

Present: Karen MacGregor, Susan Balcom, Trudy Leishman, Margaret Stewart and Marcel Sward, Cheryl Larsen, Kathy Errington, Roger and Sandi Walmsley

Many people were unable to come to the meeting because of other commitments or traveling. A card was sent to Eleanor Livingstone thanking her for many years of hostessing club meetings. It would also be a good idea to send a Christmas card to Sue Jenner for her support over the years. If you want to send a paragraph or so to Margaret Stewart to print out to include in the card, Sue would appreciate hearing from the club. Margaret's email is frholsteins@shaw.ca

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Trudy Leishman and accepted unanimously.

Correspondence: a nice letter from Turtle Valley Donkey Refuge (TVDR) proclaiming that they had received charitable status and were able to give tax deductible receipts for gifts received. TVDR currently has 24 standard and mammoth donkeys and 7 more are waiting for the new barn to be built and then will join the Refuge. Donations for the barn can be given on the website: turtlevalleydonkeyrefuge.com. Trudy moved that \$100 be given to TVDR from the club and it was seconded by Marcel Sward. Also, Trudy mentioned that it was better to donate products than to donate money for vet bills, for example, because vets always charge too much.

Treasurer Report: Susan Balcom reported that the bank balance is \$788.25. There are some new memberships and \$80 was given to the Dogwood Donkey Show (DDS). The DDS was responsible for obtaining a \$100 grant for the club, so giving back \$80 leaves the club with \$20 free. It was moved that the Vice President, Roger Walmsley, should become a signing officer of the bank account, joining Susan and Sue Jenner. Susan said she would look into how that could be done and Margaret agreed. The DDS and TVDR are affiliate members of the club.

President Report: Margaret reported that the club has been very busy this year with meetings, shows and play days. There was a children's show, the DDS was reported and had nice pictures in the magazine SaddleUp and the donkeys were featured in open classes so that professional breeders and show-ers were not treated differently than the average backyard donkey owner. Also, the Agassiz Fall Fair a couple weeks ago had 8 donkeys and was very fun for the children showing.

Other Business: Margaret brought up the issue that there is no longer a BC director for the Canadian Donkey and Mule Association (CDMA) since Pat Strang is stepping down from that role. Interested applicants need to be a member of CDMA and able to answer questions related to donkey issues. It would also be necessary to attend meetings of CDMA. Benefits to being a member include receiving the magazine and double insurance if you are also a member of BC Horse Council.

Trudy mentioned that the Carriage Club, of which she is also a member, will be having their Christmas party and that it would be a good thing for our club members to attend this party. The date and location will be announced later.

Cheryl Larsen also mentioned that she would like some business cards to give out to people that are interested in the club. Margaret said that some were available but she would get them to Cheryl.

The club's Christmas party will be held December 4, 2011 at the home of Sue and Chris in Mission and will include a gift exchange, limited to under \$10.