

Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society

Annual Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2010

Opening:

The Annual meeting of the Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society was called to order at 12:47 PM, December 4, 2010, at the Elite Café, in Waco, Texas by President, Larry Wolfe.

Present:

President,	Larry Wolfe	Director	Lynda Cornell
Vice President,	Debbie Lee	Director	Lou Ann Guthrie
Secretary,	Lori Miller	Director	Ricky Scott
Points Keeper,	Shirley Knott	Director	Jim Tippie
Show Chair,	Sally Armstrong	Director	Frank Stein
Parliamentarian	Elaine Wolfe		

Not Present: Mel Howes, Director

Also Present:

A number of SDMS members attending the Annual Meeting.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 23, 2010 meeting were read by Lori Miller.

Motion: "The SDMS Board of Directors (BOD) approve the minutes as written."

Motion By: Debbie Lee Second: Ricky Scott Motion: Carried

II. Treasurer's Report

Elaine Wolfe presented the report for Larry Wolfe, acting Treasurer. Elaine presented the current financial status of SDMS. She reviewed income and expenses incurred since the last meeting. A paper copy will be presented to the 2011-2012 BOD at the initial meeting following the Annual Meeting.

III. Committee Reports

A.) Show Committee:

Sally Armstrong reviewed the 2010 SDMS show schedule. She confirmed the Fort Worth Stock Show (FWSSR) is set for January 23, 2011 and the Texas Shoot-Out has been scheduled for June 9 – 12, 2011. Sally also reported a spring show had been scheduled in Lufkin May 14-15, 2011. She also announced the NMDA National Show will be in Waco, April 9-10, 2011 and will be hosted by GCDMA. Sally thanked

everyone who had helped her during her years as Show Chair. Larry Wolfe reported the BOD is still working on scheduling a fall show in Belton, Texas.

- B.) Texas Shoot-out Committee: Larry encouraged members to get involved to help with the Texas Shoot-Out since it is our largest show. He reported event updates concerning the facilities. Elaine Wolfe read a Thank You letter for the All-Star Equestrian Foundation, Inc. for our \$200.00 donation to their organization.

- C.) Rules Committee:

Debbie Lee reminded membership that the 2011 changes to the rule book will be in effect at the FWSSR and verified if everyone received the changes. She directed members to the website to reprint the changes if needed.

- D.) Scholarship Committee:

Lou Ann Guthrie reported there are no current applicants for the SDMS scholarship. Lou Ann also reported the discussion between BOD members to change the name of the scholarship to honor Dr. Tex Taylor. Dr. Taylor was an SDMS member and a champion of donkeys and mules who recently passed away.

Motion “SDMS rename the SDMS Scholarship to “The Dr. Tex Taylor Memorial Scholarship.”

Motion By: Lou Ann Guthrie Second: Debbie Lee Motion: Carried

- E.) Policy and By-Laws Committee:

Elaine Wolfe reported the recent By-Laws changes voted on October 23, 2010.

- F.) Longears Festival Committee:

Lori Miller reported SDMS will host the 5th annual Longears Festival in 2011. Information will be posted to the SDMS website as available. As in prior years, the event will provide a fun and educational environment while striving to keep the cost at a minimum.

- (G.) Audit Committee:

Shirley Knott reported that she and Rhonda Tippie audited the SDMS financials prior to the Annual Meeting. She reported they verified expenses and deposits with the bank statements and all records to date for 2010 have been audited and balanced.

- (H.) Nominating Committee:

Lou Ann Guthrie reported the names of members who have volunteered for the SDMS Officers positions. Elaine Wolfe reviewed the duties per the By-Laws. Larry Wolfe inquired if any members would like to add their name to the election ballot. Shirley Knott submitted her name for Secretary.

IV. Unfinished Business

Lou Ann Guthrie reported the purchase of a new Laptop computer for SDMS. The computer will be a designated computer to hold SDMS records and will be used at shows to hold recently purchased show software.

V. New Business

1.) Elections of 2011/2012 SDMS Officers:

Election ballots were presented to the membership, were completed and tallied. While the ballots were tallied, Sally Armstrong presented the SDMS youth with recognition items and announced their new divisions.

VI. Certification of Election Results

Larry Wolfe announced the election results. The newly elected 2011/ 2012 SDMS Officers are as follows: President, Debbie Lee; Vice-President, Ron Cornell; Treasurer, Dr. Marsha Stein; Show Chairman, John Stallone; Secretary, Shirley Knott; Show Coordinator, Lou Ann Guthrie; Points Keeper, Sandi Costa

VII. Installation of New Board Members

Larry Wolfe welcomed the new Officers. He also thanked the prior officers for their service to SDMS and their assistance to him. Due to the vacancy created by Lou Ann Guthrie’s election as Show Coordinator, Larry Wolfe took nominations from the membership for a Director to fill Lou Ann’s Director’s position.

Motion “Jayne Zajicek will assume the Director’s position vacated by Lou Ann Guthrie.”

Motion By: Walter Fuermann Second: Bobbie Ferraro Motion: Carried

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, the 2010 Year-End High Point Awards and Top Five Awards were presented by Shirley Knott and Lynda Cornell.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m. by Larry Wolfe, President. The next BOD meeting will be held on December 4, 2010 after this meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Miller

Approved by: Debbie Lee, Frank Stein, Shirley Knott, Jim Tippie, Lou Ann Guthrie