

NFHR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 21, 2021 2021 6:00 PM (Mountain Time)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Rory- 6:02mnt.

ROLL CALL – Jennifer, Jeanne, Rory, Kelly, Laura, Curtis, Sarah, Karl, Nancy, Jim, Jessica

RATIFY MOTIONS APPROVED BY EMAIL (March 10 – April 21, 2021) none

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Already approved

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Appeal on stallion registration issue: In accordance with the Rules of Registration, the Board of Directors met to consider an appeal regarding the registration of an imported stallion, with the NFHR. This stallion had been denied registration with the NFHR due to evidence that he had been used for cross breeding by his previous owner outside of the US and registered with another registry.

Curt made a motion to approve the appeal and Karl seconded.

Acknowledging the complexity of the issue, the board discussed the impact on NFHR breeders who might want to import horses from foreign registries that are silent on cross breeding. Potentially, NFHR breeders might be deterred from importing foreign stallions to enhance their breeding programs because of this issue.

There was discussion regarding artificial insemination and how that it is tracked and how assurances are made that the semen is used for its intended purpose, namely breeding to Fjord mares. Addressing contractual relations between buyers and sellers of frozen/chilled semen is not within the purview of the NFHR. Selling semen outside of the US for the purpose of cross breeding will be difficult to monitor, but the NFHR does not condone this practice. If discovered and proven intentional, the Rules of Registration will stand as if the NFHR registered stallion has been used for cross breeding.

The current NFHR member/breeder who now owns the stallion did not participate in its use for cross breeding in another country and has stated in writing that it is not the member/breeder's intention to use the stallion for cross breeding.

The Rules of Registration have not been changed.

The Board continues to be strongly opposed to cross breeding either by live cover or by artificial insemination.

Motion passed 6 in favor- 2 opposed.

ADJOURN: 6:53 Mtn