

SOUTH CENTRAL LLAMA ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

The annual meeting of the South Central Llama Association was held at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, Texas, September 29, 2013. Board members present included Sean Price, President, Mary Nell Doyle, Secretary, and Jim Doyle, Director at Large. Also present were incoming Vice President, Bill Simpson, incoming Secretary, Adryce Mathison, Region 2 Director, Bob Carroll and Region 4 Director, Trisha McKaskle.

President, Sean Price, called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

Mary Nell Doyle, Secretary read the minutes of the annual meeting held September 20, 2012, previously approved by the board October 7, 2012, and printed in the Humming Herald as well as the SCLA website.

Treasurer's Report:

Karen Conyngham, presented Bob Lyons written report of approximately \$48,000.00 in the general fund for operations, \$7,483.00 available in SCLA Jim Graham Scholarship Fund and \$3,500.00 available in the Texas Classic Llama Scholarship Fund. This report represents year to date revenue loss of approximately \$2814.00.

Jessie Rierson moved to accept the Treasure's report with Jim Doyle's second. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee

Chairman, Mary Nell Doyle announced her committee's selection of Cristina Loscuito's application as the recipient of the 2013 SCLA Jim Graham Scholarship award. She noted a formal notification letter to Cristina copied to Bob Lyons, Treasurer and Nell Graham had been prepared and would be posted immediately.

Membership:

Karen Conyngham, membership secretary, reported 97 adult members and 13 youth members active in SCLA. Total membership is still dropping with only 3 new members this year and a loss of 17 renewals from her 2012 report.

Old Business:

Karen Conyngham, as ILR board representative, expressed her appreciation to the SCLA board for their February, 2013, vote to contribute \$200.00 toward ILR annual membership fee to the U.S. Animal Health Association. ILR's request for contributing funds for the \$600.00 annual fee generated specific income for dues through 2014.

Karen also announced overwhelming acceptance of the on-line Humming Herald by our membership and perhaps more importantly, usage of a "counting" mechanism that has shown an abundance of increasing non-member viewing (hits).

New Business:

Sharon Bramblett reminded the membership of Kid n Ewe November 8-10, 2013, in Boerne, Texas, and gave a brief re-cap of the event as well as plans her specific group have for a shawl preparation to be donated and utilized as a fund raiser for the Wilson County 4-H group headed by member and Region 1 director, Susan Leslie.

Karen Conyngham, shared two 100% true black llama knitted scarves and a neck warmer she and Sharon Bramblett prepared as a team with the membership. She will work toward potential sale with pictures and an explanation of each.

Karen Conyngham also shared Treasurer, Bob Lyons, concern over SCLA's requirement of 100 animals entered per sponsored show to receive the \$1,000 "seed" monies vs. the \$500.00 "seed" money for less than 100 animals. The fact that none of SCLA's sponsored shows of late have met the 100 entry minimum, some still expect to continue receiving that qualification amount as they had in previous years. There was minimal discussion of this specific issue but considerable input on low entry numbers at recent venues in our area. There was open discussion of ideas to increase membership and SCLA income from sanctioned venues to offset some "seed" expenditures.

Gerry Bruening announced flyers within current show exhibitor packets and also at their show stall as well as an additional e-mail blast for the Children's Medical Center Christmas parade December 9, 2013, in which they requested the presence of llamas. It is a nationally televised event.

There being no further new business, President, Sean Price ask for a self-introduction from the new board members and region representatives.

Jessie Rierson moved the meeting adjourn. Adryce Mathison seconded.
Meeting adjourned.

SCLA Board e-mail activity Sept. 2012-2013

10/02/12 Requested letter by secretary to West Texas Fair Association through Rochelle Johnson inquiring of possibility of a weekend llama venue.

10/03/12 SCLA board minutes of 09/30/12 approved

10/09/12 Negative response of Rochelle Johnson sent to board members.

01/31/13 Board approval to extend SCLA "seed" funds to Houston Livestock Show despite required timely request due to their change of contact person and knowledge of procedure.

02/01/13 Board approval of ILR board representative to the U.S. Animal Health Association, Karen Conyngham requesting a \$200.00 donation toward their annual \$600.00 membership fee.

02/20/13 Board approval of 02/05/13, proposal to publish Humming Herald on-line as a major budget consideration, a more timely arrival and hard copies provided to those few members without e-mail.

03/20/13 Approval of ALSA Grand National Superintendent request to utilize SCLA obstacle trailer October 24-27,2013, in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Nell Doyle, Secretary