

Gulf Coast Donkey and Mule Association



On Saturday, January 11, 2014, your GCDMA club put the final touches on 2013 by presenting ASSpiring to Greatness awards to those members whose animals earned high point/reserve and champion/reserve honors. GCDMA thanks each of these exhibitors for their hard work and dedication and congratulates each one on their successes! A list of the 2013 award winners can be found on the GCDMA website: (www.gcdma.org/YearEndHighPoint.html)

After closing out 2013, we immediately started planning for 2014:

Club officers were elected as follows:

- President - Debbie Lee
- Vice President - Dana Heath
- Secretary - unfilled at this time
- Treasurer - Sherry Kent graciously accepted another term
- Show Secretary - Rose Jones has once again stepped up to the challenges of this position
- Show Chairman - Dana Heath
- Public Relations - D'Anna DeAtley
- Advertising and Marketing - unfilled at this time

Points Keeper(s) - Jessica Scoggins will keep points for large animals and JoAnn Jordan will keep same for the miniatures. Points will be tallied and posted after each show.

We have two officer roles - Secretary and Advertising/Marketing - that are unfilled at this time; if you are (or know of someone that may be) interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact Rose Jones (lazyjmulesanddonkeys@yahoo.com).

During the meeting, we voted to add youth officers for our club, and David Sessum and Jay Jaxtheimer volunteered to mentor this group. Six youth exhibitors were present at the meeting, and these six will meet in the near future to elect officers for their group. Their primary goal is to establish a list of activities they would like to see offered by GCDMA. Establishing this group of youth leaders and getting their input is the key step towards increasing youth participation.

Remember - **February 1, 2014** is the deadline to enter the Houston Show; information can be found on the GCDMA website (www.gcdma.org) or on the www.hlsr.com website.

Also remember that **GCDMA membership dues** must be paid in order for show points to count! 2014 dues are \$15.00 per family; additional membership information can be found on the GCDMA website (www.gcdma.org). This year membership dues should be sent to our Treasurer - Sherry Kent; Sherry's mailing information is: Sherry Kent; 217 County Road 351; Cleveland, Texas 77327.

This is the first edition of GCDMA E-Notes 2014; we will be reaching out to our membership at least twice each month to let you know what's going on and who's doing what! Don't hesitate to contact me (hickoryhilldonkeyfarm@windstream.net) with your suggestions and/or ideas for discussion, and don't be surprised if I should contact you to ask questions or get your input!

Let's all work together to make 2014 a great year for GCDMA

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