

Minutes of the April 28th
General Membership Meeting Held at Dona Love's House in Steeplechase

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 by President Mary de Greef who welcomed everyone and gave a brief President's report. She said the club was functioning well and asked everyone to send in photos to the newsletter and for the next calendar. She also reported that she had been asked to speak at the Donkey and Mule club and share with them what our club does.

The Minutes from the last meeting were unavailable.

Mary de Greef presented the Treasurers report since Nelie Boehle was also unable to attend. She gave balances for the general fund and all the regions and stated that the club was in a healthy financial position.

The Membership report was presented by Linda Bennett. She said the Northern region has 116 members, the SE has 45, the SW has 41 and the Panhandle has 11. We also have 17 out of state members for a total of 230 Members. She also reminded everyone that anyone who renews before Sept will be covered for membership until 2013.

Linda Evans gave a report for the Northern region. She said the region has been busy and had successful events such as a St. Patty's Day Drive and the Steeplechase continuous drives. She also reported the Live Oak tailgate had been a failure due to the Live Oak Management assigning the Whips a location that was inaccessible. She informed us that the fee would be returned and that every effort would be made to use the food and supplies at other Whips events.

Kathie Beeson was present to represent the SE region. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Port Mayaca show and urged those who could to enter or volunteer. She also mentioned a date for their planning meeting in June.

Cynthia Perkins was present from the Panhandle. She reported on a successful outing at the 2000 acre Cedars Plantation and stated that they would be repeating the drive on June 16th 2012 and that would also be the date and location of their annual planning meeting.

There was no Old Business.

The next order of business was the election. The proposed slate of officers was elected unanimously. Mary de Greef will continue as president, Dona Love as VP and Linda Bennett as Membership Chair.

It was brought to the meeting attention that Jeanne Abbot would like to step down as advertising Chair. There was a volunteer to take over and she and Jeanne will coordinate to make that happen.

Mary de Greef suggested that a club historian would be helpful to maintain records, scrapbooks, etc. No volunteers were immediately forthcoming.

Judy Martin mentioned the upcoming Ladies driving retreat at Grand Oaks Resort.

Linda Evans also mentioned upcoming show at Canterbury showplace in Newberry.

It was brought up that it would be helpful if the new calendar cover the entire next year through December. Everyone agrees this would be good and Mary de Greef will work towards that if funds allow.

A motion was made and carried to purchase \$100.00 gift cards for Yvonne Griffiths and Deby Stewart to show the clubs appreciation of work they do in maintaining the website and putting out the newsletter. Linda Evans volunteered to take care of this.

The meeting was turned over to Dona Love to make the presentation for Member of the Year. This year the club was pleased to honor both Linda Evans and Connie Thoreson for their many contributions to the club, including, but not limited to, the Carriage Affaire and the Live Oak Tailgate.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00pm.