

American Donkey Association
Minutes from Board Meeting
December 16, 2014

Attendees: Katrina Fleener, Dena Wilson, Sally Lightner, Dayle Haworth, Dennis Vonderfecht, Debby Miller and Robert Hughes

Discussion occurred regarding the current definition in the By-Laws for "Family Membership".

Motion was made by Richard Fleener to amend the By-Laws as follows:

- B. Family Members.** A Family Membership can be for a Full Membership or an Associate Membership. All individuals that live in the same residence qualify for a Family Membership and are entitled to the full benefits and privileges of the respective Membership they are eligible for. The Family Membership may include all adult individuals and children living in a household as of January 1 of the membership year. No children under the age of 18 as of January 1 of the membership year may vote, hold office or be a committee chair person of ADA. If dues are not paid by 2/28, the dues will be rendered late and the membership will no longer be valid. If dues are received after 2/28, the membership will be considered for reinstatement.

Seconded by Sally Lightner.

Motion carried.

For reference purposes, below is the excerpt from the By-Laws prior to approval of the above Motion.

B. Family Members. *A Family Membership can be for a Full Membership or an Associate Membership. The husband and wife are entitled to the full benefits and privileges of the respective Membership they are eligible for. The Family Membership may include all children in the family 18 years old or younger as of January 1 of the membership year. A Full Member Family husband and wife will be given all of the rights and privileges of a Full Member. An Associate Family Member will be given all of the rights and privileges of an Associate Member. No children under the age of 18 as of January 1 of the membership year may vote, hold office or be a committee chair person of ADA. If dues are not paid by 2/28, the dues will be rendered late and the membership will no longer be valid. If dues are received after 2/28, the membership will be considered for reinstatement.*

Discussion occurred regarding the trend in the industry of having grandparents accompany grandchildren. There was discussion on a "Multi-Generational" Membership. Several Board Members felt that the club needed to raise funds and \$5.00 per grandchild was very reasonable.

Dick Fleener made a motion to not add another Membership category but encourage youth participation by waiving the \$5.00 Youth Membership Fee for grandchildren joining with their grandparents for FY 2015 only.

Sally Lightner seconded the Motion.

Motion carried.

Multiple Full Membership Applications were presented to the Board:

- Steve & Jill Crim plus 5 grandchildren outlined in the application
- Brian and Paula Selgelid and one grandchild
- Jerry and Sue Patterson
- Skip and Patsy Oertli
- Thomas Krueger
- Wayne Schuetz

All applications had the required Two sponsors. Payment had been received, except from the Crims. Sally Lightner was going to contact the Crims for payment based upon the outcome of tonight's meeting.

The Board of Directors all voted to accept the submitted applications.

Dennis Vonderfecht suggested that in the future membership applications have sponsors identified prior to being presented at the Board meeting.

It was suggested that we add a question whether an applicant objected to their name and farm name being listed on the ADA Website as a member. This will be added to the application.

Sally stated she was working on a Membership Information Sheet.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Acting Secretary: Richard Fleener