

Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2009

Opening:

The Board of Directors meeting of the Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society was called to order at 11:07 on February 7, 2009 in Salado, Texas by President, Larry Wolfe.

Present:

President,	Larry Wolfe	Points Keeper,	Shirley Knott
Vice President,	Debbie Lee	Director	Lynda Cornell
Secretary,	Lori Miller	Director	Sisu Morris
Treasurer,	Judy Shulter	Director	Robert Shulter
Show Chair,	Sally Armstrong		
Show Coord.,	Dawn Fontana		

Also Present: Lee Fuerman

Absent:

Director Lou Ann Guthrie –Approved Absence

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 6, 2008 meeting were circularized and approved by Sally Armstrong, Debbie Lee, Shirley Knott, Lynda Cornell, Sisu Morris, Robert Shulter and Judy Shulter.

C. Committee Reports

- 1.) Treasurer
 - a) Current Financial Information: Judy Shulter distributed financial reports and reviewed the current financial status of SDMS.
 - b) Budget / Actual FWSSR: Judy Shulter reported that currently all financial information from FWSSR is an estimate. She is waiting on the fee sharing check from FWSSR in order to calculate the final profit/loss for the show.
 - c) Budget Review / Amendments: No Amendments were suggested.

- d) Update 501c3 status with the IRS: Judy Shulter reported information pertaining to the filling for 501c3 status with the IRS. After much discussion, it was suggested Judy contact SDMS member and CPA, Jerry Willrich. The topic was tabled for a future meeting until Judy can discuss the subject with Jerry Willrich.

2.) Longears Festival

Judy Shulter, Longears Festival Committee Chairperson presented a report concerning the planning and status of the 2009 Longears Festival. The event will be held September 4-6, 2009 at Parrie-Haynes Equestrian Center. She reviewed and presented the ideas discussed in the Longears Committee meeting held prior to the Board Meeting.

3) Show Committee

Sally Armstrong, Show Chair, reviewed and presented the ideas discussed at the Show Committee meeting held on January 31, 2009 in Corsicana, Texas.

Show Committee Recommendations:

- 1) The Show Committee proposes a Non-Driving Category for Miniature Donkeys to encourage people to show non-driving Green animals.

Motion: "SDMS will include a non-driving green category for miniature donkeys allowing animals shown under harness at the FWSSR to be eligible for the award."

By: Sally Armstrong Second: Sisu Morris Motion: Carried

- 2) The Show Committee proposes incentives for those people who only show in halter classes who participate in 75% of the shows.

Motion: "SDMS will provide Champion awards for exhibitors who show in halter and participate in 75% of the shows."

By: Sally Armstrong Second: Debbie Lee Motion: Carried

- 3) The Show Committee proposes year-end awards for Pee-Wee exhibitors who attend the annual meeting.

Motion: "SDMS will provide a small year-end award for Pee Wee exhibitors who attend the annual meeting and awards banquet."

By: Sally Armstrong Second: Debbie Lee Motion: Carried

- 4) The Show Committee proposes a booklet be developed to provide information not written in the Texas Rule Book. The booklet would also include a "FAQ" section and would be distributed to new members with their rule book.

Motion: "The SDMS Show Committee will begin to develop a booklet of useful information not included in the Texas Rule Book."

By: Sally Armstrong Second: Robert Shulter Motion: Carried

- 5) The Show Committee proposes an incentive program to recognize volunteers that work at SDMS events.”

Motion: “The SDMS Show Committee will create an incentive program to recognize volunteers that work SDMS events.”

By: Sally Armstrong Second: Debbie Lee Motion: Carried

- 6) The Show Committee proposes the development of a youth program that will provide youth with responsibilities at SDMS events. Under this program, youth will be recognized as they advance to different age groups.

Motion: “The SDMS Show Committee will create a youth program to recognize youth exhibitors and provide responsibilities and duties at SDMS events.”

Motion: Sally Armstrong Second: Robert Shulter Motion: Carried

Sally Armstrong presented a report concerning the 2009 Texas Shoot-Out. The 2009 Texas Shoot-Out will be held Thursday, June 11th – Sunday, June 14th in Bryan, Texas. Sally presented event ideas and reviewed committee assignments.

Sally Armstrong presented information concerning the FWSSR belt buckles. After much discussion, it was concluded that the club could not afford to replace the buckles nor will the company replace the buckles.

Motion: “SDMS will not replace the belt buckles awarded at the 2009 FWSSR.”

Motion: Sisu Morris Second: Debbie Lee Motion: Carried

- 4) PR/ Newsletter

No Report

- 5) Rules

Debbie Lee reported we have received 150 copies of the 2009 rule book changes.

- 6) By-Laws

No Report

- 7) Scholarship

Robert Shulter reported he is preparing scholarship information and application procedures will the Scholarship Committee.

D. Unfinished Business

None

E. New Business

1) SDMS Store

Judy Shulter reported on items SDMS could have embroidered to sell at SDMS events.

Motion: "SDMS will purchase items with the SDMS logo to have for sale at SDMS events."

Motion: Judy Shulter Second: Sally Armstrong Motion: Carried

2) Sisu Morris proposes the creation of several non-showing events throughout the year. After discussion, Debbie Lee will begin to organize the first of these type events.

3) In lieu of the death of longtime exhibitor Dianne Smith's Mule, Josephine My Love, it is proposed that SDMS create an award in recognition of her participation in SDMS.

Motion: "SDMS will present a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2009 Texas Shoot-out in memory of Josephine My Love.

Motion: Sally Armstrong Second: Sisu Morris Motion: Carried

4) Elaine Wolfe suggested that the club create a business card to be used for advertising and public relations.

Motion: "SDMS will create a business card to be used for advertising and public relations."

Motion: Debbie Lee Second: Sisu Morris Motion: Carried

5) Discussion was held concerning membership information being available on the SDMS website. After deliberation, it was decided that it was important to keep the information available.

6) Discussion was held concerning the Director's position left vacant when Debbie Lee moved to Vice-President.

Motion: "Mel Howes be appointed as a director to the 2009 SDMS Board of Directors."

Motion: Robert Shulter Second: Sisu Morris Motion; Carried

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. by Larry Wolfe, President. The next meeting will be designated at a later date.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Miller

Approved by: Sally Armstrong, Judy Shulter, Shirley Knott, Debbie Lee, Sisu Morris, Lynda Cornell