

# Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society

## Annual Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2009

### Opening:

The Annual meeting of the Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society was called to order at 1:05 PM, December 5, 2009, at the Elite Café, in Waco, Texas by President, Larry Wolfe.

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### I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 7, 2009 meeting were circularized via email and approved by Sally Armstrong, Debbie Lee, Shirley Knott, Mel Howes, Lou Ann Guthrie and Lynda Cornell.

### II. Treasurer's Report

Current Financial Information: Judy Shulter distributed financial reports and reviewed the current financial status of SDMS. The report was filed subject to audit.

### III. Committee Reports

#### A.) Show Committee:

Sally Armstrong reviewed the 2010 SDMS show schedule. Sally announced the scheduling of the SDMS Spring Show at the Somervell County Expo in Glen Rose on May 1 – 2, 2010. She informed the membership that the 2010 Texas Shoot-Out will remain in Bryan at the Brazos County Expo during the month of June. Sally then announced the SDMS Fall Show will be held October 23-24, 2010 in Corsicana at the Navarro County Expo. A discussion was held concerning the need for a Show Coordinator for 2010. Sally reviewed the Show Coordinator's duties. Sally also explained the reasons for the FWSSR class schedule and information concerning the show.

B.) Texas Shoot-out Committee: Sally Armstrong announced the Texas Shoot-out will be June 11-13, 2010 at the Brazos Co. Expo. Several members requested that trail classes be held in the regular fashion instead of the "walk-up" trail. Sally will coordinate the feasibility of working this into the TSO class schedule. Sally also requested volunteers for several TSO committees.

#### C.) Rules Committee:

Debbie Lee notified members of the January 10, 2010 deadline for rule changes to the Texas Rule Book. Debbie reiterated that the club must submit these items to the rules committee in order for them to change. Debbie also explained the rules committee process.

#### D.) Scholarship Committee:

Robert Shulter presented the SDMS scholarship to Weston Shefcik. Weston received a check for \$750.00. Weston was congratulated by the membership and told those in attendance about himself and his future goals.

E.) Policy and By-Laws Committee:

Elaine Wolfe reviewed the proposed changes and answered any questions. Elaine stated the reason for the proposed changes were to insure a smoother audit process and ease the amount of work on members. These changes should not create any additional work for the Treasurer. Elaine also solicited volunteers to serve on this committee.

F.) Longear's Festival Committee:

Judy Shulter reported that the 2010 festival will be held September 3-5, 2010. Judy reported the Parrie Haynes Ranch is now a part of the Texas State Parks Dept. Judy felt this would not cause a problem in scheduling the event there. The Committee will meet to work out the logistics and details and report to the Board at a later date. Judy announced the committee members and cowboy cooks for the 2010 festival.

G.) Nominating Committee:

Shirley Knott reminded members that the membership will be electing Directors for 2010 at this meeting. Shirley announced the nominees and nominations were taken from the floor. The nominees for director were Mel Howes, Lou Ann Guthrie, Ricky Scott, Jim Tippie, Frank Stein, Lynda Cornell, Robert Shulter, Sisu Morris, Christyna Knott, Greg Schlosser, Royce Lee and Jane Stallone.

**IV. Unfinished Business**

None

**V. New Business**

1.) Elections of 2010/2011 Directors and Show Coordinator:

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

2.) Proposed By-Laws Changes

Elaine Wolfe reviewed the proposed By-Laws Changes. The changes were circulated to all members via U.S. Postal Service prior to the meeting. Elaine Wolfe also read the changes and answered questions concerning the changes. After discussion, the membership voted.

Vote put to membership: "The proposed changes to the SDMS By-Laws be made as circularized."

Vote: Carried Copy of changes are Attached to this record.

**VI. Appointment of Committees**

Larry Wolfe requested volunteers for standing committees. He also reviewed the committees and their duties. The final Standing Committee lists will be posted as soon as available.

**VII. Certification of Election Results**

Shirley Knott announced the election results. The newly elected 2010/ 2011 SDMS Directors are as follows: Mel Howes, Jim Tippie, Frank Stein, Ricky Scott, Lynda Cornell and Lou Ann Guthrie. Shirley requested a motion to destroy the ballots.

Motion           “SDMS will destroy the ballots for the election of the 2010/2011 Directors.

Motion By: Lee Fuermann                      Second: Debbie Lee                      Motion: Carried

**VIII. Installation of New Board Members**

Larry Wolfe welcomed the new Directors. He also thanked the prior Directors for their service to SDMS.

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, the 2009 Year-End High Point Awards and Top Ten Awards were presented by Larry Wolfe and Lynda Cornell.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. by Larry Wolfe, President. The next BOD meeting will be held March 6, 2010.

Minutes submitted by:                              Lori Miller

Approved by:    Sally Armstrong, Mel Howes, Ricky Scott, Debbie Lee, Lynda Cornell