

SOUTHWESTERN DONKEY & MULE SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2011

Opening:

The Board of Directors' meeting of the Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society was called to order at 11:45 a.m., January 29, 2011, at Rudy's Barbeque, in Waco, Texas by President Debbie Lee.

Present:

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| President | Debbie Lee | Director | Mel Howes |
| Vice President | Ron Cornell | Director | Lynda Cornell |
| Secretary | Shirley Knott | Director | Ricky Scott |
| Treasurer | Marsha Stein | Director | Jim Tippie |
| Show Chairman | John Stallone | Director | Frank Stein |
| Show Coordinator | Lou Ann Guthrie | | |

Committee Members: Larry Wolfe and Elaine Wolfe

Not Present: Jayne Zajicek, Director and Jay Jaxtheimer, Parliamentarian

MINUTES – The minutes of the previous Board of Directors' Meeting, held on December 4, 2010 were read. Motion was made by Marsha Stein to approve as read, second was made by Ricky Scott and motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The treasurer's report was presented by Marsha Stein. The balance in the general operation fund is \$12,648.48 and the scholarship fund is \$4,921.02. The reason for the large decrease in the general operating funds is that expenses for the Fort Worth show had been paid prior to receiving the income from that show. Motion was made by Shirley Knott to accept the treasurer's report, second was made by Ron Cornell and motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Show Committee – John Stallone reported that the Fort Worth show went well and the committee is getting ready for the Lufkin show.
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 – Elaine Wolfe reported that the committee is hoping to keep same location, same budget and similar format as last year. They do welcome any suggestions and new ideas. Larry Wolfe reported the possibility of Parrie Haynes being sold as a result of the passing of a House Bill. Lori Miller is looking into other locations.
6. Audit Committee – Nothing to report at this time.

7. Nominating Committee – Nothing to report at this time. However, due to the fact that the Points Keeper has resigned, there was discussion regarding finding someone to help with keeping the points at the shows.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Miller is working on the next newsletter. Shirley Knott is working on the Fort Worth show results and the yearly points summary to post on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

1. TSO Awards – Debbie Lee discussed the cost of the awards for the 2010 show in connection with the need to make a decision regarding paybacks for the 2011 show. It was suggested that we should have one more year without paybacks, do more advertising in an effort to have a larger show, do not purchase the mugs and banners as had been done in the past and possibly offer some jackpot classes. The final decision as to the awards will be made at a Show Committee meeting. However, the motion to not have paybacks was made by Marsha Stein and seconded by Ricky Scott. This motion carried. John Stallone will schedule a Show Committee meeting as soon as possible. Marsha Stein also suggested that there be a separate driving award and this was discussed, but no decisions were made. There was also discussion regarding finding other locations for the TSO in future years.
2. Trail Obstacles – John Stallone has the trail obstacles and has agreed to keep them and transport whatever is necessary to the shows.
3. Outline of Job Duties of Show Chairman – Being the show chairman is new to John Stallone and Debbie Lee wanted to have an outline of duties to help him. This has been given to John.
4. Social Networking Site – Debbie Lee asked the Board if they would be interested in setting up “Facebook” for SDMS in addition to the Website. The consensus of the discussion was that it may be a good idea if it could be set up to report information only with no possibility of comments from readers. Marsha Stein volunteered to investigate this possibility and report her findings at the next board meeting. Larry and Elaine Wolfe will continue to update the SDMS website.
5. Resignation of Points Keeper – Debbie Lee read a letter from Sandi Costa expressing her decision to resign as Points Keeper. Motion to accept this resignation was made by Ron Cornell and seconded by Ricky Scott. Motion carried. A motion to appoint Larry Wolfe as Points Keeper was made by Ron Cornell and seconded by Lou Ann Guthrie. Motion carried.
6. Fort Smith, Arkansas Donkey/Mule Show – Debbie Lee received an email requesting that SDMS sanction a Donkey/Mule Show in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and the request to use the Texas Rule Book for the miniature donkey portion of the show. Discussion followed regarding SDMS show schedule for 2011 already set and with the 75% attendance requirement, it would not be fair to add another show at this time. The motion to not sanction this show was made by Marsha Stein and seconded by Lou Ann Guthrie. Motion carried.

7. Date for Next Board Meeting – All board members present agreed on the following for the next Board Meeting: Date-Saturday, April 16, 2011, Time-11:00 a.m., Place-Rudy's Barbeque, Waco, TX. There will be an audit committee meeting at 10:00 a.m. prior to the Board Meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ron Cornell and seconded by Ricky Scott. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Knott

Approved by: Larry Wolfe
Lou Ann Guthrie
Debbie Lee
Frank Stein
Marsha Stein
John Stallone
Ron Cornell
Lynda Cornell
Jim Tippie
Jayne Zajicek
Ricky Scott