

ALBERTA DONKEY AND MULE CLUB  
FALL GENERAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2019  
STETTLER, ALBERTA

ATTENDEES

|              |              |               |             |                |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| Russ Shandro | Rob Hunter   | Sandra Harper | Ann Fossum  | Smiley Douglas |
| Lynn Douglas | Shanna Jones | Keith Kendrew | Lil Kendrew | Caroline Boddy |
| Grant Boddy  | Don Fossum   | Carol Koch    | Kim Bowie   |                |

1. President Russ Shandro called the meeting to order at 1:38 pm.

2. Carol Koch moved Caroline Boddy seconded the minutes of the March 31, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried.

3. Financial Report

Balances at October 15, 2019

Casino Account \$52,731.88

General Account \$4,475.26

Income from the casino was \$75,134.56.

Don Fossum moved Carol Koch seconded the financial report be accepted as presented. Carried

4. Committee Reports

- Membership Committee - four new members were signed up at Long Ears Days. Seven new members were signed up at the Mane Event. Total membership is 63 paid families.

- Mane Event - 18 members were involved at the Mane Event, either working at the booth or participating in the demos and clinics. Lynn Douglas moved Caroline Boddy seconded that minis participate in the breed demo as part of the donkey and mule contingent.

- Long Ears Days - this year was one of the best if not the best show we've had. The donkeys won the challenge for the second straight year. For next year we need better control of the arena to keep non-participants out during classes. Judging for the halter classes needs to pay more attention to confirmation and performance. It was suggested that Carl Kraut could be hired as a judge.

- Calendar - Sandra will send out requests for outstanding calendar sponsorship.

- Grizzly Bear Coulee Trail Ride - A total of 47 kilometers was covered by 8 riders.

- Cut-off Creek and Cowboy Church - Keith Kendrew has taken groups to these rides. Cowboy Church had 38 people with three wagons over five days.

- Bellereeva - several members participated in the riding/trail competition at Bellereeva. They provide workers for our casino.
- Bruce Stampede - 9 mules competed in the Great Canadian Mule Race 6 owned by mule club members. Four members with 9 mules were entered in the parade. This group also provided workers for our casino.
- Casino - received \$75,134.56, expenses to work the casino were \$12,995.34.
- Parades and promotions - Keith Kendrew, Rod Hunter and Russ Shandro participated in parades at Ponoka, Rimbey, Bentley and Tofield. A letter should be sent to Edmonton Northlands expressing our disappointment at how they handled the last minute cancellation of the mule club riding in the K-Days parade.
- Saddle Up Magazine - Sandra asked for help with the articles for the magazine. A 350 word article with a picture is due by the 5th of each month.

## 5. Forms

- Caroline Boddy moved Keith Kendrew seconded that the five year renewal option be removed and payment by cheque, money order or cash be accepted for annual memberships. Carried.
- The new membership form needs to be revised to say payment is accepted by cheque or money order or cash and renewal is yearly.
- The expense reimbursement form was circulated.

## 6. Canadian Donkey and Mule Association Liaison

- Don Fossum moved Sandra Harper seconded Shanna Jones be appointed as the liaison person between ADMC and CDMA and keep information updated so the two bodies work as closely together as possible. Carried
- The American Donkey and Mule Society also has outdated information on their website. Sandra will contact them and provide updated information. She will also send them our newsletter. Dee Patten is the contact person for this group.

## 7. Budget Review

- The budget was reviewed and 2020 numbers were slotted in for each category. The budget total should be approximately \$30,000 for the year. Since the final number exceeded this, the budget will be sent to everyone attending the meeting for their input so determine where cuts can be made to meet the target.

## 8. Long Ears Days 2020

- The 2020 Long Ears Days committee will be Caroline Boddy, Kim Bowie, Don Fossum, Sandra Harper and Shanna Jones will be an alternate. Caroline will contact Donna Morris, the Taste of the Heartland contact person, to determine what each group will be responsible for. The committee will bring the proposal back to the show committee with the budget for Long Ears Days 2020. Payment is required as soon as possible to reserve space.

## 9. Web Page

- The ADMC.com website uses a very old operating system.

- Sandra Harper moved Carol Koch seconded that Al Spate, the website manager be allowed to do what is required to consolidate the .com and .ca websites. Carried.

- A link will be placed on the .com website directing users to the .ca site.

- A link to the CDMA will be added to the ADMC website.

## 10. Reimbursement Policy

- The reimbursement policy was discussed. It is to be used for authorized expenses that are within the budget. Receipts must be provided. Reimbursement applications submitted after the fact must be approved by the executive. Applications for clinics, etc. are to be submitted prior to the event for approval.

- Rob Hunter moved Sandra Harper seconded that Les Sjorgren and Michelle Thompson be reimbursed as submitted. Carried.

- A policy is required to determine who represents the club for what event (i.e.) education. Applications must be submitted prior to the event for approval. Tabled

## 11. Equipment

- The coon jumping standards are too high to allow participants to maneuver their animals easily. Russ will make new standards.

- We need standards for hunter/jumping classes. Two 16 feet, three 20 feet and one 26 foot standards are required. Russ will make these too.

## 12. Events 2020

- Skijoring - Les Sjorgren

- Mane Event - Sandra Harper, Les Sjorgren

- Parades & Promotions - Russ

Calgary Stampede - no budget money is required

Rimbey Cutter Parade is the 3rd Saturday in February

- Long Ears Days - Caroline Boddy, Sandra Harper, Don Fossum, Kim Bowie, Shanna Jones alternate

- Trail Rides - Russ Shandro

- Exploratory Committee to focus on a one-day practice to focus on driving and in-hand events - Don Fossum, Kim Bowie, Shanna, Jones

- Bruce Stampede - July

- Bellereeva - August

- Horses & Harness - Rimbey - June 13 - Doug Rogers is the wagon contact

### 13. Next Meeting

- Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 10:30 am at the Mane Event upstairs cafeteria area.

### 14. Adjournment

Rob Hunter moved adjournment at 5:23 pm.