

**Wisconsin Donkey and Mule Society (WDMS)
Swampside Bar & Grill Endeavor, WI
January 19, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Dannon Milton, Gena Garton, Trevor Baeseman, Emily Lundquist, Susie Fuller, Darby Fuller, Sue Jazdzewski, Kay Stanton, John Jazdzewski, Dian Pinney, Diane Gross, Chuck Gross, Bill Dabbs, Kim Smith, Darryl Smith, Leslie Schmidt.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Leslie Schmidt at 12PM.

Minutes: Copies of the May 12th, 2018 meeting minutes were distributed and read. It was motioned by Bill Dabbs to accept the minutes as presented. Dian Pinney 2nd. Approved.

Treasurers Report: Copies of the 2018 ledger were distributed. The final total for 2018 was \$1499.62.

Midwest Horse Fair Report: Emily Lundquist reported that even with the 2019 MHF "40 Years of Legends" scheduled earlier this year (April 11-14), we only had four stalls yet to fill. Emily said she would be sending out e-mails that had links to the MHF wellness checks, participants and volunteer registration, etc.. Also, Emily reported that we would be keeping the traditional dress code: black, red and white. No ball caps would be allowed during the demos. She also had plans for using obstacles in the demos.

Library Review: Dian Pinney reported that Ty Evans and Clinton Anderson were still very popular DVD's to check-out.

WebMaster Report: No update.

Newsletter: Leslie stated she is always looking for new material to print in the newsletter.

Apparel Report: It was voted on that we should re-order 30 t-shirts in various sizes to sell at the MHF. It was motioned by John Jazdzewski to accept this amount. Dian Pinney 2nd. Approved.

Spring Trailride: Ukarydee Equestrian Campground in Arkdale, WI May 11, 2019 at 11AM.

Fall Trailride: Kettle Moraine State Park-Northern Unit in Campbellsport, WI September 21, 2019 at 11AM.

Mid Year Meeting: Ukarydee Equestrian Campground in Arkdale, WI May 11th, 2019 at 4PM.

2020 Meeting: Swampside Bar and Grill in Endeavor, WI January 18th, 2020. We will eat lunch at 11AM-meeting to follow.

New Business: Wisconsin State Fair is looking for people to donate prizes. Sue Stanton motioned to spend up to \$400 for the purchase of three prizes for the mule and donkey shows. Susie Fuller 2nd. Approved. Bills Dabbs and Susie Fuller also donated a coat with embroidery. It was suggested these prizes be advertised on Facebook. We then discussed how to draw in more members. Some ideas

proposed included introducing a "member card". Darryl Smith said if we contacted local businesses and set up deals for our members this may draw new members. Leslie Schmidt brought up how she sent newsletters out to past members and this brought up membership totals. It was thought maybe a "reminder" postcard would work too. Finally, Emily Lundquist and Trevor Baeseman invited us all to participate in a fall show that they organize every year in Richfield, WI. Lots of great ideas!

2019 Election Results

Vice President: John Jazdzewski was nominated by Dian Pinney. Unanimous yes vote. Approved.

Directors: Sue Jazdzewski, Emily Lundquist, and Jill Coussens were nominated. Unanimous yes vote. Approved.

Adjournment: Leslie Schmidt motioned to end the meeting at 1:32PM. Dian Pinney 2nd. Approved.