

**Summary of minutes from 2013 SMR member meeting held at Whitaker Ranch, Promontory, Utah**

Meeting called to order by President Jim Dildine at 6:55 pm Saturday evening, June 15, 2013

Secretary’s Report was published in the Loping & Lingerig newsletter and the annual and was not read at the meeting. Don Suchy made a motion to accept the report as published, this was seconded by Josie Brislawn.

In the absence of Lisa Mahan, the SMR Treasurer, the Treasurer’s Report was read by Secretary Carol Dildine. Don Suchy made a motion to accept, this motion was seconded by Josie Brislawn, the report is filed for audit. The checking account balance is \$5650.45, the PayPal account balance is \$672.82, the R.E. Brislawn scholarship fund contains \$1035, two CDs have a total value of \$7688.86. Our net worth is up \$2442.71 from this time last year.

In the absence of Marye Ann Thompson, the SMR Registrar, the horse statistics report was read by Secretary Carol Dildine. There were 34 transfers and 60 registrations during calendar year 2012.

Secretary Carol Dildine read the member statistics report: 157 members, 119 ballot envelopes mailed, 52 ballot envelopes returned, 1 invalidated due to lack of member identifying information.

**Old Business:**

1. Survey results:

On August 14, 2012 the Secretary mailed out 165 surveys to former SMR members and 101 surveys to current members. The deadline for responding was September 15<sup>th</sup>. Responses were received from 48 members and 4 former members, 19 surveys were returned for incorrect addresses. Only the members were asked to select a name for the new scholarship; 29 members chose the R.E. Brislawn Scholarship, 9 chose the Founders to Future Scholarship, 1 chose the Member Excellence Scholarship, and 8 chose the Heritage Perpetuation Scholarship. Therefore the membership decision is to name the Scholarship the R.E. Brislawn Scholarship. Regarding the other survey results:

reduced rate for FIRST year	senior citizen membership	reduced multi-year rate	all mailings via email	student rate	permanent membership	
149	134	101	154	169	181	Member responses
16	9	10	13	19	19	Non-member responses
165	143	111	167	188	200	Lowest number

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As you can see, although the lowest score and winner is a reduced rate for multi-year renewals there isn't an overwhelming desire and there were many comments on things that need to be considered before making any changes to the membership classifications. Some comments:

- a) Several members would be willing to accept the newsletter digitally but still want a printed annual. Several members have no internet access or unreliable internet access.  
**Director Response:** voted not in favor of receiving mailings digitally at a reduced membership rate. The mailings can be made available digitally but not at a reduced membership rate.
  
- b) One member likes the idea of a permanent membership class but thinks the rate should be based on the age of the applicant; e.g., use a different multiplier depending on age, 10 times the annual renewal rate if age 65 but only 5 times the rate if age 70.  
**Director Response:** voted not in favor at this time.
  
- c) Don't reduce the cost of the membership, instead provide more value; e.g. offer more programs, more opportunities to show, grow, and learn. Suggest: SMR sanctioned endurance races, gaming events, training clinics or demos allowing members to "show off" what they are doing with their SMs.  
**Director Response:** Directors already support or otherwise sanction member sponsored events by providing banners, promotional material and social media announcements. In addition the SMR will develop "promotional packets" for specific types of events to assist members; eg. a packet for members to use if they are organizing a trail ride, a different packet if a member is participating in an expo, eventing, youth or FFA event; etc. Promotional packets would contain a checklist showing deadlines to request use of SMR funds or banner, providing samples of release of liability forms and other applicable forms, samples of promotional fliers, etc.
  
- d) Structure the registry to embrace ALL mustang groups but only register SMs, potentially eliminating competing organizations.  
**Director Response:** Directors can see no advantage to the SMR to move in this direction, to do this would go against the stated purpose of this organization.
  
- e) Could include tobianos (comment from former member).  
**Director Response:** Absolutely not, the origin of the SMR horses is Spain and the tobianos are European.
  
- f) Add a new membership class for those who aren't breeding, buying or selling but charge more for registrations.  
**Director Response:** not in favor of this.

- g) Directors **voted in favor of multi-year rate**, if a new or renewing member makes a single payment for 5 consecutive years there would be a 10% reduction for single & family, and the youth rate would be reduced to \$20 per yr.

