

Spanish Mustang Registry

2006 Annual Meeting Minutes Summary

7 p.m. Saturday evening, June 17, 2006, informal session

Discussion items:

Fiftieth Anniversary

Discuss proposals submitted by Co-Chairs of committee, select proposal, create subcommittees, and assign responsibilities to subcommittees.

Decision: all events will be held at the Cayuse Ranch and the meeting duration will be extended by one day. Discussed pros and cons of all three proposals.

Membership consensus, from members present as well as opinions submitted in writing, is to have the entire celebration at the Cayuse Ranch. This decision was based mostly on the logistics of the situation and the difficulty in moving people and horses between Gillette or Sundance and the ranch. The decision also made to start the meeting on Thursday afternoon, June 14th, 2007 and end after the business meeting on Sunday, June 17th, 2007 to provide sufficient time for all of the possible events.

Breeder's Council

Form a Spanish Mustang Breeders Council to give members support, needed services and an arena for the exchange of information and to help recruit new breeders.

Sponsor: Tom Hebert

Decision: voted down. Discussed the role of the Registry members and decided that the entire membership has the obligation to help out breeders and we did not need to be limited to a subset of members.

Prorate Membership Dues

Propose that membership dues be prorated by the quarter and rounded up to the next quarter. A member must pay a full year up front but the second year will be prorated if they renew.

Sponsor: Kyle Fenner

Decision: voted down. Discussed pros and cons, consensus of members present was that the membership dues amount is small enough that any benefits provided wouldn't outweigh the bookkeeping headaches.

Regional chapters

Discuss establishing an organizational framework for local & regional chapters of the Spanish Mustang Registry, Inc.

Sponsor: Tom Hebert

Decision: voted down. Discussed pros and cons of establishing regional chapters. According to the Board of Directors, Neil UiBreaslain presented the framework for this at a past meeting but no one has ever taken the initiative to get a regional chapter organized. There are already informal "chapters" in different parts of the country who don't feel the need to be formally organized. Carol will review the minutes of past meetings and provide any defined guidelines to the By-Laws revision committee.

9 a.m. Sunday morning, June 18, 2006, official meeting

Secretary's Report: minutes from 2005 meeting were printed in the annual, no revisions.

Old Business:

Articles of Incorporation, By Laws, and Policies and Procedures were mailed with the 2005 Annual. The By Laws Revision Committee of Doug Lanham, Carl Peters, and Simrat Khalsa are now accepting suggested changes; the following have been submitted for consideration with a possible vote in 2007.

Director Qualifications, in addition to being over 18 years of age, a member in good standing, and one member from Wyoming:

Must have attended 3 of the last 5 annual SMR meetings.
Must not hold an office in another equine registry.

Sponsors: Emmett Brislawn, Wes Thomsen, John Adams
Must be an SMR inspector (either junior or senior)
Must own an SMR registered horse.

Sponsors: Emmett Brislawn, John Adams

Decision: all recommendations approved by membership for Director action.

Marketing

To drop the name in Article VI (Officers) of Publicity Chairman, moving that function to a formal Marketing Committee and then promptly establishing a five-member Marketing Committee.

Sponsor: Tom Hebert

Decision: voted down. Patty Vandiver volunteered and was duly appointed Publicity Chair. She has the option of selecting other members to assist as needed.

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New business:

Ballot

Emmett Brislawn was reelected to the Wyoming Director position.

Nominating Committee

All members in good standing will have until January 1, 2007 to propose candidates to the following members of the 2006 Nominating Committee.

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Trends report

Registrations

Registrations in 2004 = 155
Registrations in 2005 = 148
Registrations to date in 2006 = 34
Transfers in 2005 = 34

Membership Memberships in fiscal 2004 = 193
Memberships in fiscal 2005 = 266
Memberships in fiscal 2006 = 238, equates to 324 members
New memberships, fiscal 2003 - 2004 = 50
New memberships, fiscal 2004 - 2005 = 67
New memberships, fiscal 2005 ? 2006 = 51
2005 meeting, member attendees = 63
2006 meeting, member attendees = 37
2006 ballot envelopes mailed = 216
2006 ballot envelopes returned = 116
2006 ballot envelopes invalidated = 9

Announcement of Bill Valentine Award winner: Southern Stabler was given the award posthumously.