



Rocky Mountain Long Ears Association

Rocky Mountain Longears Association Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2011

Meeting Attendees:

Larry & Lucie Wisehart
Bill Rossman
Cindy Brink
Zella Brink
Gene & Margaret Hilty
Timothie S. Moore
Rick & Pat Foster
Crystal Young
Pat Young
Terry & Judy Meyer
Ken Coughlin
Ken & Cody Kleinsorge
Melody Charlton
Angela Elliot
Annie Colvin
Evy Collins



Give 'em a little love

Meeting called to order by President Larry Wisehart at 6:58 pm.

Larry welcomed visitor and mule owner Timothie Moore.

Bill made a motion to accept the September minutes as posted, Gene seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report made by Lucie: Checking \$1,000; Savings \$6,462.80. Melody made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Zella seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Larry reported on the Monroe Organic Farm Festival that took place on September 18. 525 people attended. Fran & Larry Howe and Bruce brought mules to exhibit some farming equipment.
- Melody reported on the New Mexico State Fair which she attended as a show groom with Judy Fithian and her donkeys. Melody said it was well organized and the mules and donkeys didn't share show days. They were forced to take a break for a military fly over but Melody said the donkeys didn't seem to mind the planes.
- Many of our members attended the Troyer Auction; Judy Meyer stated it looked like the numbers of mules were down. Pat Young reported sale prices were low on most tack. Ken Coughlin mentioned riding horse sale prices were up from last year and reported he purchased a 5 year old buckskin mare. Bill Rossman reported riding horses on Friday sold well with good prices; however standard donkeys were not sold due to low bids.
- Lucie gave the final close out report on Larimer County Fair Mule & Donkey Show; starting with \$2700 from the Larimer County Fair, we took in \$815 in entry fees; sponsors gave us \$830, bringing us to \$4345. With expenses for the show including printing, advertising, judge, ring steward and announcer, coming to a total of \$4417.29 we close the show with a \$-72.29. Larry wanted to send a thank you to our sponsors, committee, volunteers and entrants. We know that some of our members

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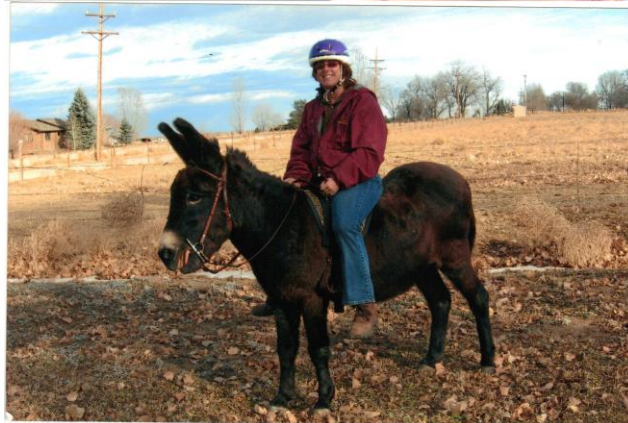
If you have mule or donkey related magazines or articles to share, please feel free to bring them to a meeting to pass around.

Farewell to Pedro

On the pleasant sunny mid-afternoon of August 31, 2011 Pedro died peacefully while napping in his favorite spot. He had struggled off and on with colic for six days. He was treated daily by his regular vet, except for one day when an alternate vet came. Both doctors had reassured me Pedro would survive and recovery nicely. But it was not to be. Pedro had experienced too much abuse and too much neglect of physical care in his first years of life. After his passing Dr. McMillan shared with me that research has shown that over 70% of the time when an equine colics for no apparent reason, there has been prior permanent damage done to their digestive systems by internal parasites. The animal might look fine after later treatment but still be scarred inside. This was apparently the case with Pedro. For at least his first five years his feet were never trimmed, he was never dewormed, and he did not receive proper nutrition. Yet once he came to live with me, he prospered and enjoyed almost eight years of health.

Pedro was a much loved donkey. He taught me a lot about resilience, trust, and love after trauma. He showed me how to live forgiveness and how give one's heart completely to another. His memories will live long and large.

Farewell Pedro, I will always love you,
Melody



Minutes Continued

fall in all 4 of those categories and we especially appreciate your time and support! Please support our sponsors (a list will be printed in the October newsletter).

Discussion commenced about improving the show and the possibility of a 2-day show in the future. Pat Young shared that unless we have both the Draft Horse committee and our own committee on the same page to work together we may not get it. He went on to tell how the Larimer County Fair works and how much they do in very few days. He said that if we want to make any changes in our time, date, etc., we need to start acting now as plans for LCF 2012 will be made in December and January. After much discussion Terry Meyer made a motion to for a Larimer County Fair Mule & Donkey Show Committee to start preparing to work with the Draft Horse Show committee to work together for a 1 day show and get a plan to propose to the Larimer County Fair Board. Melody seconded. Motion passed. Members of this committee are: Terri Wagner, Bill Rossman, Terry Meyer, Judy Meyer, Pat Foster and Melody Charlton. The committee will report their works at the November meeting.

