

SOUTHWESTERN DONKEY & MULE SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 16, 2011

Opening:

The Board of Directors' meeting of the Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society was called to order at 11:00 a.m., April 16, 2011, at Rudy's Barbeque, in Waco, Texas by President Debbie Lee.

Present:

President	Debbie Lee	Director	Frank Stein
Secretary	Shirley Knott	Director	Jim Tippie
Treasurer	Marsha Stein	Director	Lynda Cornell
Show Chairman	John Stallone	Director	Ricky Scott
Show Coordinator	Lou Ann Guthrie		
Points Keeper	Larry Wolfe		

Committee Members: Elaine Wolfe, Rhonda Tippie, Lori Miller, Lee Fuermann

SDMS Members: Kristin Stolee and Robert Polley

Not Present: Ron Cornell, Vice President, Mel Howes and Jayne Zajicek, Directors and Jay Jaxtheimer, Parliamentarian

MINUTES – Reading of the minutes of the previous Board of Directors' Meeting, held on January 29, 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 \$16,114.00 and the scholarship fund is \$4,921.02. Marsha also reported that she had obtained quite a bit of sponsorship money for the Lufkin show from Lufkin businesses. Motion was made by Ricky to accept the treasurer's report, second was made by Jim Tippie and motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Show Committee and Texas Shoot Out Committee – Will be incorporated into the various New Business items.
2. Rules Committee – Nothing to report at this time.
3. Scholarship Committee – Nothing to report at this time.
4. Policy and Bylaws Committee – Nothing to report at this time.
5. Longear's Festival Committee – Lori Miller reported that this committee will be meeting immediately following the Board Meeting and will have something to report at the next Board Meeting.
6. Audit Committee – All records from December 4, 2010 through present were reviewed and verified by Shirley Knott and Rhonda Tippie.

7. Nominating Committee – Nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Larry Wolfe gave an update on the correspondence received from Internal Revenue Service. A Certified Public Accountant responded to IRS regarding monies due resulting from late filing of a previous year's tax return; we are awaiting response from IRS. The 2010 tax return was filed on a timely basis. Larry reported that future returns may have to be filed on the long form due to IRS regulations regarding the amount of deposits made by a 501C(5) entity.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Trail Challenge and Cook-out sponsored by Kristin and Robert Polley. Kristin presented information regarding this trail ride/challenge to be held on June 25, 2011, on 108 acres in Glen Rose. There are no RV hook-ups, but plenty of space for primitive camping and limited pens for animals. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided; participants are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. There will be activities for both miniatures and large donkeys and mules with different levels of competitions. A flyer will be distributed and posted on the website soon.
2. Lufkin show – When the showbill was mailed out, the class numbers listed for high point were incorrect. Debbie Lee sent out an email to rectify this problem, but included English classes to count for high point in youth, novice and green divisions. SDMS has never done this in the past. Motion was made by Marsha Stein and seconded by John Stallone that English classes will not count toward high point in these divisions. Motion carried. Shirley Knott will send out an email regarding this decision and Lou Ann Guthrie will correspond with any exhibitor in these divisions who enter any of the English classes to ensure that they are aware that no points will be recorded. Also, Frank Stein reported that (1) he had the contract for Lufkin, (2) check-in will be available at noon, (3) warm-up arena will be available 24/7 and (4) stalls and rv area will be available Sunday night if needed-pay expo center directly. Marsha reported that she (1) had the rosettes, (2) had put out flyers in Lufkin, (3) had obtained sponsorships from Lufkin businesses and (4) that Davita Woods will provide lunch for the exhibitors on Saturday.
3. Texas Shoot-Out – The Stillcreek Boys Home will provide workers for TSO and SDMS will make a \$300 contribution to this organization. Motion was made by Marsha Stein, Seconded by Shirley Knott, motion carried. A tentative class list was presented for review and discussion. All halter classes were to be held on Friday, large animal classes on Saturday and miniature donkey classes on Sunday. Motion to move the Versatility Class to Friday from Sunday was made by Ricky Scott and seconded by Jim Tippie, motion carried. Motion was made by Lynda Cornell and seconded by Frank Stein to include the Versatility class in the High Point classes with no special award being given. Motion carried. It was agreed to rearrange the Pee Wee classes and to add keyhole classes on Saturday. It was also agreed that we would have a dinner on Saturday night. For Sunday classes, it was agreed to move the coon jumping after the hunter class. A motion was made by Marsha Stein and

seconded by Lou Ann Guthrie to use all existing Western Pleasure classes for large animals and all existing In-hand Trail classes for miniature donkeys for the Jackpot classes with the payback being 40-30-20-10. The motion carried. However, a motion was made by Marsha Stein and seconded by Frank Stein to amend this original motion to exclude all youth, sub youth and pee wee classes. The motion carried. A motion was made by Lou Ann Guthrie and seconded by Frank Stein to accept the TSO class list with amendments as discussed. Motion carried. What to do for sponsors was discussed. For sponsorships \$250 and over, an ad will be placed on a tote bag; for sponsorships \$249 and under, a group banner will be prepared. Larry Wolfe will prepare an advertising/sponsor sheet. Elaine Wolfe will be responsible for finding and having the tote bags made. There will be no worker T-shirts purchased. Estimated pricing for the Get of Sire and Produce of Dam awards will be \$35 and for the Driving Award will be \$50. The Best of Breed award will be a belt buckle. Elaine Wolfe will be responsible for the Pee Wee awards. Marsha will be responsible for the rosettes. Walter and Lee Fuermann will purchase the donuts as a contribution to the club and together with Shirley Knott will be responsible for the check-in, stall assignments and RV parking. John Stallone and Shirley Knott will be responsible for preparing the showbill.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Stallone and seconded by Ricky Scott. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Knott

Approved by: Larry Wolfe
Jim Tippie
Frank Stein
Marsha Stein
Lou Ann Guthrie
John Stallone
Lynda Cornell