awarded and calculated for year-end awards
 - Misc – word corrections
- Jan received the following suggestions that were not related to rules:



- Have log drag instead of snigging and eliminate the lead line race

Old Business

1. Discuss the feasibility of having the Texas Shoot Out:

- a. Shirley Knott made a motion to have the Texas Shoot Out in 2016. Jackie Bien seconded and the motion passed.
- b. Areas to save money on the Show:
 - i. Hire judges locally to save on travel and lodging
 - ii. Publish patterns online and post at the show instead of multiple copies
 - iii. Hire 4H, FFA, or Saddle & Sirloin Club to move stuff trail obstacles, etc. Senior members of these clubs could serve as Ring Stewards
 - iv. Charge for Youth and Sub Youth
 - v. Sell Show T-shirts as long as the fee covers the expense. Keep staff T-shirts
 - vi. Do not award mugs as they are expensive and not well received
 - vii. Continue Saturday meal but fee needs to cover the expense
 - viii. Extra arena not needed
 - ix. Participant giveaway should be nice but affordable. Note the lime green bags last year were \$10 each.
- c. Awards:
 - i. Belt Buckles for High Point only and an alternate award for Reserve High Point.
 - ii. Other award ideas were trophy, engraved garden bench, sheet metal donkeys, jacket or vest. Something unique is good.
 - iii. Order ribbons with show name only, no date
 - iv. Dianne suggested awarding colored cups instead of ribbons.
- d. ACTION ITEMS for Texas Shoot Out:
 - i. Greg Schlosser will call the arena about reserving it June 10-12, 2016. Jim Tippie and Greg will work together to finalize the contract. We will only consider the extra arena if the cost is reasonable. Greg will check on cost of the room for dinner only. The room is not needed for the awards.
 - ii. Dianne will review class list for large animals
 - iii. Greg, Emily & Jackie will review list for minis
 - iv. Mary will provide an inventory of all ribbons & other prize items
 - v. Jessica will get a cost estimate on T-shirts
 - vi. Laura will call Elaine Wolfe will get design from 2015 T-shirts
 - vii. Laura will contact Mel to obtain digital files from programs, showbill, etc
 - viii. Dianne will send local judges contact information to Shirley
 - ix. Jan will send Laura caterer's name and Laura will inquire about cost of Saturday meal



- x. Shirley will contact Lori Howard to be the photographer.
- e. We will consider a silent auction at Texas Shoot Out to raise money for a storage trailer.
- f. Would we like to have the Texas Shoot Out be NMDA sanctioned? Investigate for 2017 show
 - i. We would need different class list and NMDA judges
 - ii. Would need 2 sets of points
 - iii. Rule differences would need to be discussed

2. Show Policies (Shirley Knott): The following was previously voted on and not recorded properly. Shirley Knott made a motion that we give a Reserve Champion Halter Award for Miniature Mules. Jan Stallone seconded. Passed.

3. Halter Policies: Dianne Smith made a motion that Any donkey or mule receiving a model title at an individual show will receive one point higher total than the highest point earning animal in its division at the show. Any donkey/mule receiving a "Reserve Model" title will receive points equal to the highest point earning animal in its division at that show. Emily Lambeth seconded. Motion passed

New Business

1. 2016 Show/Events Calendar:
 - a. Greg asked if SDMS would like to sanction the Houston Show? Cons: Driving in Houston traffic can be very hectic, the show is mostly focused on large animals. Pros: Affordable, great accommodations, free meals provided, Houston Stock Show does all the work. We will revisit this at the next meeting.
 - b. Belton: Jan Stallone made motion to have the Belton Show in October. Emily Lambeth seconded. Motion Passed. Shirley will call Bell County Expo and inquire about an earlier date in October.
 - c. We will have the Longears Festival at Parrie Haynes in 2016
 - d. At the next meeting we will discuss other playdays and schooling for our members. Action for all: Bring a list of possible arenas to use and ideas for clinics. Laura will make a demographic map of our membership to help determine convenient locations for these types of events.
2. Note: Show Bills must go to the Board for approval before printing and distributing
3. Jan Stallone made the motion to start charging for sub-youth and youth classes in June at the Texas Shoot Out and thereafter. Pee-Wee will remain free. Dianne Smith seconded. Motion passed.
4. Buy a cargo trailer for storage. To be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.
5. Dianne Smith made motion to donate our old equipment. Jessica Meuth seconded. Motion passed.
6. Dianne Smith made a motion that we have separate miniature mule divisions. Jessica Meuth seconded. Motion passed.



Committees

Hearing Committee - Linda Cornell (chair) Shirley Knott, Greg Schlosser, Debbie Kelly, Jan Stallone

Scholarship Committee - Emily Lambeth (chair) Sally Armstrong, Pete Teel, Sisu Morris, Walter Fuerman

Election Committee - Jim Tippie (chair), Greg Schlosser, Shirley Knott, Linda Cornell, Mary Stewart

Audit Committee - Laura Harless, Jim Tippie, Rhonda Tippie, Shirley Knott

Policy & By-Laws Committee - Rhonda Tippie (chair), Linda Cornell, Emily Lambeth, Shirley Knott, Greg Schlosser

Youth Committee - Pete Teel, Vicky Taylor

(Laura will ask Sisu Morris, Heath's, and Josie Crawford to join committee)

Idea: Have youth work more at the shows, maybe earn points for helping.

Show Committee - Walter Fuermann, Lee Fuermann, Emily Lambeth, Jackie Bien, Shirley Knott, Kim Kasper, Debbie Kelly, Greg Schlosser, Pam Harless, Jan Stallone

Next Board Meeting

February 6, 2016 where we will discuss details for Texas Shoot Out. Shirley Knott will advise location in Waco.

Adjournment

Jim Tippie moved that the meeting be adjourned and all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 2:18pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Laura Harless