**Tennessee Donkey ASSociation**

**Show Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2014**

In attendance: Lydia Spears, Theresa Puckett, Brian Puckett, Carole Murphy, Brittany Conyer,

Maria Randall, Jerry Sircy, Robert Hughes, Beth Hughes, Hunter Hughes, Billy Vincion, Jerry Williams, Diana Poole, Bill Poole, Dayle Haworth, Dena Wilson and Sally Lightner

At 1pm Sally Lightner, president, welcomed members to the meeting, called the meeting to order and said the prayer. An agenda booklet was available for all attendees. She submitted all items on the agenda for motion, discussion and vote.

1. **Show Rules**

Dayle Haworth presented the revised awards point system. Discussion ensued.

The awards committee would be able to calculate the award points from the class placing and the number of donkeys in each class thus simplifying the gathering of award points.

* 1. Extra point for showing donkey – motion failed
  2. 6 Ribbon places at all shows – motion passed
  3. Graduated Point system – motion passed

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| **1st  Place** | **2nd Place** | **3rd Place** | **4th Place** | **5th Place** | **6th Place** | **Donkeys in Class** |
| 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Six or more entries |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |  | Five entries |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |  |  | Four entries |
| 3 | 2 | 1 |  |  |  | Three entries |
| 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  | Two entries |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |  | One entry |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Best of Breed | 0 points |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Champion | 0 points |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reserve Champion | 0 points |  |  |  |  |  |
| High Point | 0 points |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reserve High Point | 0 points |  |  |  |  |  |

* 1. Exhibitors should able to count points earned in their top four shows for each separate four categories towards high points: 1) Halter, 2) Color, 3) In-Hand, and 4) Harness. Some of our shows do not have any harness classes and we were unable to count in-hand points at these show. This will also make it much easier to count the points. Lydia Spears made the motion seconded by Dayle Haworth. Motion passed
  2. Showmanship should be counted towards in-hand points. We voted it out because the handler was being judged not the donkey but this is not true. The donkey needs to know how to pivot on his back leg and to set up. Several of our members are taking lessons for this class and they want their points to count when they show. Lydia Spears motioned to adopt if NMDA counts towards in-hand points and Dayle Haworth seconded. TDA would follow the NMDA guidelines. Need to research the NMDA rules to determine if Showmanship will be counted as in-hand points.
  3. Our youth exhibitors should be able to count all their points no matter who they show as long as the donkey is signed up for the awards program and the youths are members. If they show more than one donkey in a class, they can only count points their best ribbon in that class. It was decided that there would not be a new award for youth called “One Youth/One Donkey”. After discussion, Sally Lightner made motion to have a Youth Sportsmanship Award for the youth that help adult exhibitors. The youth will earn 1 point for each donkey he or she exhibits. It is the responsibility of the adult receiving the help to submit the youth sportsmanship points via email to the awards committee after each show. Motion was seconded by Dayle Haworth. Motion passed.
  4. If a class is added with less than 24 hours-notice, the class will not count towards high point award. Motion made by Dayle Haworth seconded by Jerry Sircy. Motion passed
  5. There was some concern about placements and points being taken away and/or give back to donkeys after the judge has placed the class. Dena Wilson made the motion that the judge’s decision is final if the TDA rules are followed and enforced by the show chairperson and Bill seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  6. Coon Jumping was another topic for discussion. The direction of entry in to the box should be from the line parallel to the jump. After discussion, it was conceded that the direction of entry did not make a difference in the success of the donkey’s jump. Motion made by Sally Lightner seconded by Bill Poole. Motion failed.
  7. Some exhibitors use blankets as an aide and there was some feeling that the weight of the blanket used could affect the outcome of the jump. Sally made the motion to add a second bar just below the top bar to hang the blanket and to use the official TDA throw as the blanket. Jerry Sircy seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

1. Show awards were part of the Show Rules discussion.
2. 2013 Shows

Mule Day Mini Mania Show (Canceled due weather)

Woodbury Mule Skinners Association Show -- May 11

Mini Mania Make-up Show – May 18

The Great Celebration Mule & Donkey Show (NMDA) – July 10 - 13

Bedford County Fair – August 3

Williamson County Fair – August 4

Wilson County Fair -- August 18

Maury County Fair – August 25

Lincoln County Fair -- September 8

Tennessee State Fair (NMDA) – September 14

Westmoreland Mini Mule & Donkey Show – September 28

1. 2014 Shows

Mule Day Mini Mania Show – April 3, 2014

Woodbury Mule Skinners Association Show -- May 11, 2014

**The Great Celebration Mule & Donkey Show (NMDA)** – July 9 thru 12, 2014

Bedford County Fair – August 2, 2014

Williamson County Fair – August 3, 2014

Wilson County Fair -- August 17, 2014

Maury County Fair – August 24, 2014

Lincoln County Fair -- September 7, 2014

**Tennessee State Fair (NMDA) – September 13, 2014**

Westmoreland Mini Mule & Donkey Show – September 27, 2013

TDA has input for the Mini Mania, Woodbury, Bedford County, Wilson County and Westmoreland shows.

