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Old Business:

1) **Status of 501(c)3 application**

Carol is working with a CPA and an attorney in Wyoming to complete the application and make the recommended modifications to our Articles of Incorporation. The completed application and modified Articles of Incorporation will be reviewed by the Board of Directors before being submitted for processing. This process has been complicated by the fact that SMR, Inc. has been in existence for over 50 years. Newly formed organizations which have no financial history are able to complete the application much quicker.

2) **Status of Archival Committee efforts**

The committee will suggest criteria for submission and retention of video material. Simrat has a compilation of all prior meeting videos and a video of some of the 2009 meeting events will be added to the library.

New Business:

1) **The new Director from Wyoming is Josie Brislawn.**

2) **Formation of SMR, Ltd. in the United Kingdom**

Chris Thompson has created the company Spanish Mustang Registry, Limited. It is a business in the strictest sense of the word, set up primarily to safeguard the name Spanish Mustang Registry. Officially it is a company without shareholders and is limited by guarantee. This is the way most Breed societies and associations operate in the UK. Eventually it will be possible to demonstrate to the UK tax authorities that we are not a profit making organization and get an exception from filing tax returns every year. It is Chris's intention is to set up the constitution, etc. so that it mirrors, as far as possible, that of SMR Inc. But, and it is a big but, SMR Ltd has to be ring fenced from SMR Inc, both financially and legally, due to the differences in status between the two organizations. This will then protect both organizations.

Recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the members present.

3) **Update on Artificial Insemination / Frozen Semen / Embryo Transfer project**

This project is the culmination of efforts by Chris Thompson, Simrat Khalsa, Sharon Sluss, Susan Catt, and Ebony Ryan to define the guidelines for registration into the Spanish Mustang Registry of foals produced by these methods. The complete text of the recommendations will appear in an updated Policies and Procedures document that will be printed in the 2009 annual. Prior to the publication of the annual, Carol Dildine, SMR Secretary, will send a letter to all SMR breeders informing them of the guidelines.

Critical decisions are:

- a. Horses of SMR registered parents must be registered before shipping out of the United States or they will not be registered with SMR, Inc. or SMR, Ltd. without DNA type testing of the registered parents to prove parentage.

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- b. SMR has entered into a contract with Texas A&M University to perform DNA tests. If the owner is a North American SMR member and the horse is registered with the SMR the cost is \$25. The full set of procedures, including costs for non-registered horses and non-members, is available on www.spanishmustang.org and forms are available from the Registrar, Marye Ann Thompson.
- c. Any horse that is accepted into the Registry by inspection should be DNA type tested, effective immediately.
- d. All stallions being used for frozen semen should be DNA type tested. The testing is voluntary until the end of 2009 and then mandatory.
- e. If a stallion that has frozen semen in storage dies without being DNA type tested any foals conceived after the stallion's death should not be automatically registered, but may be accepted by inspection. The same criteria should apply for foals conceived from a live stallion but where the stallion dies during the mare's pregnancy
- f. Any stallions used for any type of AI should be DNA type tested. This testing should be voluntary until end 2010 and then mandatory.
- g. Any mares serviced by a stallion that is DNA type tested should be also be DNA type tested. The time line for this should be the same as for stallions that are DNA type tested.
- h. Any foal that is born of DNA type tested parents, irrespective of the means of covering should be DNA type tested
- i. The use of frozen DNA from deceased stallions should be allowed providing that the stallion was DNA type tested prior to its death
- j. The owner of any registered Spanish Mustang that is not required to be DNA type tested may voluntarily have their horse DNA type tested

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4) Announcement of decisions from Director Meeting.

a. Status update on Breed Standards.

Multiple source documents with suggested updates are being compiled and edited by senior inspectors Gary Green and Bud Weber.

b. Youth membership versus youth included in a family membership.

The Points and Awards chair is the final authority on validity of points submitted. Junior rider awards can be given to non-SMR members under the age of 18. An SMR family membership implies that any children are also members, whether they are

specifically listed on the membership application or not. An SMR single membership does not include any children.

c. Definition of hardship inspection, video inspection, skipped generation.

A “normal” inspection is conducted at an annual meeting by all senior inspectors in attendance. “Hardship” inspections can be conducted live or by video. Hardship inspections will NOT be available for horses shipped outside of the United States.

The approval of the use a hardship inspection must be a unanimous decision by the Board of Directors. To conduct a “live” hardship inspection the owner must pay all travel expenses for three senior inspectors.

A video hardship inspection can be a possible alternative to the live inspection provided the video shows the horse from all angles both stationary and moving. The video must be viewed by a minimum of three senior inspectors; each senior inspector must complete an Inspection Form which will then be filed with the Registrar along with the Registration Form.

A skipped generation is where the requested inspection is for a horse out of an unregistered parent(s) but both sets of grandparents (sire’s and dam’s parents) are registered. Once the registration paperwork is received, if there is any doubt on the part of the Registrar, the owner may be required to provide DNA tests back to registered stock.

d. Linking commercial websites to our website.

A page will be added to www.spanishmustang.org strictly for commercial, horse related website links. Those businesses will be charged \$10 annually, based on the SMR fiscal year of July – June, for the service. There will be a disclaimer on the page that relieves the SMR from supporting or endorsing the products or services.

e. SMR banners.

There are currently two banners, one stating the Annual meeting is the third weekend in June and the other with the slogan “Gentle Enough for a Child, Strong enough to Help Build a Nation”. The SMR ships these banners to members who want to display them at a horse event. We are experiencing more participation in horse events and the banners aren’t always available when members need them. Carol Dildine has been authorized to order an additional banner with the SMR slogan for SMR, Inc. and a banner with the SMR slogan for SMR, Ltd. The SMR, Ltd. banner will be shipped to Chris Thompson for use in European horse events.