

**SOUTHWESTERN DONKEY AND MULE SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 23, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The SDMS Board Meeting was held on July 23, 2016, at the Uncle Dan's BBQ in Waco, Texas and was presided over by Jim Tippie, President. The meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m.

ATTENDEES

Jim Tippie, Rhonda Tippie, Shirley Knott, Jan Stallone, Jackie Bien, Emily Lambeth, Debbie Kelly, Dianne Smith, Greg Schlosser, Jessica Meuth, Mary Stewart, Sally Armstrong (Secretary Laura Harless was unable to attend.)

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting held on April 9, 2016, had been distributed and reviewed by all board members previously. Motion to accept the minutes without being read was made by Jessica Meuth and seconded by Jackie Bien. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shirley Knott distributed a detailed treasurer's report which reflected the bank balances as of June 30, 2016, to be \$11,196.00 in the checking account and \$4,660.41 in the scholarship account. There was a profit from the Texas Shoot Out of \$2,398.89. Monies received at TSO from the trail practice and the auction in the amount of \$1,447.00 is being held in reserve toward the purchase of an enclosed trailer to store our trail obstacles. Also at TSO, the receipts in the amount of \$300.00 from the sale of special donkey items donated by Stock Market Miniature Donkeys was transferred to the scholarship account. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Jan Stallone and seconded by Dianne Smith. Motion passed.

RULES COMMITTEE

Report from the rules committee was presented by Greg Schlosser. We are waiting on GCDMA to finalize the typing of all additions/deletions/changes being made to the rulebook. We should receive by the first of November, then SDMS needs to decide if we will reprint the complete rulebook or only print pages that have changed on colored paper. We want to be able to distribute at our Annual Meeting in December.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Sally Armstrong presented a written detailed report of the scholarship committee meeting held on July 19, 2016. In attendance were Sally Armstrong, SiSu Morris, Emily Lambeth, Dianne Smith and Jessica Meuth. The recommendation presented to the Board is to award a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Rebecca (Becca) Garrett. Motion to accept this recommendation was made by Shirley Knott and seconded by Greg Schlosser. Motion passed. The scholarship committee also presented a second recommendation that SDMS institute a program whereby the club's youth help to contribute to the Scholarship Fund. There was

discussion and positive feedback from the Board but there was no vote regarding this recommendation.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Rhonda Tippie reported that another audit as of April 15, 2016, had been done and that all records were in order. The Bylaws Committee needs to meet to discuss any changes that should be made. The Board members are encouraged to review the Bylaws prior to meeting.

TSO REPORT

Shirley Knott discussed the financial aspects and awards for the Texas Shoot Out. There were some awards that were purchased for TSO but were not monogrammed as Shirley knew in advance that there were no entries, so these can be used for a future show. Shirley did not have a detailed report to compare the 2016 show to previous years at this time, but will prepare such a report to distribute to the Board at a later date. Discussion regarding the 2016 show was positive and deemed to have been a successful show.

SILENT AUCTION REPORT – STORAGE TRAILER

Funds received from the silent auction, large item auction and the trail practice were all designated to be set aside towards the purchase of an enclosed trailer. The amount received at TSO was \$1,447.00. Greg Schlosser reported on some pricing he had obtained on the cost of new trailers and used trailers. There was much discussion regarding the purchase of a new trailer or a used trailer and most feel that a new trailer is preferable; however no vote was taken at this time. Jan Stallone reminded the Board that her duties as Show Coordinator will end at the end of this show year and a new place for SDMS obstacles needs to be found.

BELTON – 2016

Shirley Knott reported that the contract together with the certificate of insurance and partial payment requested by Bell County Expo has been returned. The motion to have the large animal classes on Saturday and the miniature classes on Sunday was made by Dianne Smith and seconded by Greg Schlosser. Motion passed. The motion to delete all In Hand Obstacle Race classes for the miniatures was made by Jan Stallone and seconded by Emily Lambeth. Motion passed. Other discussions regarding the class list and agreed upon by all were: (1) large animal speed events for only youth, sub youth and pee wee, (2) add pee wee single stake race for miniatures, (3) costume class on Saturday night and (4) use same patterns as 2015. All mules are to be measured prior to halter classes and this must be stated on the showbill. The awards will be gift cards in the following increments: Halter Champions - \$25, Reserve Halter Champions - \$15, Best of Breed - \$35, Division Champions - \$50 and Division Reserve Champions \$35. Shirley Knott will call Bell County Expo to see if SDMS is permitted to have a hamburger cook-out on the grounds. If this is possible, the motion for SDMS to purchase the meat was made by Shirley Knott and seconded by Dianne Smith. Motion passed.

LONGEARS FESTIVAL – 2016

Rhonda Tippie, Jim Tippie, Emily Lambeth and Laura Harless have agreed to be on the Longears Committee. The Board discussed and agreed on duplicating the costs and other details that

were used in 2015. The Board also agreed to have “Donkey Poop Bingo” as an added entertainment and the details will be worked out by the committee.

ANNUAL MEETING/AWARDS BANQUET

The date and time will be Saturday, December 3, 2016, from 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. The place has not yet been determined. There were some suggestions regarding the year end awards. Shirley Knott will work on a budget and items to be purchased.

FWSSR – 2017

Shirley Knott presented an updated report for our 2017 show at FWSSR. The judge for the large animals will be Meri Lemay and the judge for the miniatures will be Wayne Whiehead. There will be four (4) coon jumping classes – Miniature Donkey, Miniature Mule, Mules up to 53” and Mules 53.01” and Over. The awards of \$1,000 for each Champion and \$250 for each Reserve Champion are paid by Sponsors provided by FWSSR. SDMS will purchase belt buckles for our Division Champions and Reserve Champions and special awards for Champion and Reserve Champion English Mule, Mule in Harness, Donkey in Harness, Gymkhana Mule and Gymkhana Donkey. The premium book is in the process of being printed and all entry deadline dates are the same as in years past.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers for 2017-2018 will be elected at the Annual Meeting on December 3, 2016. The nominating committee – Jim Tippie, Chair, Greg Schlosser, Shirley Knott, Lynda Cornell and Mary Stewart are working to obtain names for all officer positions. The following officers have agreed to serve another term in their position – Secretary, Laura Harless, Treasurer, Shirley Knott and Points Keeper, Jackie Bien. Other nominations may be made for these positions as all officer positions must be voted on. Shirley Knott encouraged current Board Members to consider filling one of the officer positions as it is sometimes easier to find a current member to become more involved by serving on the Board rather than serve as an officer.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting follows the Annual Meeting on December 3, 2016, and is actually the first Board meeting for the 2017 year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Dianne Smith and seconded by Mary Stewart. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Shirley Knott