

## **SOUTH CENTRAL LLAMA ASSOCIATION**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 2, 2011**

The annual meeting of the South Central Llama Association was held at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, Texas October 2, 2011. Board members present included Christie Stewart Vice President, Bob Lyons Treasurer, Oujian Vinson Secretary, Sharon Carrier Region 2 Director, Sean Price Region 4 Director, Deborah Ignacio Region 3 Director and Jim Doyle Director At Large. Also present were incoming Secretary Mary Nell Doyle and Region 1 Director Susan Leslie.

Vice President Christie Stewart called the meeting to order and established a quorum. Oujian Vinson read the minutes of the annual meeting held in Dallas September 26, 2010. Jesse Rierson made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Sean Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Lyons reported the general fund had \$56,000 available for operations, the Jim Graham Scholarship fund had almost \$8,000 available and the Texas Classic Llama scholarship fund had \$3,000 with another \$1,000 on the way. At the end of 2007, SCLA had about \$77,000 in the general fund and at December 31, 2010, there was about \$61,000 available. We are down \$7,000 in 2011 so we need to watch our expenses. The 2011 Fort Worth sale made a profit of \$3,600 – including the scholarship money received. If anyone wants further information please contact Bob Lyons.

Christie Stewart made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Sean Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship Committee** – Chairman Mary Nell Doyle announced that Jason Bruening would be this year's recipient of the Jim Graham Scholarship. She thanked her committee members Adryce Mathison, Brennda Gilmore and Susan Dobiyski for their hard work. The next issue of the Humming Herald will have an article about Jason and why he was selected.

**Membership Report:** There are 124 adult members in SCLA (down 9 from a year ago) and 29 youth members. Four members live outside the SCLA geographic area. Members by region are:

Adult Youth

Region 1 30 9

Region 2 22 10

Region 3 38 6

Region 4 31 4

**Old Business:** There was no old business

**New Business:**

**SCLA Calendars:** Christie Stewart announced the 2012 calendars designed and published by Ruby Herron were now available! Applause! She turned over the discussion to Ruby. Ruby stated she has 100 calendars left. They are \$8 each or two for \$15. They would make great stocking stuffers, Hanukah presents etc. They are also perfect for new owners and contain important llama community dates. All SCLA members receive one as part of their membership (and members should have already received their calendar). If the remaining calendars are sold, SCLA will make a profit between \$3600 and \$4200 which will replace the profit SCLA made at the last Fort Worth llama sale. The calendar has been well received and many sponsors have already reserved their space for next year! A month is \$200, and business card ads are \$20. This is a great way to advertise your farm! Everyone thanked Ruby for her hard work!

**Fort Worth Llama Show 2012:**

Christie Stewart announced the dates in the premium book were wrong for the llama show in Fort Worth. The correct dates are:

Wed Jan 18 - arrival between 8AM and 6PM. All animals must be in place by 6PM.

Thurs Jan 19 – halter classes

Fri Jan 20 – performance classes. Releases will be given beginning at 8AM

The online premium book information has been corrected.

**Election results:** Sean Price was elected President. Christie Stewart was re-elected Vice President. Mary Nell Doyle was elected Secretary. Bob Lyons was re-elected Treasurer. The above officers' terms expire Sept 2013. Susan Leslie was elected Director Region 1 and Jim Doyle was re-elected Director At Large. Their terms expire Sept 2014. Deborah Ignacio is Director Region 3 and her term expires Sept 2012. Sharon Carrier is Director Region 2 with a term expiring Sept 2013. The Board needs to replace Director Region 4 with a term expiring Sept 2013 since Sean Price was elected President.

**Wilson County 4H Show:** Susan Leslie reported the American Livestock magazine published a three page article about the Wilson County 4H show held in March. There were 31 youth involved, and this year there will be 47! The 4H group learns about fiber, health and safety. They meet after school and on Saturdays. The show in March 2012 will be bigger and better and they need sponsors.

There will also be a Wilson County Invitational Youth Show at Kid-n-Ewe in Boerne on November 12. The entry fee is \$20 and it will be lots of fun with prizes, ribbons, and a relay. There will be stations where kids can answer questions about llamas. So come on out and have a great time!

**ALSA Youth Committee and Grand Nationals:** Susan Leslie announced she was the new ALSA Youth Committee Chairman. They are holding a silent auction at Grand

Nationals so please donate an item. If you cannot think of something to donate, please contact Carolyn Myers of Llama Things. She will be at Nationals and can suggest something. You could also just send a check to her designating it for the youth silent auction and she can select something on your behalf.

**State Fair of Texas Llama Show:** Lance Lozano thanked everyone for coming and supporting the show. He was concerned everyone is always asked to pay to come to the show and then asked again to be a sponsor. He is working with the Livestock office to get outside sponsors for next year. This year he is still looking for sponsorship money. He recognized there was an issue with releases and arena logistics. Next year the llama show will be on the other side of the arena. He is also discussing the issue with releases. Stay tuned. If you have any suggestions please let him know. Everyone thanked Lance for a job well done!

**Show sponsorships:** Bob Lyons explained that requests to SCLA for 2012 show sponsorships should be mailed to him no later than December 22, 2011. A couple of weeks before the 2012 show you can email him that you need the funds and he will send a check directly to the show management. The SCLA sponsorship funds are used to fund premium money, not ribbons, buckles etc.

There being no further business, Bob Lyons made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sean Price seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ouijan Vinson

Secretary