

Wisconsin Donkey & Mule Society (WDMS)  
Westfield Village Hall - Westfield, WI

**MINUTES**

**January 19, 2008 - Annual Meeting**

**Present:**

Leslie Schmidt, Ron & Vickie Nyhouse, Dan Boone Dineen, Mike Snell, Lynn Mach, John Trochinski, Donna Gabbei, John Jones, Hal & Sandy Burdsall, Dian Pinney and Steve Plantz.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by President Leslie Schmidt followed by self-introductions by members present. Secretary Kathy Jones was absent.

**Minutes:**

Copies of the minutes of the November 10 meeting were distributed. Dian Pinney moved and it was seconded *to approve the minutes as submitted*. Motion adopted.

**Treasurer's Report:**

1) **General:** Treasurer Vickie Nyhouse distributed copies of the 2007 General Ledger, reported the end-of-year balance in the treasury as \$4,971.59 and updated the balance since then as follows:

330.00	Membership dues
(5.00)	Meeting hall fee
(490.00)	Midwest Horse Fair
(672.37)	Reimburse Hal Burdsall for 2008 awards order (582.08 State Show + 90.29 Fun Show)
75.00	5 memberships (today)

for a balance in the treasury today (1-19-08) of \$4,209.22.

2) **2007 Midwest Horse Fair:** Ledger sheet distributed indicated MHF club cost of \$100 for 4 stalls and that the club sold \$400 of shirts and hats at MHF.

3) **2007 State Show:** Ledger sheet distributed indicated that WDMS lost \$858.94 on the 2007 State Show. It should be noted that the previous year's State Show incurred no arena or judge expenses due to rescheduling considerations by Heartland Stables for 2006 and that the 2007 judge expense had been budgeted at \$500. Financial details from the ledger sheet are as follows:

(892.74)	Award Expense (495.68 ribbons + 397.06 Hi-Pt chairs)
792.00	Income - Entry fees
280.00	Income - Sponsor donations
180.00	Income - Silent Auction
40.00	Income - Door Prize drawing tickets
178.77	Income - Hi-Point and Miscellaneous
(660.72)	Judge Expense (300 fee, 180.25 mileage, 180.47 motel)
(100.00)	Announcer Expense
(50.00)	Announcer's Helper Expense
(626.25)	Heartland Stables Expense (500 arena, 80 porta-potty, 46.25 food)

### **Treasurer's Report (cont.):**

The club sold \$89.00 of shirts and hats at the 2007 State Show.

The Treasurer needs the 2008 State Show bill soon to submit for the club liability insurance coverage which covers 7 events. The insurance premium payment is due in March and was \$560 for 2007.

Donna Gabbei asked if the dues renewal notice had worked and commented that the mailing contained a lot of good info about the club. Sandy Burdsall mailed the renewal notice to 150 addresses on 11-16-07 and reported that, as of yesterday (1-18-08), we already had 68 paid memberships for 2008 compared to a total of 69 memberships at the end of 2007.

Hal Burdsall moved and it was seconded *that the Treasurer's report be approved*. Motion adopted.

**Elections:** The elections were postponed to the end of the meeting.

### **Wisconsin State Horse Council (WSHC) Report:**

WDMS Rep John Jones continues on the WSHC Trails Committee and reported that all WSHC meetings will now be held in Columbus. The Second Annual WSHC Convention will be held March 7-8, 2008 in Oshkosh; additional info should be on the WSHC web site. John reported that there is a lot of confusion in WSHC regarding money and thought there was no money this past year for a youth grant to WDMS.

### **Midwest Horse Fair (MHF) Report:**

The Midwest Horse Fair will be held April 18-20, 2008 with the theme of "Dancing With The Horses." Chairman Leslie Schmidt reported that WDMS will be limited to 14 stalls and that MHF fees were up for 2008 to \$30/stall and \$30/camping (were \$25 each, respectively, for 2007). Members exhibiting at MHF can pay the club for their stalls any time between now and at the MHF.

### **WDMS Web Site:**

Web master Sandy Burdsall reported that hosting fees for the site continue to be \$29.94 every 6 months (reimbursed by WDMS) and all her labor is donated. Members continue to request posting of their Classified Ads and new features include the Club Library inventory and an area for club members' Favorite Photos. As requested, specific web site hit data will be provided at the next meeting.

