**Tennessee Donkey Association**

**Annual Meeting**

**Quality Inn**

**Murfreesboro, TN**

**February 1, 2014**

**Members in Attendance:** Dayle Haworth, Katrina Fleener, Alton & Laura George, Jacqueline Brown, Kyle Basham, Dena Wilson, Sally Lightner, L.J. & Deb Mix, Billy Vincion, Jerry Williams, Maria & Katie Randall, Robert & Beth Hughes, Hunter Hughes

Club president, Sally Lightner, called the meeting to order.

President stated purpose of the meeting:

* Find out what is liked about the club, what changes should be made to the club and why people join the club
* Determine how we can increase participation

Ideas for Improving Participation

* Provide more “bang for your buck” including addressing more donkey health issues, include events not focused on showing.
* Have a more information newsletter that gives information on health issues, available clinics.
* Add more information and details to the Facebook page
* Sally Lightner motioned to make the facebook page a group and that Jacqueline Brown would be responsible for the facebook page.
  + Seconded by Katrina Fleener
  + Voted yes by all members in attendance
* Survey Monkey will be used to send out questionnaires via email so that members can easily add their contributions.
  + If requested, surveys can be snail mailed as well.

Calendar Ideas Disscusion

* The club will pay for the publishing of the calendar.
  + Each calendar submission will need to be accompanied by $10 and for each $10 a calendar will be given to the person to keep, sell or do whatever they would like.
    - Each person can submit as many entries as they like and 13 photos will be selected from the entries.
  + Each winning entry will submit $90 and get 9 more calendars to sell when they are printed.
  + The ad for the month each person won will be offered to the winner at $50 and they would get 5 calendars. If they wish not to advertise then the ad space would be offered to the membership for the same price. If no one wishes to advertise the TDA logo would be placed in the available spots.
  + Members will pay in an amount that will equal the number of calendars they believe they can sell.
  + If they are unable to sell the calendars they will be responsible for payment of all the calendars they requested.
* Need to decrease the printing cost of the calendar.
  + Billy Vincion offered to check into a low cost option he knew about and was added to the Calendar committee.
* All calendar ideas above were motioned by Jacqueline Brown
  + Seconded by Katrina Fleener
  + Voted yes by all members in attendance

Committees/ Awards Discussion

* Katrina Fleener motioned that all committees should try to have at least 3 people on each committee in order to have someone as a tie breaker.
  + Seconded by Jerry Williams
  + All members in attendance voted yes
* Katrina Fleener motioned to have all awards under one committee with sub-committees that must pass their ideas and information to the awards committee.
  + Seconded by Sally Lightner
  + All members in attendance voted yes
* Katrina Fleener proposed to recognize the youth scholarship at the awards banquet and at Shelbyville Show before the best of breed class.
  + Seconded by Jerry Williams
  + All members in attendance voted yes
* Sally Lightner motioned to have a story about the winner/animal given before each award they received and in order to decrease the length the winner/animal will receive all their awards at one time. In addition the awards banquet will be held at the Shelbyville Farm Bureau with the food catered by Maria Randall with the club paying for the catering services.
  + Seconded by Katrina Fleener
  + All members in attendance voted yes

Handling of Funds Discussion

* Discussed that a CPA should look over the funds and records to ensure accuracy.
* All receipts should be given to the treasurer, Dena Wilson, or no reimbursement will be given.
* The president and treasurer are the only two people listed on the bank account, located at Regions in Winchester TN, to ensure safety of the funds.
* Regions advised to not have an address on the checks.
  + This was motioned by Dayle Hayworth.
  + Seconded by Jerry Williams
  + All members in attendance voted yes.
* A debit card provided for free is going to be used by Dena in order to decrease the amount of checks.
  + Prize money will be given as cash this year at shows instead of checks to also decrease the amount of checks.

By-Law Changes Discussion

* Dena Wilson motioned to officially change the name of the Show Awards Committee in the by-laws to the Awards Committee.
  + L.J. Mix seconded
  + All members in attendance voted yes
* L.J. Mix motioned to have the librarian responsibilities added to the responsibilities of the reporter in the by-laws.
  + Katrina Fleener seconded
  + All members in attendance voted yes

Fun Day Discussion

* Sandy Caroll has offered to host a fun day at her farm, Triple C Farm in Shelbyville, TN.
  + Club can purchase hamburgers/hotdogs to have for lunch

Donkey Rescue Discussion

* Discussed the possibility of sending money to a donkey rescue each year.
  + Todd Mission Rescue (TMR) in Texas
  + Horse Haven Equine Rescue
  + Ministries of Jennifer O’Neil (Hillenglade Farms) uses equine to help with PTSD treatment
  + Safe Space Donkey Rescue
* Discussed touring some of the rescues in TN to decide which the club would like to donate money to each year.
  + Sally Lightner & L.J. Mix agreed to work together to contact Horse Haven
  + Katrina agreed to contact Jennifer O’Neil
* Once a tour has been completed a report will be brought back to the club and members can discuss and vote on which rescue they wish to support with time and funds.

Meetings Discussion

* Discussed having veterinarians and other experts come and talk at the end of the meetings.
* Discussed having a June meeting the same day as the Fun Day at Sandy’s to kick off show season
* Discussed the possibility of having more than 2 meetings each year.

Announcements

* Show Meeting will be held at the Quality Inn in Murfreesboro, TN on Saturday February 15th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.
* Awards Banquet will be held at the Shelbyville Farm Bureau on March 29th, 2014.
* Strawberry Parade will be held on May 10th, 2014 at 4:00 PM in Portland, TN if any members are interested in attending please contact Laura George.
* If anyone is interested in building a case for legislation against donkey roping in Tennessee please contact Katrina Fleener.

Meeting was adjourned.

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