

2018 Annual Meeting minutes

7 pm Saturday evening, June 23, 2018, official business meeting, hosted by Dick and Cindy Kalow, to be held at 87650 Weidinger Torbick Road, Bayfield, WI 54814

Called to order by President Donald Suchy at 7:06 pm

Attended by:

Donald Suchy, Josie Brislawn, Jim & Carol Dildine, Steve Huffman, John Adams, Ken Tischmak, Thomas Dobbert, Lisa & Wayne Zaininger, K. T. Monson, Cindy Torres, Matt Olson, Kate Taylor, Tucker Aaron, Kelly Mammenga, Randy & Jewel Noble, Jane Greenwood, Bethany Borchert, Mack Brislawn, Rennie Maki, Dave Reynolds, Gennifer Reed, Simrat Khalsa, Dick & Cindy Kalow, Tom Valentine, Theresa Valentine Stewart, Emmett Tischmak, Marshall Tischmak, Robin Jones, Adria Holub, Robin Billman, Carol Fahrenkrog.

Secretary's Report, presented by Secretary Carol Dildine.

The 2017 Secretary's Report was printed in the 2017 Fall newsletter, therefore there is no need to read it at the meeting. Attending membership was asked if there were any questions or concerns. No one responded. Report stands as printed.

Treasurer's Report, material prepared by Treasurer Lisa Mahan, read at the meeting by Carol Dildine.

Our annual income this year was \$5,957.90. This amount was down by \$1,208.05. Our yearly expenses were \$7,700.82, which is up by \$3,000.02. This left us with a loss of \$1,742.92. Be aware that \$2000 of this expense was incurred when we awarded the first R. E. Brislawn Promotional Award to Rosie Goldstein. Our total income from membership dues was \$3,688.31, up from last year by \$563.65. Our total income of \$362.58 from transfers and registrations was down from last year by \$2,554.76. Our R.E. Brislawn Promotional Fund took in \$270 this year, down from last year by \$95. Some of our other expenses were awards \$388.83, insurance \$695, supplies \$159.77, web site management \$18, postage \$124.23, production of annual \$864.65 and 2017 meeting expenses of \$2,950.34

Net worth: primary checking account \$12,598.74, paypal checking account \$510, R.E. Brislawn Fund \$1510 of which \$1010 can be awarded. Reminder that \$500 must be left in all accounts to not incur monthly banking fees. The SMR has two CDs; one is worth \$5,772.20 and the other is \$2,033.95. Interest earned this year was \$27.60. This gives us a net worth of \$22,424.89.

Report filed for audit.

Trends report read by Carol Dildine.

- Registrations: Registrar Marye Ann Thompson provided information that there were 3 transfers and 48 registrations.

- **Membership:**

- in fiscal year 2017-2018 there were 11 new memberships. There are 30 family memberships, 2 lifetime memberships, 60 single memberships, and 1 youth membership for a total of 93 memberships and 123 members. There were SMR members in Australia, Canada, England, Germany and the USA. The state with the most members is Minnesota with 11 members, North Dakota and Wisconsin tie for second place with 10 members each. To put the numbers in perspective here is some earlier data:
- In fiscal 2016-2017 the SMR had 10 new memberships with 100 total memberships and 129 members
- In fiscal 2015-2016 there were 12 new memberships with 87 total memberships and 112 members
- In fiscal 2014-2015 there were 10 new memberships with 109 total memberships and 150 members
- In fiscal 2013-2014 there were 6 new memberships with 119 total memberships and 162 members.

Old Business:

Jane Greenwood mentioned that Janice Ladendorf's books about the Spanish Mustang and Frank Hopkins are available on Amazon.

New business:

- **Fiscal 2018 – 2019 Nominating Committee**

Dick Kalow, chair
John J. Adams
Mack Brislawn
Dave Fosnaugh
Steve Huffman
Kim Kingsley

- An article and some additional information about the Spanish Mustang appeared in The Tomahawk & Long Rifle, the official publication of The American Mountain Men. Carol Dildine shared a copy of the magazine with the Board of Directors and officers.
- **Decisions from the director's meeting.**
 - **Reappoint senior inspectors and officers.**
 - All senior inspectors who are current in their membership dues are reappointed.
 - All SMR officers are reappointed with the exception of Publicity Chair. A new position of Social Media Administrator was created, to be filled by Kate Taylor. A new position of Liaison to The Livestock

Conservancy was created, to be filled by Dick Kalow. The previously vacant position of Publicity Chair has been filled by Carol Fahrenkrog.

