

## NFHR January 5, 2015 BoD Meeting

**Meeting Convened** at 6:13 PM MST by Teresa Kandianis, President.

**Members present:** Teresa Kandianis, Ardeth Obenauf, Eric Watness, Kay Konove, Andrea Eppley, Margie Diaz, Beth German. Also present: Executive Director, Nancy Newport, Jeanne Poirier. Absent: Cynthia Madden (joined at 6:40 p.m.). President's Membership Report: Eric Watness and Cynthia Madden are new BoD members. Teresa asked us all to think about new members for next year and reminded us that next year the BoD will need new officers and three new members because she, Ardeth and Beth will be term limited out.

**Prior Motions:** Approval of electronic Motions: EMAIL (October 14, 2014-January 5, 2015): On 12/30/14 Bob moved and Teresa seconded "that we make an exception for the Evaluation to be held in conjunction with the 2015 Forum to continue even if it does not financially support itself because it is a part of the Educational Forum that is centered on our Evaluation System." Motion passed. Beth made a motion to ratify the electronic approval of this motion, Bob seconded, Motion carried. (Note: Nancy asked members to include "Motion" in the subject line of any emails in which they make a motion and for those who vote, to be sure their reply includes the same subject reference.)

**Officer Elections:** Motion by Beth, seconded by Ardeth that Eric be elected Secretary. Motion by Bob to elect Teresa as President, Ardeth as Vice President and Cynthia as Treasurer. Motions carried unanimously.

**Prior Minutes:** October minutes submitted by Beth German immediately before the meeting to be reviewed later.

**President's Report:** Teresa noted that we will discuss a worldwide reduction in newly registered foals at the upcoming NFHR Forum in Norco CA this coming February. We will also discuss timely production of the Fjord Herald. Our financial situation is sound. While we have gotten good feedback from our membership we need to bolster membership.

**Executive Director and Treasurer's Report:** Gretchen/Nancy, account balances as of 1/5/15, Checking \$4,840.76, Money Market \$2,003.01, BOA CD \$15,797.91, PayPal \$2,557.52. Approximately \$5,000.00 of transactions are in the queue to be processed. Nancy noted that we are doing okay financially although we have less

money than last year at this time. Not all renewals are received or, if in hand, have not been entered. Some Forum expenses were paid during 2014

**Registrar's Report:** Jeanne reported that transfers of horses are up indicating that sales are occurring, registration of new horses is down indicating a reduction in breeding but membership is flat indicating continued interest in the registry. We will be discussing breeding goals at the Face-to-Face meeting. See attached report.

**Committee Reports:**

Education and Promotion Committee. No report.

Youth Committee: No report.

Evaluation Committee: See discussion below about Norco meeting.

Elections: See above.

Awards: No Report.

Herald: No Report.

**New Business:**

Face-to-Face BoD meeting: The agenda for the Face-to-Face BoD meeting in Norco CA was addressed. Teresa mentioned that agenda items will include a discussion about the Fjord Herald (content and timeliness), planning for the 2016 Face-to-Face meeting, addressing our system of evaluation, discussing breed identification including prospect for DNA testing in lieu of or addition to identification via parentage, and improving our email motions process. Additional items will surface at the Forum as well.

NFHR Foundation. The BoD discussed the possibility of asking the Foundation to assist with travel and hotel costs for Evaluators. Ardeth explained that any request for funding from the Foundation has to come from a 501(c)(3).

**Old business:**

**Update of 2015 Forum:**

Preparation and logistics for the 2015 Forum was discussed. Lodging has been arranged for our invited guests. Ideas were discussed for the Friday Evening reception/dinner. Margie will continue to research a venue. At the reception we will recognize our guests from Norway, Denmark and Canada. As part of the

program we will be hearing from Birgitte Reitan. Bob has arranged for gifts for our invited guests.

Nancy, Bob and Eric will finalize the Forum program in a telephone conference to occur later this next week.

Phil Odden and Beth Beymer are also attending as presenters on back ground of the evaluation system.

Update on the Evaluation: Efforts are being made to have more horses at the evaluation and we will also have additional horses available for hands-on discussion with the Evaluators. The evaluation will last for one day or maybe or even a day and a half but probably not two full days. The late fee for entry is waived. Evaluator contracts will be out at least 30 days before the evaluation. Jeanne is also working on the score sheet and equipment list which will be handled by Margie with assistance of Jo Wilgus.

Finances were discussed including obtaining funds from the NFHR Foundation as a program expense similar to the contribution toward the Rose Parade expenses. One option is for contribution towards sponsorship and advertising. No amount has been decided at this time.

Additional ideas were discussed including providing lessons to people to learn how to show horses or perhaps having Evaluators who are not contracted to evaluate at this Forum do a small demonstration for the attendees on how to show horses. Possible options for have a photographer present were discussed. The idea of videoing the forum or portions of it was also discussed in order to preserve information that's being shared and perhaps posted it on social media.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM MST on the motion of Cynthia moved which Ardeth seconded

Respectfully submitted, Eric Watness, Secretary