

Minutes of NFHR Board of Director's Meeting March 7, 2011

Meeting convened at 6:02 MST. Members present: Jeff Pedersen, Howard Fiedler, Teresa Kandianis, Beth German, Ardeth Obenhaf, Kathleen Jesse, Bill Coli, Sue Plein, John Crawford. Executive Director Nancy Newport and Registrar Jeanne Poirier present. No absences.

President's Report: Jeff welcomed new member John Crawford to the Board.

Executive Director Report: Deferred to Finance Committee Report. BOA CD \$ 15,465.74, US Bank Checking \$ 15,465.74, US BANK MONEY MARKET SAVINGS \$ 10,000.00

Registrar report: 716 Total memberships, including 7 complimentary, 184 family, 362 family, 33 subscriber, 102 single life and 28 life family membership. 2011 transfers year to date 29, 2011 registrations ytd 25 (all numbers through 3-7-11) .

Jeanne mentioned that in past years NFHR provided several complimentary subscriptions to various individuals in Europe. She has been working with Birgit to identify those who are no longer active with fjords. Howard noted that each magazine costs \$5-\$6 to mail overseas. Beth moved that the NFHR continue to provide our FHI representative, Birgit, with a hard copy subscription but make a pdf version available for others in Europe to access without cost. Teresa seconded the motion, it carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Teresa reported that she has spoken with Tom Nolan, NFHR accountant to confirm his retention to prepare the annual compilation and tax returns as well as occasional consulting with the firm. She advised that the Executive Director and Treasurer will take over the Quick Books entries and other bookkeeping tasks previously performed by the accountants.

Email Motions ratified: Teresa moved to ratify the appointment of John Crawford to fill the vacant Board seat. Beth seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 6th BoD meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Howard and 2nd by Teresa. A vote on the Face to Face minutes was deferred until the next meeting so members would have the chance to review them and make any necessary changes. It was decided that, in order to avoid having to publish in the Herald all pages of the Face to Face minutes, Nancy would prepare a set of Summary Minutes to be published in the Herald, with a set of the complete minutes to be kept by the Executive Director for review on request of members.

Committees:

Finance: Nancy will open the savings account and will deposit the n \$5,000.00 the BoD previously voted to move to savings, and may deposit additional amounts.

Election: Howard noted the need to be thinking of candidates for next year's election. Three positions will be open, one held by a member (Howard) who won't be eligible to run again.

Evaluation: Jeff and Dan Watanabe have exchanged emails regarding the joint evaluation program with the CFHA. Jeanne reported that Beth Beymer and Pat Wolfe have been selected to be the evaluators at the July 14 & 15 Herndon, Va. Evaluation this summer. Sue mentioned that the Midwest Club was considering hosting a one day evaluation, on July 19th following the Midwest show set for July 16-18. The Gypsy Vanner organization would like to have a one day evaluation the following date, July 20th. Lengthy discussion was held regarding having an NFHR evaluation in conjunction with another breed evaluation, with the two organizations sharing the evaluator's fees. Beth moved that further discussion on a combined evaluation be tabled until the local hosting fjord group submitted an application for approval. Teresa seconded the motion, it carried unanimously. Jeanne reported that on February 12, 2011 she received an email from Wayne Hipsley advising that he had resigned from being an NFHR evaluator.

Herald: Howard reported that the Herald would go press at the end of the month. Kathleen asked about the possibility of including more technical articles and will ask her equine podiatrist about writing one. Howard encouraged everyone to solicit articles.

FHI: Beth said she did not have anything to report but would check with Beth Beymer, who is expected to return from Denmark later this week.

MOPE: Ardeth reported that the committee has not been active this past month, since the Education committee just finished coordinating and hosting the forum. Bill mentioned that he received contact information for companies that make and sell display boards and will follow up after March sugaring. His recollection is that the cost will be more than \$1000.00 but less than \$2000.00. Nancy suggested that we include \$1000.00 in the budget for a display board. Kathleen advised on prices for brochures and will get prices for larger quantities. Teresa mentioned the need to follow up with local clubs to be sure they know about youth scholarships and the money available for shows. Nancy will work on a constant contact message to get the word out. Jeff mentioned that Curtis Pierce has updated the Facebook page.

Awards and Recognition: Howard reported that the program was nearly caught up, all but one of the previously earned awards have been sent out and the remaining award is being made now. He said there will be an article about the awards program in an upcoming Herald issue. Ardeth advised that ADS was interested in the NFHR having a driving related award. She will be thinking about ideas for one and report back to the BoD.

Show: Jeff will prepare a draft letter to clubs explaining eligibility for the NFHR \$300 available for shows. He spoke to Curt Pierce earlier today and got some ideas.

Youth: Bill reported there has been no activity.

Old Business

Budget: After BoD discussion of the budget, Teresa moved that the BoD accept the budget proposed, with the addition of \$1000.00 for a display board, \$500 for the evaluation committee and payment to Nancy for the year end special projects. Sue 2nd the motion, it carried unanimously. Sue will ask Dan for a requested amount for the evaluation committee.

Wayne's book: Howard reported that Wayne confirmed that he sent an email to the 15 people who had purchased his book (23 copies) and offered to refund their money. Some advised that they did not want a refund. Wayne refunded those who indicated they did.

Forum, 30th and Face to Face followup: Nancy presented a detailed breakdown of the costs and revenues for these. The BoD commended her for the job she did on the reports. The BoD learned that there may have been some unauthorized videotaping done at the MTSU facility during the forum. Bill moved that we draft and review a letter to be sent to MTSU to advise them that one NFHR member reportedly observed unauthorized videotaping at the facility, that we had spoken to the individual involved and been assured that the tape was not to be used for any public viewing. Sue seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Demo Kit: Bill and Teresa will create a survey to go to members via Survey Monkey to obtain demographic information to provide potential advertisers and sponsors.

French horse: Jeanne is working with Birgit to get information on the French registry and about the horse whose owner asked about possible NFHR registration.

Fallbrook youngstock evaluation credit: Teresa made a motion to approve the draft letter Jeanne prepared to send out to owners of horses of youngstock evaluated at Fallbrook to advise them that they would have a credit for one conformation evaluation of the same horse. Beth seconded the motion, it carried unanimously.

CFHA letter: Nancy agreed to prepare a draft letter to CFHA after she received a status report from Jeff & Sue.

New Business:

Next year's education forum: Sue reported the information she received regarding the Minnesota Equestrian Center and advised that she is getting information from other possibilities. Discussion on possible dates followed, mention was made that the Bylaws don't require the annual membership meeting to be in January but provide that if it won't be in January, notice must be sent by December 1st. Further discussion on the annual meeting and education forum was tabled until the next meeting.

Advertising policies for outside shows and ADS breed Awards: MOPE will discuss these issues.

Judges and Evaluators: Discussion regarding questions on the credentials and training for evaluators and judges clarified that there is a detailed training and certification process for evaluators but none for judges.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 MST.