- **SMR funding of events where SMR registered horses are involved:** Policies and Procedures Article IX Sections 9.01 and 9.02 have some restrictions that appear to be preventing members from applying for reimbursement. The BOD decided to remove some of those restrictions, an updated version of the Policies and Procedures will be printed in the 2018 annual. The specific restriction requiring the SMR banner to be the only one displayed at a booth has been eliminated. The requirement for use of SMR registered horses, photographic proof of event participation, copies of receipts and an article for an SMR publication are still required to apply for reimbursement.
- **Proposed wording for P&P:**
 - Any member in good standing may request reimbursement for an equine event in which SMR registered horses are to participate, by complying with the following guidelines:
 - Members desiring reimbursement will submit a request to the SMR Secretary postmarked by December 31st describing the event, identifying the date and the approximate reimbursement amount requested.
 - All received requests postmarked by December 31st will be assigned an equal portion of the money allocated for horse events for that fiscal year.
 - The Spanish Mustang Registry banner and 25 of the trifold brochures will be mailed to the person requesting the funding for the event. The banner may be mailed by the Secretary or by another member who is in possession of the banner for a preceding event.
 - The person requesting reimbursement for funding for the event will be responsible for taking photos and writing an article to be submitted to the editors for the annual or the newsletter.
 - The person requesting reimbursement for the event will be responsible for returning the banner to the Secretary or for mailing it to the contact member designated for the next event.
 - Reimbursement is at the discretion of the directors and can be for any cost EXCEPT lodging and travel.
- One of the questions asked at the meeting: “does the SMR annual insurance premium cover events other than the annual meeting?” The response from Treasurer Lisa Mahan is: information for each event has to be sent by her to the insurance company in advance of the event with dates, addresses, and persons in charge of event, a description of the event, and \$95 for each event. So, if this amount is less than other insurance coverage you might find, then it could be used and reimbursement requested after the event.
- **Location of 2019 meeting has not been determined.** Members are encouraged to host a meeting. Although traditionally held in June, the meeting date is determined by the host with the approval of the Board of Directors. The annual meeting can be scheduled to coincide with a special event at the hosting location; a parade, a rodeo, an expo, etc. Meetings can be

hosted by multiple members. Meetings are moved around the country to enable members from different areas to attend. Meetings have been held on member ranches, in state parks, in national parks, horse camps, and at other private facilities. A member who hosts a meeting has their membership paid for one year and is not expected to pay for the entire cost of hosting. The SMR will pay for rental cost, within reason, of any needed pavilions, tents, tables, chairs, porta-potties, etc. Attending members will pay for the cost of their own meals, the host makes the arrangements for having food brought in or prepared on site.

- **The Livestock Conservancy asked the SMR to provide a census and some statistical data on our horses and our membership and we were unable to provide the information.**
 - The decision of the BOD is that Carol Dildine will develop and mail out a census asking individuals to provide their age bracket (under age 30, 30-50, 50-70, over 70) and the number of SMR registered horses they own; stallions/intact colts, geldings, and mares/fillies. This will be done as a separate mailing with an enclosed, stamped envelope provided to encourage people to respond. The census will be mailed to all members as well as individuals that are known to have SMR registered horses but who may not be current members of the SMR. The results will be shared with The Livestock Conservancy.
- **The Endangered Equine Summit, hosted by The Livestock Conservancy, provided enormous amounts of information from represented horse breeds but the “next steps” have not yet been determined. The Livestock Conservancy has asked that the SMR appoint one or two individuals to work with them as liaisons.**
 - Dick Kalow has agreed to serve as the liaison. Carol is to contact the Livestock Conservancy to inform them of this decision and forward the emails and contact information to Dick.

Awards presentations

- R. E. Brislawn Spanish Mustang Promotional Fund
 - John Adams, fund administrator, stated that no application was received by the deadline and encouraged members to apply. According to the Treasurer there is \$1000 in the fund that can be awarded.
- High Point horse awards
 - Carol Dildine read information supplied by Points and Awards Chair Becky Fulcher. Becky has already notified and mailed awards and certificates to the winners. The list of winners appears elsewhere in this publication.

- Bill Valentine Award
 - The award this year took on special significance with the son and granddaughter of Bill Valentine making an appearance and participating in the award ceremony. Kim Kingsley presented the award to Ken Tischmak and read portions of the documentation he provided that enabled Ken to receive the award. Ken's two sons attended the awards ceremony to honor their dad. The material submitted that enabled Ken to receive this award is printed elsewhere in this publication.
 - The BOD made the decision that the Bill Valentine Award statue would no longer be mailed to the winner due to the age and fragility of the statue; instead each winner will receive a plaque that they may keep and their name will be inscribed on the statue. The permanent home for the statue is to be determined at a later date but for the time being it will reside with the Points and Awards Chair.