

2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

5:25 p.m. Saturday evening, June 21, 2014, official business meeting held at Fort Robinson State Park, near Crawford, Nebraska. Meeting was hosted by member Nancy Steck.

Call to order by President Charles Mahan at 5:25 pm

Members attending the meeting:

Charles Mahan, Josie Brislawn, John Adams, Donald Suchy, Russ & Joyce Burns, Cindy Torres, Nancy Steck, Mack Brislawn, Dave Reynolds.

Secretary's Report was printed in both the fall newsletter and the 2013 annual.

Treasurer's Report, in the absence of Treasurer Lisa Mahan, presented by Charles Mahan, filed for audit.

Trends report.

Fiscal Year	Members	Horse Registrations	Horse Transfers
2013 – 2014	162	24	27
2012 - 2013	157	60	34
2011 – 2012	183	60	52
2010 – 2011	193	65	21
2009 – 2010	230	89	20
2008 – 2009	271	76	54
2007 – 2008	358	105	16

Old Business:

Some discussion on declining membership numbers and how to get new people interested in the SMR. Also some discussion on diminishing numbers of members attending the annual meeting. Despite the fact that the meeting is being held in various parts of the country to make it easier for members to attend the actual attendance is down every year. The meetings with the largest membership attendance are held at the Cayuse Ranch, the average membership attendance at those meetings are 40+ while the average attendance at other locations is 20+. The member attendance last year was 15 and this year was only 10. The membership will be polled regarding opinions on where the meetings should be held after 2015.

New business:

- 1) Chair of Ballot Counting Committee announces results of 2014 director vote.
 - The Ballot Counting Committee consisted of John Adams, chair; Dave Reynolds and Win Brookhouse. The ballots were counted and resulted in a tie between Gary Green and Donald Suchy. Donald graciously deferred to Gary's prior experience and backed out of the race to prevent having a run-off ballot.

2) **Nominating Committee.**

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All members in good standing will have until March 1, 2015 to propose director candidates to members of the Nominating Committee.

Save the Date! The 2015 meeting will be hosted by George and Kathryn Schaefer on June 19 – 21. The Schaefers live in Appomattox, VA and Kathryn is a trail guide at Old Dominion Trail Rides. This will be the first time that the annual SMR meeting has been held in Virginia. We're hoping for a good turnout from all the SMR members living on the east coast.