

SOUTH CENTRAL LLAMA ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

The annual membership meeting of the South Central Llama Association was held at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas September 30, 2012. Board members present included Sean Price President, Mary Nell Doyle Secretary, Sharon Carrier Region 2 Director, Susan Leslie Region 1 Director and Jim Doyle Director At Large.

President, Sean Price, called the meeting to order and determined the number of attendees did not establish a quorum.

Mary Nell Doyle, Secretary, read the corrected minutes of the annual meeting held in Dallas October 2, 2011, previously approved by the board and printed in the Humming Herald as well as the SCLA website.

Treasurer's Report:

Sean Price, president, presented Bob Lyons written report of approximately \$48,000. in the general fund for operations, \$7,000. available in SCLA Jim Graham Scholarship Fund and \$3,500. available in the Texas Classic Llama Scholarship Fund. This report represents a year to date revenue loss of approximately \$7,750.

Reminder: December 22, 2012, is final arrival date for SCLA show venue sponsorship applications.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee

Chairman Mary Nell Doyle announced her committee had no applicants to consider in July, 2012.

She also called attention to contributions from her committee and some members for expansion of scholarship guidelines adopted by the board on 7/20/12. Copy of the final draft was supplied to our webmaster, Sharon Bramblett and Humming Herald editor, Ruby Herron.

Membership:

Karen Conyngham reported 107 adult members and 18 youth members active in SCLA on 9/25/12. Three adult members live in states outside the SCLA region. Total membership is at an all time low with only 5 new members in 2012. 27 adult members and 10 youth did not renew from 2011.

Region 1 has 28 adult and 8 youth members, Region 2 has 21 adult and 5 youth members, Region 3 has 29 adult and no youth members, while Region 4 has 26 adult and 5 youth members.

SCLA elections will be held in the summer of 2013 for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Region 2 Director and Region 4 director.

Old Business:

Susan Leslie gave an update on Kid n Ewe to be held the 2nd weekend in November in Boerne, Texas, with the Wilson County Youth Show competition. She also reminded membership of Mamma Llamas woven shawl donated for the upcoming youth silent auction at Grand Nationals October 25-28, 2012.

New Business:

Lance Lozano, member and superintendent for the State Fair of Texas llama venue says is shy one sponsor to retain belt buckle awards for the youth next year. He thanked all for the support and attendance at the three day event.

Karen Conyngham contributed report on nation wide activity in the camelid community though her association with a broad member base across the United States and also as ILR representative to the U.S. Animal Health Association. She allayed our concerns of being the only area with member and financial loss as well as shrinking llama venues.

There was much discussion over ways to reduce annual expenses without fee increases. Foremost was feasibility of having the Humming Herald on-line.

Tammy Carroll and Susan Leslie shared their experiences of interaction between 4-H, FFA, agriculture agents and Texas schools in relation to llama junior shows vs. open shows affecting youth attendance or lack there and regarding absence assessment. Youth and their parents are non-existent in some mid-week venue scheduling in the area.

There being no further discussion members departed.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Nell Doyle, Secretary