

**Summary of Spanish Mustang Registry business meeting**  
**Secretary Carol Dildine**  
**6/17/07**

The SMR Secretary's transcribed report of the 2006 business meeting was printed in the 2006 annual. No additions or corrections were made at the 2007 meeting, it was accepted into the records as printed.

The Treasurer's Report for fiscal year 2006-2007 reflected a beginning balance in the account of \$9,782.56. The income for the year was \$13,881.10. Total expenses for the year were \$13,240.59 leaving a balance of \$10,423.07. Itemized expenses are as follows:

postage & supplies: \$2,307.10

meeting expenses: \$4,444.18

Horse Expo: \$800.00

Newsletter & Annual expenses: \$3,063.99

Awards, plaques, and belt buckles: \$1,093.13

Miscellaneous: \$1,275.44

Bank deductions (deposit slips and returned checks): \$256.75

In addition to this there are 7 CDs with a balance of \$17,586.19. The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

**Old Business**

**Presentation of draft of revised By-Laws and Policies and Procedures by Revision committee**

**Sponsors:** Doug Lanham, Simrat Khalsa, Carl Peters

A copy of the revised Articles of Incorporation, By Laws, and Policies and Procedures was available for everyone to pick up after the meeting. The only change from the printed version was on page 7 of the By Laws. The director criteria (6) should read "A Director nominee must be a senior inspector." Members were asked to provide all feedback to Doug Lanham by the end of July.

**New Business**

**SMR Support for a team to compete in the Sante Fe, New Mexico to Independence, Missouri endurance race.**

**Sponsors:** Jim Dildine and Mac McSwain

Jim Dildine presented information on the endurance race. The race starts September 2, 2007 and ends September 15, 2007. SMR member Mac McSwain has entered the race under the team name "Spanish Mustang Team" using only registered Spanish Mustang horses. Mac developed a preliminary budget, which Jim presented. Carol and Jim Dildine paid for a corporate sponsorship for The Cayuse Ranch and Jim asked that the SMR consider paying for a second corporate sponsorship in the amount of \$1500. Each team can provide web site linkage and publicity for up to four

corporate sponsorships. This race should get a lot of good publicity for the horses. Jim also asked for well trained horses that individuals are willing to offer up for the string. He is willing to meet the owners part way to ferry the horses to Mac in east Texas for conditioning. The consensus of the meeting attendees was that the SMR should contribute a corporate sponsorship to this race.

**I would like to propose the founding of SMR Association Europe to coincide with the 50th Anniversary. It is proposed to register only SMR registered/eligible horses with the Association, abiding by the same rules as the SMR for registration and working closely with the SMR Registrar to share information. We propose to start our own stud book, issuing SMR Europe Association registration certificates. We propose to operate as the SMR arm of Europe, with European bred horses being eligible for registration in both SMR and SMR Europe Association Registers. Our set-up would take the same form as SMR, with a board of directors, secretary, treasurer, registrar, yearly meetings, newsletter, etc. One member of SMR Europe Association (SMREA) board of directors would be bound to attend the annual SMR meetings in the USA. The main benefit of this Association would be enhanced credibility of the Spanish Mustang in Europe, along with structured PR, Events organized with membership revenue, etc.**

**Sponsor:** Martine Lettau

Martine was unable to attend to present her idea. Discussion ensued with concerns centered around any possible legal issues, tax issues, and liability issues. For instance, would creating this prevent the SMR from filing for a 501c3 status? Would an accident and subsequent lawsuit in Europe affect the SMR? Does our liability insurance need to cover any European events? Consensus was that there WOULD NOT be a separate stud book nor would there be separate registration papers. It was suggested by several that the European group operate much like our informal regional groups. The possibility exists that there could eventually be requests for separate organizations in Europe, Australia, South America, etc. and we want to ensure that the first one we allow is the model for all subsequent ones. It was suggested that perhaps the Quarterhorse Association could be used as an example and a starting point for the SMR outside of the United States. In all cases the Spanish Mustang Registry, Inc. will be the parent or umbrella organization and any others would be subsidiaries. Martine will be asked to fully develop her idea and submit it to the directors with research on the legal, tax, and liability aspects. Further discussion was tabled.

**I would propose the SMR honor both the Director John Fusco and the actor Viggo Mortensen as a sign of gratitude for their work in helping to promote the Spanish Mustang. The movie Hidalgo has done much to raise awareness of the breed internationally.**

**Sponsor:** Martine Lettau

Discussion ensued regarding any tangible contributions made by either John Fusco or Viggo Mortensen. The membership agreed that movie raised awareness of the horses; but the business and the intent of these two individuals was monetary. Bob Blackbull stated that promises had been made to the children of the Blackfoot Tribe but never delivered on. The general consensus was that we should honor the horses, not these two men.

**Discussion of SMR Annual content, frequency, publication date.**

**Sponsors:** Mike & Jo Turnock

The membership agreed to move the timeline for article submission to the annual editors to a calendar year. This would move the annual publication to the spring. This matches the statement on page 4 of the revised Policies and Procedures that the annual would be published in the spring.

**Ballot.** Announce results of 2007 director vote.

The Ballot Counting committee was comprised of Ed Covey, Charles D. Mahan, and Doug Lanham. The new director will be Jim Dildine.

**Trends Reports**

Registrations in 2006

Horse transfers 17

Horse registrations 109

2005 registrations were 148

2004 registrations were 155

2003 registrations were 50

2002 registrations were 129

Memberships in fiscal 2006

Family 92

Lifetime 5

Single 129

Youth 8

This results in a total of 326 members.

**Nominating Committee**

The members of the 2008 Nominating Committee are Ed Covey, Julie Moore, Charles D. Mahan, Donna Mitchell, Stephen Huffman, and Melanie Pittman.

Their contact information will appear in the newsletter.

**Location for 2008 meeting.**

Details for two potential sites were submitted: Oregon and Texas. There were 25 votes for a Texas meeting and 5 votes for an Oregon meeting. The Texas meeting will be held at Old Fort Parker.

**Pay Pal account for SMR business.**

Lisa Mahan, SMR Treasurer, was authorized to set up a separate bank account and work with Martine Lettau, SMR webmaster, to establish a Pay Pal account for members to join, pay their dues, pay their registration fees, etc.