### **State Show Report (June 7-8, 2008):**

Co-Chair Donna Gabbei received the show contract from Bill/Heartland Stables and had the President sign it at the meeting for return to Heartland. Donna is doing follow-up on getting an announcer and, possibly, an assistant announcer for 2008.

Co-Chair Hal Burdsall reported that a judge had been contracted (Anita DiModica of Deerfield, WI) for a total expense of \$500. Award ribbons for 2008 have been ordered and will be small ribbons for 6 places and very large, showy ribbons for Grand/Reserve Halter classes and Hi-Point awards. The award order also included small ribbons for the 2008 Fun Show for 3 places in each class. Hal reported that judge + award expense for the 2008 State Show will be \$300-400 less than for the 2007 State Show.

### **Show Rules Report:**

Handout by Rules Chairman Hal Burdsall. The group discussed rules changes recommended at the last meeting including:

- 1) Participant numbers for person/animal combinations
- 2) Separate Exhibitor Registration vs Class Entry forms
- 3) Award points for multiple-round events
- 4) Challenges of point results and tally
- 5) Leading trail class limited to person/animal combos that do not compete in riding events vs age-specific limitation

Group agreed with all changes except #1 which led to motion by John Jones, and seconded, *that the show co-chairs work out a numbering system for the show*. Motion adopted. Co-chairs will also work out the 2008 Showbill and get the info to the Webmaster for the web site and to the Treasurer for insurance requirements. It was agreed that there would be no mail-in show registrations. A form for the Show Registration Desk to track all income and tabs was mentioned; Vickie Nyhouse will look for the one used in 2007.

### **Fun Show Report:**

Chairman Leslie Schmidt has requested date of August 16 or August 23 to use the Tomah Saddle Club grounds in Tomah for the 2008 Fun Show. No response yet.

### **Club Library Report:**

Librarian Dian Pinney reported that the list of club library materials (books and VHS tapes) was now on the web site. Members pay postage for materials both ways and may borrow items for 30 days. Library items are still physically with Sandy Burdsall in Black Earth but will change hands to Dian Pinney as soon as practicable.

### **Club Sales:**

Leslie Schmidt has the club inventory of shirts, hats and cups and distributed a inventory list of items currently available.

### **Trail Ride Report:**

Chairman Leslie Schmidt reported that the Spring Trail Ride will be held May 16-18 at Ukarydee at Arkdale, WI and that camping reservations should be made with Mary at 608-564-2233. The Fall Trail Ride will be held September 19-21 at End of the Trail Campground in Ontario, WI; make reservations with Jan Tassler at 608-337-4738. WDMS will provide the meat for members attending the Saturday night potlucks and Mike Snell offered to cook. Members are requested to make reservations early so an adequate supply of meat can be arranged; this request to be added to the web site.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **New Member Welcome Letter:**

To implement continuing recommendations, Sandy Burdsall moved, and it was seconded, *that the Treasurer send a Welcome letter to new members and a Welcome Back letter to members returning after an absence to acknowledge the receipt of their dues, welcome them to the club and provide information about club events and the club's web site address.* Motion adopted.

### **Newsletter Report:**

Sandy Burdsall reported information from Newsletter Editor Lenore Mangles that her employer donates the paper and photocopying for the WDMS newsletter. Postage for 2007 newsletters reimbursed by the club was \$177.68.

### **Elections:**

The following members were elected to WDMS offices and Board for a 2-year term ending in 2010:

President - Leslie Schmidt

Secretary - Sandy Burdsall

Board - John Jones

Board - Hal Burdsall

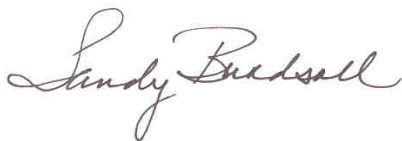
Board - Donna Gabbei

Board - Mike Snell

Lynn Mach was elected to fill the unexpired term (to 2009) of Dianna Peschel who resigned from the Board due to relocating to southern Illinois for a job. All were elected by voice vote since there was only one nominee for each position.

### **Adjournment:**

It was moved by Dan Dineen, and seconded, *to adjourn the meeting.* The motion was adopted and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Sandy Burdsall  
WDMS Secretary

Approved October 11, 2008