

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

**MINUTES**

**October 11, 2008**

**Present:** Leslie Schmidt, Ron & Vickie Nyhouse, Dian Pinney, Hal & Sandy Burdsall, Dolores & Dick Slizewski and John Jones. (9)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by President Leslie Schmidt. Secretary Sandy Burdsall was present.

**Minutes:** Copies of the minutes of the last meeting, January 19, 2008, were distributed. Dian Pinney moved and it was seconded *to approve the minutes as submitted*. Motion adopted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Vickie Nyhouse distributed copies of the 2008 General Ledger to October 2, 2008 and reported additional checks written on October 9 that bring the treasury balance to date to \$4,540.57. The Treasurer reported that a new checking account had been opened on August 7 and all club funds (\$4,471.57) transferred to it. Other financial reports distributed showed the following:

2008 State Show - Net Loss	(424.29)
Shirt Sales at 2008 State Show	108.00
2008 Fun Show - Net Loss	(8.29)
Shirt Sales at 2008 Fun Show	50.00
WSHC Youth Education Sponsorship - Unspent Balance	71.22

A handout of the 2008 State Show finances included comparisons to the financial results of the 2007, 2006 and 2005 State Shows.

**Wisconsin State Horse Council (WSHC) Report:** WDMS Rep Corky Smith was absent.

**Midwest Horse Fair (MHF) Report:** Chairman Leslie Schmidt announced that the Midwest Horse Fair will be held April 17-19, 2009 with the theme of "SuperHorse." The group discussed a possible logo of a Superman "S" altered to an "aSs" for the club for the event. At the January meeting, Mike Snell committed to bringing his team and a wagon for MHF and it was recommended to advertise in the newsletter and on the web site to find a driving team of mini donkey as well. This year, Leslie will put a banner advertising the club on her golf cart that is used for many purposes on the MHF grounds.

**State Show Report (June 7-8, 2008):** A 2008 Show Data report was distributed (comparing info to 2007 Show Data) showing:

- 15 Silent Auction Donors (10 for 2007)
- 22 Sponsored Classes (14 for 2007)
- 23 Exhibitors (36 for 2007) with 4 aged 12 & under (6 for 2007)

56 Classes (56 for 2007)

172 Total Entries (255 for 2007)

10 Classes Cancelled for no entries (4 in 2007)

There were no mini donkey entries in any class for 2008.

Dian Pinney will be the new Co-Chairman with Hal Burdsall for the 2009 show. Donna Gabbei may work on the Show Committee for the Silent Auction again. Sandy Burdsall will be on the Show Committee. Co-Chair Hal Burdsall reported that Heartland Stables is currently for sale and will not provide us a contract for the 2009 show yet so we cannot yet contract with a judge for 2009. The open Hi-Point Chart instituted for the 2008 show was a success and will be continued for 2009. The Co-Chairs will be looking at and considering alternate sites for the 2009 show and will work on the show bill.

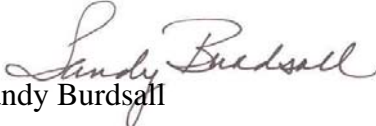
**Trail Rides Report:** Chairman Leslie Schmidt reported that it was too early to set dates for the 2009 trail rides but suggestions were made in favor of Underdown Trails and Governor Dodge State Park. This was the first year that the club purchased the meat for members attending the Trail Ride suppers and the cost was \$35 for the Spring Trail Ride and \$37 for the Fall Trail Ride. The club will continue that member benefit for the 2009 Trail Rides.

**Fun Show Report:** Chairman Leslie Schmidt reported that Red Ridge Ranch in Mauston was a terrific location for the 2008 Fun Show and that they would be happy to have us back for the 2009 Fun Show.

**Date for 2009 Annual Meeting:** It was moved by John Jones and seconded *that the 2009 Annual Meeting be held on January 24, 2009 with an alternate snow date of January 31*. Motion adopted.

**New Shirts & Hats:** It was suggested that the club get some new shirts with a new slogan every year to accommodate customers looking to buy a new shirt each year at the Midwest Horse Fair or at our shows. After various new slogans were discussed, Dolores Slizewski moved and it was seconded *that we use the new slogan of Longears: The Intelligent Equine (on 2 lines) for new shirts in 2009*. Motion adopted. To implement new inventory for 2009, John Jones moved and it was seconded *to buy 108 new shirts and more hats*. Motion adopted.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by John Jones and seconded *to adjourn the meeting*. The motion was adopted and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

  
Sandy Burdsall

WDMS Secretary

Approved January 24, 2009