

## **SOUTH CENTRAL LLAMA ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING - October 4, 2015**

The annual meeting of the South Central Llama Association was held at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, Texas, October 4, 2015. Board members present included Sean Price, President, Bill Simpson, Vice-President, Bob Carroll, Treasurer, Adryce Mathisen, Secretary, and Jim Doyle, Director at Large. Also present were Region 1 Director Susan Leslie, and Region 4 Director Tricia Mc/Kaskle and Janet White.

President, Sean Price, called the meeting to order and established a quorum. Adryce Mathisen read the minutes of the 2014 annual meeting.

Motion to approve – Susan Leslie, seconded by Bill Simpson.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bob Carroll presented the treasurer's report of approximately \$53,000.00 in the general fund for operations. Year to date (2015) expenses exceed income. Bob suggested that we try doing a silent auction at one of the shows to help add funds to the account. The group concurred that the most likely show to try this would be the San Angelo show.

Bob Carroll indicated that he had met with Bob Lyons to go over the account information. The 2014 taxes were submitted and all is in order. He also requested that we get another member on the bank account, Sean Price volunteered.

Motion to approve – Janet White, seconded by Susan Leslie.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Scholarship Committee**

Cody Carroll received the 2015 Jim Graham Scholarship. Bob Carroll indicated that Cody really appreciated receiving the scholarship.

#### **Membership Committee:**

The membership report was read, reporting 84 adult members and 12 youth members active in SCLA. Total membership is still dropping with only 4 new members since January and a loss of 22 renewals from the 2013 report.

Bob Carroll asked to get a list of the non-renewing adults so that they could be contacted.

Susan Leslie mentioned that she was interested in doing a Region 1 SCLA 4H show. That would require that the youth be SCLA members. She also wondered if there were any ribbons, awards or funds left from the previous shows.

### **Old Business:**

No old business

### **New Business:**

Fort Worth Stock Show – There is a 4H youth show being run as part of the Ft. Worth Stock Show this year. Adding the 4H classes allows the kids to get an excused absence to participate in the show.

Houston Stock Show – Bob Carroll suggested that it would be nice if the Loan-A-Llama was held following a youth show so that the kids at Loan-A-Llama could see other kids actually competing. This might help get some additional kids interested in showing.

San Angelo Stock Show – The San Angelo Stock Show people want to move the show to October. This isn't a good option for the llama group as there are already too many shows this time of year, and it would potentially conflict with Nationals. Diane Collins suggested previously that we should write to the committee to express our concerns.

San Antonio - There is potential to get llamas back at the San Antonio Stock Show. Susan Leslie requested that we write to the Stock Show Committee to ask that the llama show be reinstated.

Other Shows – Bob Carroll asked if there were other shows we could be participating in. Shows like the Star of Texas Show, Louisiana State Fair, anything in Austin or Waco.

Championship Show – Susan Leslie mentioned she would like to see the Championship Youth Show return, that it could be added slowly, starting with obstacle classes and showmanship.

4H – Bob Carroll suggested that we send the llama packet to Dr. Bowman for distribution to the 4H agents.

Other Suggestions – Susan Leslie said the Southern States Llama Association had a points system where members obtained SSLA points for show winnings. This encourages members to attend shows. Bob Carroll suggested that members could also earn points for bringing in new members. Point winners could be listed on the website, maybe awards presented at a banquet. Sean requested that Susan look into this further and get back to us.

Motion to adjourn – Sean Price, seconded by Bob Carroll .

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Adryce Mathisen, Secretary