

Minutes from 2012 Annual meeting

The business meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm on June 16, 2012 by Gary Green substituting for Josie Brislawn.

1. The 2011 secretary's report was published in the 2011 annual and in the fall 2011 newsletter. No additions or corrections were made at the 2012 meeting and the minutes were adopted as published.
2. The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Lisa Mahan. The total balance in all of the bank accounts as of 5/32/2012 is \$13,105.42. No corrections were made and the Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.
3. Secretary Carol Dildine presented the Statistics report for membership. Registrar Marye Ann Thompson was unable to attend the meeting but provided the registration statistics to Carol.

Fiscal Year	2012-2011	2011-2010	2010-2009	2009-2008	2008-2007	2007-2006
New Members	13	10	15	19	57	53
Total Members	183	193	230	271	358	356
At meeting	22	24	26	23	35	47
Breeders	53	48	61	107	69	72
Registrations	60	65	89	76	105	109
Transfers	52	21	20	54	16	17

4. The ballot counting committee consisted of Teresa Arrechea, Matt Taylor, and Joyce Burns. Chair Teresa Arrechea announced that the newly elected director is Josie Brislawn.
5. Nominating Committee for the 2013 Director election will be Steve Huffman, Jennifer Murchison, Mac McSwain, Amanda Rimer, Simrat Khalsa, and Ron Scheikofsky. All members in good standing will have until March 1, 2013 to propose candidates to these individuals. Contact information for the Nominating Committee is printed separately and follows these minutes.
6. Decisions from the Board of Directors meetings:
 - a. All officers were reappointed by BOD. All senior inspectors are reappointed so long as they are current on their dues.
 - b. Amanda Rimer offered to host the 2013 meeting in Utah and the BOD accepted her proposal. The 2013 meeting will occur June 14-16 at a privately owned historical ranch near Brigham City, UT. There are electrical hook ups for RVs, space for tent camping, corrals already in place and 600 acres for trail riding.
 - c. As of July 1, 2012 foal photos will now be required with the foaling report. The photo should include face and leg markings. A single front view which shows unique markings is preferred. Although not REQUIRED, the BOD recommended practice, when the mare is pastured/boarded anywhere other than the owner's property, is for the non-owners to file the foaling reports with photos. The Policies and Procedures will be updated to reflect these new requirements. Annual Stallion and Foaling reports became mandatory effective January 2011. For foals born January 2011 or later, if there is no foaling report

or stallion report available for the birth year of the horse to be registered then there must be DNA testing to establish parentage and the registration fees for that horse will be increased.

- d. An article on Color Standards was printed in the 2011 annual along with the statement that it was adopted by the Board of Directors at the 2011 meeting, which was incorrect. These color standards were not adopted by the BOD and the article contained information that the tobiano color pattern was an acceptable color pattern to the SMR – which is INCORRECT. To prevent such errors from being published in the future, the Board of Directors decided that they will review the content of any annual articles which pertain to such standards before publication. Any references to any standards (color standards, breed standards or horse history) should be referred by the annual editors to the BOD for review. Key words such as ‘spanish colonial’ etc. should also to be reviewed, with the author being informed that the wording may be changed to Spanish mustang.
- e. The Board of Directors discussed the color standards as already printed in the 2011 annual. The decision is that the BOD agreed that the following statement should appear in the 2012 annual “the color standards as printed in the 2011 annual have not yet been approved by the BOD but are guidelines with the explicit removal of the statement regarding the tobiano color pattern”. BOD approved color standards are projected to be adopted at the 2013 meeting. Then a committee will take the old color terminology from the registrations and translate that to the newly adopted terminology. Once the color standards are adopted, the Registrar will only accept registration applications using these color standards.
- f. The BOD discussed ways to increase membership, encourage renewals and make more members eligible to run for the position of Director. The membership will be surveyed for input into which changes might be more acceptable. The BOD changed the requirements for director eligibility to the following:
 - i. A Director nominee shall be a member in good standing for three consecutive years or more and over the age of 18 years.
 - ii. One Director shall be a resident of the state of incorporation; i.e., Wyoming
 - iii. A Director nominee must have attended two of the five most recent business meetings.
 - iv. A Director nominee must not hold an office with another equine registry.
 - v. The Board of Directors adopted Kate Taylor’s proposed scholarship foundation program with a minimum funding of \$500. Requirement details will appear in the Fall newsletter and the 2012 annual. The name of the scholarship will be determined by majority response on a membership survey.
- g. The BOD and senior inspectors gave one member the oral test for senior inspector status. Gary Arrechea is the newly appointed SMR senior inspector.
- h. One skip generation horse inspection on Mississippi Yellow Jacket, owned by Charles D. Mahan, was completed and passed by senior inspectors Gary Green, Josie Brislawn, Jim Dildine, and John Adams.

- i. The BOD asked secretary Carol Dildine to send out a membership survey for the following:
 - i. Determine which members would accept an emailed pdf for the newsletter, the annual and the spring meeting information.
 - ii. To encourage membership and increase retention, which changes does the member believe the BOD should adopt to produce more results:
 - 1. a reduced rate for the first year of a new membership or renewal of a multi-year lapsed membership
 - 2. a membership class without mailing of printed material to reduce postage costs. All communications will be done via email.
 - 3. a senior citizen membership class
 - 4. a student rate with a cost lower than the youth membership class, students cannot vote and all printed materials are sent via email.
 - 5. a membership class that doesn't renew (permanent membership) where the cost is equal to 15 times the current annual rate. This is as opposed to the lifetime membership which is awarded to a member at no cost to them.
 - iii. vote on alternative scholarship names
 - iv. send out a membership renewal request, including the survey, to members who haven't rejoined in the last three years.