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**MDMC Meeting Minutes - Saturday, January 9, 2010
Pizza Cellar - Blooming Prairie, MN • Lunch 11:30 am - Meeting 1:00 pm**

The meeting was called to order by Todd Bergland, president. There were 46 members in attendance. Minutes were read from the January 10, 2009 Annual meeting. Jan Petersen amended the minutes to note that the By Laws had been revised in 2002. The minutes were then approved. (Motion: Jan Peterson/Bob Sharp)

The Treasurer's Report was read by Cynthia Kelley and approved by unanimous vote. (Motion: Ron Denn/Kraig Thoreson) Note: Treasurer's report is listed in each of the Quarterly Newsletters. The balance as of 1/10/2009 stands at \$1,751.90. There was one expenditure since the last newsletter report of \$150 for the purchase of the mule and donkey calendars.

Old Business:

Clothing Sales – Beth Smith brought all the clothing that is left. After discussion it was decided if someone would like to request the set-up of the logo, which belongs to the club, they may contact Beth Smith and she will get the information so it is made available to other vendors. (Motion: Lisa Denn/Tim Christopher)

New Business:

MN Horse Expo - April 23-25, 2010 – Gary Wagenaar will again be in charge of this event. Cost for this event is \$725/stalls + \$125/wrist bands for those helping with the event by bringing animals. A generous donation of \$300 was promised by Tom Helfter. A motion was made and approved to allocate \$550 from the club for this event. (Motion: Jan Petersen/Jim Crowl) Anyone wishing to help at the Expo or would like to bring animals contact Gary Wagenaar.

Discussion was held regarding a MDMC banner to have at expos, shows or other events. Jim Benson made a motion to allow up to \$200 to purchase a banner or banners. A committee of Tammy Helmers, Ron Denn and Beth Smith will get prices and decide what kind of banner(s) should be purchased. (Motion: Jim Benson/Tim Christopher)

New Show – Grant Program. Discussion was held regarding possible new shows in other areas of MN who may need financial help in getting started. It was decided that if someone is interested in organizing a new show, an application process will be used. A grant in the amount of \$50 will be given. There will only be one New Show Grant given per year. The show must have at least 10 events to qualify. (Motion: Lisa Denn/Tammy Helmers)

2010 Club Trail Rides

- Spring Trail Ride - Host: Tim Christopher/Tammy Helmers Date: May 14-16 Location: Tim Christopher's
- Fall Trail Ride - Host: Ron Denn Date: Sept. 18-20 Location: Sand Dunes – near Zimmerman, MN
- Last Chance Ride – Host: Dallas & Betty Smith Date: October 1-3 Location: Fort Ridgley

It was decided that meat will be provided by the club for the Fall Trail Ride and Last Chance Trail Ride. (The meal at the Spring Ride is done by individual donation already arranged for this ride.) Up to \$100 can be spent of each of the trail rides. (Motion: Kraig Thoreson/Jim Benson)

NOTE: ALL TRAIL RIDE INFORMATION must be submitted to Laura Redding to be placed on the website and in the quarterly newsletter prior to the newsletter deadline date. Information to be included is as follows: Contact person(s) phone number, dates of the event, directions to the site of the trail ride, cost for camping, and an RSVP number so appropriate meat can be obtained.

2010 Shows:

Kiester Horse & Mule Fun Show - Date: June 26 Contact: Eugene Jacobson
Wright County Donkey & Mule Show - Date: July 2 & 3 Contact: Ron Denn
Kasson Show – Date: July 17, 2010, Contact: Todd Bergland and Cynthia Kelley
Olmstead County Donkey & Mule Show - Date: July 31 & August 1 Contact: Scott & Terri Hurley
Austin Donkey & Mule Show - Date: August 14 Contact: Gary Wagenaar
Fairmont Donkey & Mule Show - Date: August 18 Contact: Delmer & Karen Whitaker

State Show - Location: Olmstead County Show – Rochester Chairperson: Scott & Terri Hurley_

Other Events:

Another event being planned for February 20th is Sleigh and Cutter Party organized by Cynthia Kelley and Todd Bergland at their home near Austin. More information will be on the website. Chili and hot chocolate/coffee will be provided. Please bring a pot to pass and BYOB. RSVP to Todd Bergland (507) 383 0275 or Cynthia Kelley (507) 202 7631.

MN Mule Days – August 20, 21, 22 – Dallas & Betty Smith Farm. More information in upcoming newsletters.

The Director's unanimously approved the expenditure of \$200 to the State MN Donkey & Mule Show in Rochester, July 2010. Terri & Scott Hurley will use the funds for the State Show.

Election of Officers

President – Todd Bergland
Vice President – Dallas Smith
Secretary – Betty Smith
Director – Jim Crowl (Three Year Term)
Newsletter Editor – Laura Redding
Webmaster – Laura Redding
Treasurer – Cynthia Kelley
Photographer – Debi Bernau

Current Directors:

Tammy Helmers (term expires 2010)
Ron Denn - term expires 2011

A unanimous vote was obtained to re-elect the officers who served during the 2009 year for the 2010 term.

It was noted that Laura Redding has done an excellent job with the website and the newsletter. Members appreciate all the work she has done for the club through the website and newsletter.

Other Discussion: Beth Smith mentioned she would like to see the club possibly donate some amount of money to an animal rescue organization. Ron Denn stated that the MN Hooved Animal Rescue have a program called the Trainer's Challenge. Trainers are given an animal and then it is sold at a later date with the money going back to the Rescue Organization. It was decided to sponsor a mule for the Trainer's Challenge in the amount of a \$100 sponsorship. (Motion: Kraig Thoreson/Wayne Petersen)

Next year's MDMC Annual meeting will be held on January 8, 2011 at the Pizza Cellar in Blooming Prairie.

Adjourn

(Motion: Jan Petersen/Tim Christopher) 2:02 pm.