2019 Annual Meeting minutes

7 pm Saturday evening, June 15, 2019, official business meeting, hosted by the Adams and the Mahan families, held at Adams Farms, 243 Hwy 341 South, Vardaman, MS 38878

Meeting attended by: John Adams, Christina Beard, Dot Black, Josie Brislawn, Glenda Covington, Odell Covington, Amy Dedafoe, Carol Dildine, Jim Dildine, Charles Fitts, Becky Fulcher, Fred Fulcher, Steve Huffman, Cindy Kalow, Dick Kalow, Amanda Mahan, Charles Mahan, Justin Mahan, Lisa Mahan, James Mady Moore, Jack Price, Terry Price

Called to order by President Josie Brislawn at 7:00 pm

- Josie thanked the hosts for providing the meeting location and for the wonderful food and hospitality.
- Josie read a thank you letter from Ken Tischmak. Ken was the 2018 recipient of the Bill Valentine Award. The following is the text of the thank you note:

  “I would like to thank everyone for the Bill Valentine Award. I am honored and humbled by it. Bill and Fannie Valentine meeting that I went to after I joined the Registry. I asked Fannie a lot of questions about when do you know when to pair kids and horses together. Her answers helped later when I got to understand the mustang more. I also had a lot of input from Emmett Brislawn. And especially Kim Kingsley for the education on the Spanish Mustang. I learned just how smart & tough they are. Doing what I did with Firewater was enjoyable because he liked doing it also.

  I would like to thank my sons Emmett, Marshall, & Garrett for talking me into going to the meeting. I had no idea about the award until the meeting. Also to my daughter for moving her wedding date that was the same weekend as the meeting.

  Hopefully I can get my grandkids to take an interest in the Spanish Mustang, so they can see how special they are.

  Thank you all, Ken”

Secretary’s Report, presented by Secretary Carol Dildine.
The minutes from the 2018 meeting were published in the 2018 fall newsletter and were not read at the 2019 meeting. The floor was open for additions or corrections, there were none.
Treasurer’s Report, presented by Treasurer Lisa Mahan.
The 6/10/2018-5/22/2019 income was $6249.35, the expenses were $3876.17. The Birlawn Promotional Fund has a balance of $1819. The overall total in the accounts is $24,771.07

Trends report.
- Registrations: 8 transfers, 59 registrations
- Membership
  - 34 family memberships – 68 members
  - 2 lifetime memberships – 2 members
  - 57 single memberships – 57 members
  - 2 youth memberships – 2 members
  - Total 95 memberships, 129 members

This is a slight increase over the 2018 statistics. We have members in Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, and 29 states. The state with the most members is North Dakota, second is Wisconsin, and third is Minnesota.

Old Business:
1) Equine Census:
   a. Carol Dildine announced the results of the equine census. Responses came from both members and non-members but not everyone who owned a registered horse responded. The final results for the 2018 census are 57 studs/intact colts, 97 geldings, 181 mares/fillies. The ownership of these registered horses fall into these age brackets: 3 under 30 years of age, 21 between the ages of 30-50, 42 between the ages of 50-70, and 26 over the age of 70.
   b. The Board of Directors voted to hold an equine census of registered Spanish Mustangs every 3 years and to collect additional information on the horses being reported; e.g. registration number. Members are encouraged to get their eligible horses registered prior to the 2021 census.

New business:
1) Decisions from the director’s meeting.
   - Jim Dildine resigned after serving 2 years of his 3 year term. Jim would have been president starting July 1, so the Board Of Directors decided that Josie Brislawn would continue as president and that Dick Kalow would be asked to finish Jim’s term of office. Dick will serve from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.
2) **Nominating Committee.**

**Fiscal 2019 – 2020 Nominating Committee**

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The names and contact information for these committee members will appear in the meeting minutes to be published in the next newsletter. All members in good standing will have until March 1, 2020 to propose candidates to members of the Nominating Committee.

3) **Location of 2020 meeting has not been decided.** The 2018 meeting was north, the 2019 meeting was south so the preference would be for the 2020 meeting to be either east or west.