**Decisions from Board of Directors Meeting:**

- 1) Policies & Procedures clarification regarding the requirements of Stallion and Foaling Reports. The current version:

**Section 3.01 Qualification**

Annual Stallion and Foaling Reports become mandatory effective January 2011 and are due to the Registrar before the end of the calendar year. If there is no Foaling 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.

**Proposed wording:**

Annual Stallion and Foaling Reports became mandatory effective January 2011. The Stallion Breeding Report is due to the Registrar before the end of the calendar year of the date of the breeding and the Mare Foaling Report is due to the Registrar before the end of the calendar year of the date of the foaling and must be accompanied by a single photograph of the foal. If BOTH the Breeding Report and the Foaling Report are not on file with the Registrar for the horse to be registered then there must be DNA testing to establish parentage and the registration fees for that horse will be increased. In the situation where the stallion is leased/borrowed or otherwise not in the possession of the registered owner, whoever is in possession of the stallion at the time of the breeding must file the Breeding report. In the situation where the mare is leased/borrowed or otherwise not in the possession of the registered owner, whoever is in possession of the mare at the time of the foaling must file the Foaling Report.

- 2) Simrat Khalsa proposed to the Board of Directors that the SMR remove the restriction on funding events that disallows funds when another organization is also being promoted. As long as the SMR banner is displayed and the registry brochures put out, I believe that it is in the best interest of the SMR to work with the other related registries.

**Director Response:** IF other registries are to share the booth space/publicity from the event, then an application for SMR funding must show the distribution of costs. A request for the SMR to significantly fund an event requires exclusive SMR promotion. If the SMR is NOT providing funding then the banner, brochures and other publicity material and social media announcements can be made available.

- 3) An error in the wording of the SMR breed standards was brought to our attention by a new member in Germany, who discovered it when translating the standards into German.

The current wording in the section describing the Neck: “The neck length should be approximately the same length as is the distance from the withers to the coupling.”

This will be changed to “The neck length should be approximately the same length as the distance from the withers to the point of the hip (where the lumbar ends and the sacral starts).”

In the section describing the Back and Midsection the current wording is: “The length of the poll to the withers and the length from the withers to the tail should be equal.” This will be changed to “The length from the withers to the point of the hip should be equal to the length from the poll to the withers.”

New Business:

- 1) The members of the 2013 - 2014 Nominating Committee will be Lisa Mahan, Mady Moore, Lori Babbitt, Kayla Babbitt, John OBanion, and Gary Arrechea, with John OBanion serving as the chair. The names and contact information for these committee members will appear in the fall newsletter. All members in good standing will have until March 1, 2014 to propose candidates to members of the Nominating Committee.
  
- 2) The ballot counting committee consisted of Don Suchy, Joyce Burns and Joe Adams. Don Suchy announced that Amanda Rimer won the director election. Charles Mahan will assume the President’s position with Josie Brislawn and Amanda Rimer filling the remaining two slots of the Board.
  
- 3) In the absence of Becky Fulcher, the Points and Awards Chair, Carol Dildine read the High Point Horse Awards.

HORSE	SMR#	OWNER	CERTIFICATES	AWARDS
Dan de Lion	3837	Jessie Clason	Ambassador – Compadre - Mileage	
Dun Adoby Fox	3427	Bethany Borchert	Mileage – Competitive Trail	2500 mile patch Competitive Trail Horse of the Year
Cayuse Amirillo	2358	Jessie Clason	Ambassador	
Indian’s Legend	3801	Jennifer Klitzke	Mileage – Performance	Conquistador of Performance Performance Horse of the Year
Kit Carson	3276	Rene Radermacher-Bechen	Mileage – Compadre – El Caballo de Trabajo	Compadre Plaque 2500 mile patch
Offside	2789	Paula Storlie	Mileage - Ambassador	
Teton Spirit Horse	3935	Nicola Ravensford	Performance	
Trail Duster	2658	Ben Knickerbocker	Mileage	3000 mile patch

A special appreciation award was presented to both Marye Ann Thompson and Kim Kingsley for their extraordinary efforts in identifying and placing the large group of Spanish Mustangs seized by legal action. Without their contributions of time and expertise many horses would have been lost to the Registry. The plaques will be mailed to both Marye Ann and Kim.

There were no nominations for the Bill Valentine Award this year.

Josie Brislawn moved to adjourn, Don Suchy seconded.