



## **Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society (SDMS)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

April 9, 2016

#### **Call To Order**

The SDMS Board Meeting was held on April 9, 2016 at the Uncle Dan's BBQ in Waco, Texas presided over by Jim Tippie, President. The meeting was called to order at 11:33am.

#### **Attendees**

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

#### **Minutes from Previous Meeting Read**

Minutes from the February 6, 2016 meeting were presented and approved. Jessica Meuth motioned for approval of the minutes as presented and without being read. Dianne Smith seconded. Two members opposed (not reading), five approved, motion passed and minutes approved.

#### **Report of Committees**

##### **Treasurer's Report (Shirley Knott) see her report.**

- Balance at 3/31/16 \$8,461.20
- \$4,360.41 scholarship fund balance same

##### **Rules Report:**

- Meeting 4/9/16 to review items from Gulf Coast meeting.
- Combined meeting May 7, 2016

##### **Scholarship Committee Report:** see attached.

##### **Old Business – Texas Shoot Out:**

- If attendees want to stay-over at the exposition center on Sunday night SDMS will need to pay \$136.50 for security plus attendees will need to pay a stall fee directly to Brazos County Expo Center (~ \$15)
  - Dianne Smith motioned that SDMS pay security fee for Sunday night, Emily seconded the motion. Passed by all, motion carries.
- Jessica's husband is working on design for the SDMS worker t-shirts. The Sponsor signs from last year were made where the date can be changed for this year. Jan Stallone will check to see if she has these signs.
- Texas Shoot Out Showbill reviewed and approved.



### **TSO Awards:**

- Awards have been ordered by Shirley Knott
  - Champion – Director’s chair tall height, extra-wide in blue \$61.19
  - Reserve Champion – Director’s chair regular height, extra-wide in red \$47.78
    - Verbiage on chair to be Silk Screened – Texas Shoot Out “Champion” and “Reserve Champion”
  - Halter awards: Vest for champion & best of breed, grooming apron for reserve.
  - Grooming Apron for all Champion Driving Awards and Champion English Awards
    - Silk screened as well.
    - We have reserve high point for driving (large) and English Jessica Meuth motioned, Greg Schlosser seconded, motion carries
  - Small folding stools with cooler underneath ordered for (minimum 24 for \$19.98 each) ride and drive, give one to ring steward and/or three 4H kids that come to help.
  - An idea was presented where we will distribute coupons/tickets to the first place of each class. First place will receive a cup with coupon inside. We will have a coupon exchange at the event where every 5 coupons = a folding stool. There will be other prizes for less than 5 coupons.
    - Coupons may be combined with other competitors.
- Ribbons will be ordered soon.
- Hospitality Gift – Grooming Towel

**Insurance:** Expires May 7, 2016. Need to renew. **The insurance has been renewed.**

**Contract:** Greg received contract from Brazos County Expo. Gave Jan’s name as the contact person to determine how we want the arena graded.

**Practice Trail Course:** Dianne will set-up a trail course on Friday evening to train other exhibitors. Instruction will be for 2 hours and a small fee will be charged. (\$5 for 5 minutes)

### **Other TSO:**

- We need a 2<sup>nd</sup> judge for Saturday due to split arenas. Dianne and Shirley will locate a second judge. Wes Allison was one recommendation.
- Lazy B reserved for caterer. Current and preliminary headcount of 80 adults and 20 kids. Give exact count 1 week prior.
- Jan is making the numbers we need for the cones course. Dianne and Jan will take an inventory and buy what is needed.

Al Buglawicz to judge on the cones course. Jan will inquire if he can bring the measuring sticks. Jan will ask Kathryn Kelly’s father to help.



- Judge and volunteer meals set-up with Expo concession stand.
- Announcer: Three people have been suggested, no one confirmed. **Greg**
- Exhibitor Packets: Early arrivals on Thursday, meet at show office to help. See Shirley

### **TSO Silent Auctions:**

- General Silent Auction – Ask exhibitors to bring items. We will also solicit items from potential sponsors. Barbara Hilliard will be donating donkey collection items for Silent Auction
- Jessica's mom will organize. Supplies: tape, cheap pins and auction form. Rhonda Tippie will make and provide the forms. Auction form – Item Name, donated by. Need petty cash box – Shirley will bring.
- 4 large items to auction at the Saturday dinner and awards
  - Robert Polley is donating a beautiful pine saddle rack that he is making.
  - Sandi Costa – 2 belt buckle boxes
  - Bernardo the donkey quilt for large item

### **Other Non-TSO Business:**

- Shirley Knott has reserved the Bell County Expo for the Fall Show on October 28-30, 2016. The show will remain the Spooktacular.
- Need a Show Chair for Belton Spooktacular (judge, patterns, awards)
  - We can use last year's patterns. Emily will coordinate.
- Longears Festival, November 11-13, 2016 – deposit check sent

### **New Business**

- Tax: If we are under \$50K we don't need to file. Shirley will process.
- FWSSR 2017 – Large animals – add showmanship Adult, add mule driving, keep English and make it an Open division so Youth can participate too. Drop speed events for large animals or eliminate it for high point. Jim Canna award...??
- Policy & Bylaws Committee – Rhonda is the chair. We need to have some meetings to review. Rhonda will review and advise. Send her any suggestions for changes.

### **Next Board Meeting:** TBA

### **Adjournment**

Jim Tippie moved that the meeting be adjourned and all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 2:54pm.

*Minutes submitted by Secretary, Laura Harless*