New Business

- Condolences to members
 - Ken Kleinsorge in the loss of his mother
 - Randy Gibbs in the loss of his father
- Since it is October members need to be thinking of who they want to nominate for board of directors. We found that a nominating committee doesn't need to be formed, but if you would like to take office in 2012, please let any of the current officers know as soon as possible. We would love to have you on board.
- Trail ride season is coming to a close, even though we've had great weather and rides thus far.
 - Lucie suggested since we don't have any current high school seniors to apply for the scholarship that we use some of the education money in our account to hire a clinician and do a club sponsored clinic in lieu of the scholarship. Members showed interest and said they would bring suggestions to a future meeting to decide. Lucie said the Trail ride committee would put together some names and possible dates as well.
 - Wisheart's offered their place for a trail ride fun day on October 22 at 10 am. Annie seconded. Motion passed.
- Terri Wagner's Dynamite seminar is October 8 & 9. Please contact Terri for information.
- The RMLEA Christmas Party is December 3 at 1pm at the Fairgrounds in Keenesburg. Potluck dinner, bring place setting and drinks for your family. Silent Auction items can be brought the day of or before if you are unable to attend.
- Bill reported the National Western Stock Show website will have the class lists available hopefully by Friday (October 7). He mentioned they added a Donkey Trail class on Sunday morning to the schedule.
- Mule, Donkey and Driving calendars are available, \$10 payable to the club; please contact Terri to order, you can order on our website too.

Ken Coughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm, Melody seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Editor Cindy Brink in the absence of Secretary Fran Howe.

October 22; 10 am Lucie and Larry Wisheart's Fun Trail day. RSVP to Lucie or Larry 970-284-5418

November 7: Monthly Membership Meeting at the Double Tree Restaurant in Platteville Dinner and Socializing at 6pm, Meeting at 7pm feel free to order dinner, dessert and or drinks during the meeting as well.

December 3: RMLEA Christmas Party 1pm at the South East Weld County Fairgrounds in Keenesburg. Silent Auction

New Mexico State Fair

Sept. 2011

by Melody Charlton

Judy Fithian and I took her three donkeys, GW, Patience, and Daisy to the NM State Fair in Albuquerque. It was a wonderful show with many donkey classes. The show was well run with practically no down time between classes. The judge, steward, and announcer were all friendly and professional, and the people in the stands clapped for every class. All size donkeys were welcome and most classes had in-hand, driving, and riding options. Although donkeys were not particularly well represented, there were quite a few mules and mini horses, each with their own classes.

The donkeys were housed in adobe stables with fully enclosed tack rooms that had a switch-controlled light as well as an electrical outlet and a bar for hanging clothes. Water faucets were provided for approximately every six stalls. The arena where we showed was right next to the barns we stayed in. The bathrooms in the horse arena building had been remodeled recently and had nice showers with plenty of hot water.

The NM fair grounds has a number of permanent structures, including a horse racing track, an Indian Village made to look like a pueblo, and a Hispanic village made to look like a Mexican plaza. There were many quality vendors and excellent exhibits. There was also a store in the Agricultural complex that sold NM products, such as pine nuts, chilies, cherry cider, chocolates, and sweet onions. Yum, yum!

Next year, I hope to take a vacation with my donkeys to New Mexico to the state fair. Who knows? I might come home with a show buckle for my belt. After all, Judy won one. Won't you join me in NM?

Classified News:

Calendars:

The club has calendars for sale. \$10 each, contact Terri:
303-818-1855

Wanted: Stories, photos, events. Please submit to:
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Items for sale:

- Misc. horse/mule drawn equipment, barn stored, good/excellent condition. Kiowa/Elizabeth area New Idea 10A Spreader (parade ready), Carnegie Steel running gear, 5th wheel (wagon), Bob sled, Weber Box 2 spring seats Call Terry Rector at 303-660-9573
- Pioneer Forecart (horse size). Includes pole, shafts, double tree, and yoke. \$1000 or best offer. Contact Jeff Blake. People Hauler for sale by Rene Hoffman; Unique piece. Contact Larry Wischart

- 4 year old Black Jack for sale. By Jacque Benny out of west farm mules and donkeys in Las Vegas. The jack I have been told by the breeder to start at \$10,000 but will consider offers; will be putting him on craigslist in California and Missouri. He is almost 15 hands tall. Black with white points; will load in anything and excellent with his feet. Don't know about electric clippers. 2 year old Molly "red" should be about 14.3 when mature asking \$500 and a pair of mini's one white one black 1/2 siblings \$200 each or the pair for \$300. If there is any interest give them my phone # 719-568-2029. I can E-mail pictures.

Please submit newsletter information no later than the Monday following the Monthly Meeting.

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