

NFHR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Eric

ROLL CALL – Jennifer, Nancy, Jeanne, Jessica, Darby, Kay, Cynthia, Jim, Eric, Curt, Gretchen excused absence

RATIFY MOTIONS APPROVED BY EMAIL (March 13-May 8, 2018): - Curt moved that we create a \$20 fee for processing the DNA verification report from UC Davis/VGL when our DNA kit is not used to obtain the parent verification report. Jim seconded, discussion followed, motion passed. Cynthia moved to ratify, Kay seconded. Passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT-Eric mentioned that he is excited to see the direction of Fjords on social media and new things coming up.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: - Nancy- reported that new members/ renewals still coming in, high point awards sent out,

REGISTRAR’S REPORT: - Jeanne – 627 members as of today, 11 foals, 85 transfers of ownership for 2018 so far.

TREASURER’S REPORT: - Cynthia-On par with last year, income lower, however optimistic on overall income- registration is up.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Breeders – Curt – general update for breeding committee.
- Education – Kay – general update regarding education, waiting to plan for next forum
- Elections – Eric – will be filling 3 positions this year.
- Evaluation – Eric-working at coming up with a succinct scoring method/scorecard and working diligently to keep evaluation program moving along, committee moved their meeting to monthly instead of bi-monthly.
- Executive – Eric- no report at this time
- Finance – Cynthia-see Treasurer’s report.
- Fjord Herald – Gretchen Would like Erin, Jeanne, Gretchen and Nancy to meet face to face regarding the Herald to brainstorm. Curt made a motion to approve up to \$600 in airfare for the Fjord Herald committee to have a face to face meeting. Kay seconded. Motion passed
- Marketing/Promotion – Jessica is getting logo digitized with embroiderer. Two members will be at Devon to hand out awards. High point awards have gone out to dressage show.
- Membership – Jim – Letter encouraging new Fjord owners to join the Registry. Questionnaire was discussed for polling membership.
- Recognition and Awards – Darby – Grandfathering in excellence award for national points registration for 37 people who have horses signed up, encouraging people who have signed up but are not members to become members. NFHR sponsoring two classes at Devon from donated funds.
- Youth – Jennifer – Going to all breed youth show this weekend in Ohio to represent the Fjord registry.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Database update-Jeanne is moving forward on discussions with new database representatives. Price is not known yet for participation.
- Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled by Jeanne to discuss moving forward on database.
- Hoofprint contents needed- Ongoing need for content in the hoofprint. Reminder for content first of the month sent by Jeanne, due by end of first week.
- Personnel contracts update-Eric updated and Nancy will schedule an Executive Committee meeting with Nancy and Jeanne to discuss personnel contracts.
- Evaluation Committee update-see Evaluation Committee report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Curt made a motion to continue recording the phenotype color of horses presented for registration (as we do now) and to not record the genotype if presented by an owner at this time. The genotype is the testing of the genes for color- the phenotype is the visual color of the horse. Kay seconded. Unanimous approval
- Jennifer requested new gifts for youth members which is covered by the budget.
- Education Committee would like to discuss a new DNA service that’s available and consider the possibility of participating in some of the research being conducted (not suggesting we spend money or change our current relationship with UC Davis.) Kay requested input from the Board on writing an article for the Herald regarding Fjord genetic testing.
- Education Committee-solicited opinions and ideas regarding educational forum possibilities.
- Yahoo issues- Jeanne and Nancy to look into yahoo issues and what the problem is with attachments.

- Eric reported that two horses had been registered with the same sire in the third generation. Human error in registering the horses was the cause. Kay made the motion that because it was our error, we leave the horses' registrations in place. Curt seconded. Unanimous approval. We will add a disclaimer to the registration application that the breeder has warranted that any horse presented for registration is eligible for registration according to our Rules of Registration.
- Inviting new Fjord owners to become members- Jim to add verbiage to invite non-members who are registering a fjord to become members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 EST.