

June 1, 2010 NFHR Board of Directors Meeting 8:05 p.m EST

Present: Howard Fiedler, Jeff Pedersen, Nancy Newport, Curt Pierce, Ardeth Obenauf, [Teresa](#) Kandianis, Beth Gerst, Beth German, Mike May, Jeanne Poirier. Absent: Bill Coli, Roger Cabic

President's Remarks: Fjord activities are in full swing this year, shows and evaluations are underway.

Registrar's Report: Mike May and Jeanne Poirier are working closely on the transition of the registrar functions, and have worked on registrations and memberships on their computers simultaneously. The computer and Registry seal have been shipped to Colorado. Mike will prepare an announcement to be included in the Herald advising the members of the transition. The new phone will be installed at Jeanne's tomorrow; the number will be (303) 684-6466. Memberships can be purchased and renewed on line. In the future, the BOD and Registrar may look into the possibility of on-line registrations. Mike received a thank you note from Lois Merrill expressing appreciation for the condolences for Alan's passing. She emailed Howard and advised that she will send the NFHR some of the fjord related memorabilia Alan collected over the years. Howard will bring them to the Face to Face so they can be included in the archives Jeanette Haislip is compiling.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy submitted the detailed Profit and Loss Statement, Total Income January through May was \$69,862.83 and Total Expenses were \$74,221.44 for this period. The numbers are a bit misleading because some of the 2010 expenses were for the annual meeting and membership forum, but the related income was included in 2009 Profit and Loss statement. Account balances are:
Bank of America CD: \$15,375.37; Fairport Savings CD: \$16,623.56; Checking Bank of America: \$10,501.78.

Committee Reports:

Fjord Herald: [Teresa](#) is working on the allocation of membership fees to the Herald account.

Education: The article Ardeth wrote has been published in WHIP, she is working on an article about the Gala CDE and a body clipping video to be available online. She attended an ADS telephone conference and will continue to do so bi monthly. Ardeth will prepare an article for the Herald.

Annual Meeting: Ruth Sorum will organize the banquet. She and Ardeth will look at possible locations in July. Beth Beymer and Wayne Hipsley have agreed to speak at the membership forum. Any ideas for the meeting should be sent to Ardeth.

Promotions: No activity.

Website: Jeff reported that the website is doing well, receiving lots of hits. There is a regular trickle of orders for the marketplace. Curt will include a reminder about the marketplace in the next e-newsletter. Jeff and Nancy will talk about specials that can be

advertised. Also related to the marketplace, Mike will order 25 more of the grooming and versatility DVDs.

Election: Nominations open on July 15th. Howard suggested that at least four people be recruited to run, preferably from different parts of the country. BOD members will contact various people who might be willing to serve. Howard reported that the bank in Galena, Illinois is willing to count the ballots.

Evaluation Committee: Curt and Phil Odden are putting together a TD training course, to be given over Skype. Once the first course has been conducted, they will prepare a report and make recommendations to the BOD for further TDE training.

FHI Meeting: At least five NFHR members attended, our official representative was Dan Watanabe. Dan is preparing a report to be included in the Herald.

Finance Committee: Nancy explained the Profit & Loss report and commended the accountants for being so helpful.

Membership Committee: Beth Gerst is preparing a list of ideas regarding incentives for local clubs and the NFHR.

Recognition and Awards: Linda [Syverson Kerr](#) is shipping the data and awards to Ann Crandell. Howard purchased five carved [Fjord](#) horses from Else Bigton to be given as versatility awards.

Show Committee: Jeff moved that the committee be eliminated, to be reconstituted if needed in the future. [Teressa](#) seconded the motion. Motion carried. The BOD will be responsible for making decisions on any new judge applications. There are none pending.

Youth Committee: Sam Poirier has created a youth Facebook page, there are already 135 friends, including many from other countries. Great job, Sam!

New Business: After discussion regarding the transition to a new Executive Director when Mike May retires in January, 2011, Beth German moved that the Board retain Nancy Newport as an independent contractor to provide the Executive Director functions beginning on January 1, 2011. [Teressa](#) seconded the motion. Nancy expressed her willingness to accept the position and to work closely with Jeanne, who lives nearby. Mike expressed his support for the team. The motion passed unanimously. Nancy will begin learning the job later this summer. She will continue to run the distribution center and is willing to assist with bookkeeping however Roger Cabic would like.

Howard has purchased an ad for the WEG brochure. Fjords will be participating in the ADS demo at WEG and maybe at some of the other specialty demonstrations.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. EST Next Meeting July 20, 2010 8:00 p.m. EST