

## **SOUTHWESTERN DONKEY & MULE SOCIETY**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 18, 2011**

#### **Opening:**

The Board of Directors' meeting of the Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society was called to order at 11:12 a.m., June 18, 2011, at Rudy's Barbeque, in Waco, Texas by President Ron Cornell.

#### **Present:**

President	Ron Cornell	Director	Frank Stein
Secretary	Shirley Knott	Director	Jim Tippie
Treasurer	Marsha Stein	Director	Lynda Cornell
Show Chairman	John Stallone	Director	Mel Howes
Show Coordinator	Lou Ann Guthrie		
Points Keeper	Larry Wolfe		

Committee Members: Elaine Wolfe, Lori Miller, Greg Schlosser

SDMS Members: Kristin Stolee, Robert Polley and Christyna Barton

**Not Present:** Ricky Scott and Jayne Zajicek, Directors and Jay Jaxtheimer, Parliamentarian

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**MINUTES** – Reading of the minutes of the previous Board of Directors' Meeting, held on April 16, 2011, was waived as the minutes had been distributed and approved by email.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – The treasurer's report was presented by Marsha Stein. The balance in the general operation fund is \$16,000.40 and the scholarship fund is \$4,921.02. A check register report and income and expense report were distributed to all present. Motion was made by Shirley Knott to accept the treasurer's report, second was made by Lynda Cornell and motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Longear's Festival Committee – Presented by Lori Miller. The dates for the Longear's Festival are September 2 – 4, 2011. Hamburgers will be provided on Friday night, a fajita dinner on Saturday night and a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. An ice truck will be available. All details will be posted on the SDMS website and packets will be mailed to those interested. There was discussion regarding SDMS adopting one of the trails at Parrie Haynes and maintaining it. Everyone thought this would be a good idea – there will be further discussion on the matter.
2. Show Committee – John Stallone gave a report on the October Belton show. The entry deadline date will be October 10, 2011, the Holiday Inn Express in Salado will be the host hotel with guaranteed price of \$94.99 per night. The class list was

presented and after discussion, John will make some revisions and send out by email for approval.

3. PR and Newsletter Committee – Lori Miller reported that she is working on the next newsletter – she needs articles and suggestions. There have been some complaints regarding the cut-back on the number of newsletters. An information newsletter will go out by mid-July and the next major newsletter will go out with the Belton showbill in September.
4. Rules Committee – Ron Cornell received a request from Debra Lee to chair the rules committee. However, a motion was made by Marsha Stein to appoint Jan Stallone as chair, Frank Stein seconded the motion, motion carried. Kristin Stolee was also appointed to the Rules Committee and an alternate will be appointed at a later date.
5. Policy and Bylaws Committee – Nothing to report at this time.
6. Scholarship Committee – Nothing to report at this time.
7. Nominating Committee – Nothing to report at this time.
8. Audit Committee – Nothing to report at this time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Appointment of Vice President – Shirley Knott made motion to appoint Jim Tippee to position of Vice President, Larry Wolfe seconded the motion, motion carried.
2. Appointment of Board Member – Greg Schlosser and Kristin Stolee have both expressed an interest in filling the vacancy on the Board. The Board decided to flip a coin rather than vote. Greg Schlosser won the coin toss.
3. There was discussion regarding the absences of board members and whether or not the absences are excused or unexcused. The Board needs to follow the guidelines of the ByLaws regarding this. Ron Cornell will contact Jayne Zajicek regarding her absences and to find out her intentions as a Board Member.
4. Texas Hold 'Em Series- The class list for the 2012 Fort Worth show was presented and accepted. A preliminary class list for the TSO was presented. Lori Miller will prepare a flyer to be distributed at Shelbyville and used for further advertising. All agreed that we need to do a lot of advertising. Shirley Knott will find someone to prepare an ad suitable for magazines. It was agreed that we need to raise a minimum of \$8,000 in sponsor money to be used for the high point and reserve high point awards for the Texas Hold 'Em Series. Larry Wolfe made the motion that we pay \$500 to each high point adult division and \$300 for each reserve high point adult division, and that we solicit products for the youth and sub youth high point and reserve high point awards. Robert Polley, Marsha Stein and Christyna Knott volunteered to be on the Fund Raising Committee. Robert Polley will report to the Board on a monthly basis.
5. The 2012 show schedule was discussed. We need to have a spring and fall show. Frank Stein presented the availability of the Lufkin facility on April 13, 14 and 15. Information on a new facility in Gonzalez was presented by Larry Wolfe. Lynda

- Cornell will obtain information on various locations with available dates and email to the board members.
6. Pattern Books – Motion was made by Marsha Stein and seconded by John Stallone that a master pattern book be prepared with 25 large animal patterns and 25 small animal patterns. The motion carried. John Stallone and the show committee will be responsible for preparing this pattern book.
  7. Show Software – The pros and cons of the new software were discussed. All agreed that we would continue to use the new software and have another report at the next Board Meeting.
  8. Show Issues/Chain of Command – The Board was reminded that all on-site show issues will be handled by John Stallone, Show Chairman and Lou Ann Guthrie, Show Coordinator.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Knott

Approved by:

Jim Tippie

Marsha Stein

John Stallone

Lou Ann Guthrie

Larry Wolfe

Lynda Cornell

Mel Howes

Frank Stein