

Minutes of NFHR January 9, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting

Called to Order 6:02 MST. Members present: Teresa Kandianis, Gretchen Payne, Beth German, Bob Long, Bill Coli, Margie Diaz, Kay Konove, Andrea Eppley, Ardeth Obenauf. Also present: Executive Director Nancy Newport and Registrar Jeanne Poirier. Absent: None.

Election of Officers: Teresa reported that the 2013 officers had each agreed to serve for another year. Teresa sought but received no other nominations or volunteers for office. Bill moved for the election of Teresa Kandianis as President, Ardeth Obenauf as Vice President, and Beth German as Secretary and Gretchen Payne as Treasurer. Bob seconded the motion. Approved without objection.

President's Report: Teresa looks forward to another fantastic year with a great Board. The Board accomplished a lot last year, thanks to the Board and a very favorable sequence of events. Registration and membership levels are maintaining despite the economic slowdown. The fjord involvement in the Tournament of Roses parade and Equestfest at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center was a huge success. Jeanne and Nancy did a phenomenal job and a lot of extra work. Many volunteers also did a great job, the Board and volunteers worked as an amazing team.

Treasurer's Report: Gretchen and Nancy reported that current account balances are \$6,747.88 checking; \$10,002.34 Money Market; \$15,761.13 BoA CD. The Money Market account is at \$10,000.00 instead of \$5,000.00 as in some prior years. Nancy explained that the account balances include Rose Parade related donations, that not all expenses have been paid but that the large bills including the bill for flowers have been paid. Teresa and Nancy reminded the BoD that as previously decided, the Rose Parade would be funded solely by donations – not from NFHR general funds. Participants had agreed that if donations were insufficient to cover costs advanced, the participants would not be reimbursed. Nancy noted that final figures will be calculated by next week's Face to Face (F2F) meeting but that it looked like the donations might exceed expenses. She suggested that any excess funds be kept in an account for NFHR promotions and that the BoD discuss the next big promotions projects at the F2F. Bill mentioned the need to repair the top of the traveling display; Teresa noted that the display has been a big success and has been used a lot. Nancy also reported that there was more than \$650.00 in sales at the NFHR Equestfest marketplace booth. Jeanne noted that not all 2014 memberships have been entered in the accounts or records because she returned from the Rose Parade to find her desk covered in mail, including several amnesty registration applications. Nancy has made all 2013 year end entries into the records. They have been sent to the CPA who will prepare the compilation for the BoD to review at the F2F.

Registrar's Report: Jeanne noted that not all 2014 memberships have been entered in the accounts or records yet because she returned from the Rose Parade to find her desk covered in mail, including several amnesty registration applications. Some of these applications did not

include all proper paperwork. Amnesty applies to fees owed but all required paperwork must be submitted before a horse can be registered. Jeanne suggested that if the BoD ever decides to have another amnesty program that it not be done with a December deadline when all membership renewals are also due.

### **New Business**

NFHR Email: At the F2F Jeanne will give the BoD a tutorial on the NFHR domain, yahoo group and explain how both work. She will be recommending some changes be made and explained that when she added Andrea to the NFHR email account, she deleted the old email accounts used by prior BoD members. Apparently these included an address used by the daughter of a prior NFHR official from several years ago who still used the account, whose father was upset that the account had been deleted. Jeanne agreed to keep the account active until the end of the month. Beth moved for the adoption of a policy that only current NFHR Board members, staff and committee members as authorized by the President be allowed to have or use an NFHR email address. Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Jeanne and Nancy will look into archiving older NFHR emails as currently saved on the Yahoo account.

### **Old Business**

Educational Forum: Bill and Kay made final but minor changes to the schedule, Jeanne will highlight the changes on the website. Final registration numbers will be sent to the BoD later this week. Bill hopes that local members will register at the door. The current weather conditions and the possibility of cancellation insurance was discussed and rejected, no motion was made. Ardeth, Bill and Teressa will coordinate with Margaret Bogie to ask that she send another Constant Contact message out to advertise the forum.

F2F Board Meeting: Will be held at Blue Heron Farm in Charlemont, MA on January 20-21, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 MST.