1. Mini Mania director is Deloris Garrison with Sally Lightner as assistant director. The judge for the show is Dawn Ware.
2. Woodbury Show liaison is Theresa Puckett with Sally Lightner as assistant. Theresa will talk with the person that coordinates the show regarding paying for each class, adding shows and ribbons for six places. The show makes the money for the donkey show by selling ads in their program. Theresa has the ads from last year. Contact Theresa if you want to change or place an ad.
3. **The Great Mule and Donkey Celebration in Shelbyville is an NMDA sanctioned show.**
4. Bedford County show chairperson is Sally Lightner. She has been in touch with Judy Gambill about the show. We will not be adding classes. TDA will pay for the color classes ($75 per class) as long as the fair pays for the judge. We are going to ask for ribbons for 6 places. TDA will help pay for the 6th place ribbons if needed. Payout will be received for 1st thru 5th place. Suggested judges are Lori Love, Don Townley or Kim Smith. Sally will call the judge candidates.
5. Williamson County Fair chairpersons are Diana and Bill Poole. The judge for the show is Dawn Ware.
6. Wilson County Fair chairperson is Carole Murphy. Bill Poole, Theresa Puckett and Sally Lightner offered to assist Carole. Suggested judges are Don Townley or Martha Day.
7. Maury County Fair hires the judge and provides show chairperson.
8. Lincoln County Fair, we are invited to participate in the Miniature Horse show.
9. **Tennessee State Fair is an NMDA sanctioned show.** Contacts are Sandy Carroll and Lydia Spears.
10. Westmoreland Mini Mule & Donkey Show – after our experience with the show chair last year, a motion was made by Sally Lightner seconded by Bill Poole TDA participation in the show is contingent upon getting the show arena. No arena then we do not participate. Motion was passed. Theresa Puckett has been in contact with presenters of the show. She will let them know what we need to participate. Sally Lightner volunteered to help Theresa.
11. We were reminded that if you are show chairperson or are instrumental in hiring the show judge you can not show at that show. Sally Lightner does not show and is willing to help whenever needed.

**Approved Judges**

Don Townley Dawn Ware Kim Smith Lori Puckett Love

Martha Day Lee Little Dale Barnett

Britany Conyers knows someone that may be interested in judging our shows. She will request that a resume be sent to Sally Lightner

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1. Show attire: Diana Poole motioned that the issue of T-Shirts and Ball caps be addressed as separate motion. Sally Lightner seconded the motion.
2. T Shirts will be allowed as long as the shirt does not have any writing, pictures or advertisements. Motion passed. Diana Poole made the motion seconded by Dena Wilson. Motion passed.
3. Baseball caps are allowed as long as they are in good taste. ***The show chairperson will have the discretion to determine “good taste”.*** Diana Poole made the motion seconded by Dena Wilson. Motion passed.
4. **Open discussion**:
5. Robert Hughes and Jerry Sircy suggested that we have a consistent class schedule for the shows. They are going to work on a suggested schedule to Sally, club president. We feel that we should have more input at the shows. However, it may be that the fairs would not care if we did not show. We will see what we can do.
6. Jerry Williams spoke on the MTSU scholarship in his honor that assists Vet students in paying for their education. He requested the club donate $1,000. This discussion was tabled and Sally will send out a letter to the membership to determine interest in donating to this scholarship and how much ($500 or $1,000)
7. Sally Lightner brought up the issue of the perception of the rules not being followed by all exhibitors. There have been many hard feelings resulting from this perception. Show chairperson is responsible for insuring the judge is aware of TDA rules. When a person has a dispute or concern, they are to take it to the show chairperson. If there is no TDA chairperson, the dispute or concern should be taken to any officer present at the show. The chairperson or officer will discuss the dispute with the parties involved as soon as possible. However, this will not change the outcome of the judge’s decision. Motion was made by Sally Lightner and seconded by Bill Poole. Motion passed.
8. The fun day at Maury County Park in Columbia on May 17 was discussed. Theresa Puckett suggested an event in memory of Bob Dorris. The Bob Dorris Driving Experience will be part of the agenda for the day. Bill and Diana Poole will contact UT vet to conduct a Q&A session. Sally Lightner is working on a mock show for green donkeys and/or novice exhibitors.
9. During our break, we drew for door prizes donated by Dayle Haworth (2 halters), Dena Wilson (2 handmade signs), and Sally Lightner (flashlights). It is always fun to have door prizes.

Dena Wilson made a motion to adjourn seconded by Sally Lightner. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm