

## NFHR October 13, 2014 BoD Meeting

Meeting Convened at 5:35 pm MST. Members present: Teresa Kandianis, Ardeth Obenauf, Gretchen Payne, Kay Konove, Andrea Eppley, Margie Diaz, Beth German, Bill Coli. Also present: Executive Director Nancy Newport, Jeanne Poirier. Absent: Bob Long.

Prior Motions: Three motions made and approved via email ratified by unanimous vote following motion by Beth and second by Bill:

1. On September 12, 2014 Andrea moved and Teresa seconded... that we accept the nominations of Bob Long, Eric Watness, and Cynthia Madden to serve three-year terms on the NFHR Board of Directors beginning Jan 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2017.
2. On July 28th Ardeth moved and Bill seconded...that we tentatively approve the 2015 Herndon Evaluation.
3. On June 6th Ardeth moved and Margie seconded that we approve the Midwest Evaluation budget upon recommendation by Bob.

Approval of Previous Minutes: - On May 19th Andrea moved and Gretchen seconded...that we approve the May 12th telephone minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Prior Minutes: Ardeth moved that the May, 2014 meeting minutes be approved. Second by Gretchen. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report: Teresa talked about the upcoming election and reported that Gretchen has decided not to run for re-election. She also reminded us that Bill's second three-year term expires in December so he will not be able to run again. Eric Watness and Cynthia Madden have agreed to serve on the Board. When there is only one nomination for each Board position, per NFHR Bylaws, elections need not be had and the candidates are automatically elected. At the first meeting in 2015, the Board will need to elect officers. Teresa remind us that at the end of 2015 her second three term as well as Ardeth's and Beth's will expire. The BoD should be thinking of people who might be willing to serve on the Board beginning in January, 2016.

Executive Director and Treasurer's Report account balances as of 10/13/14, Total available funds \$23,957.25. Checking \$6,265.73, Money Market \$2,002.98, BOA CD \$14,772.79, PayPal \$915.75. Nancy went over the written reports, pointing out that the low operating account balance reflects the fact that we have paid ahead for the 2015 Forum and Evaluation in Norco, California. Membership renewals will go out this week. We usually receive about \$20K within thirty days of sending the renewals. Funds were transferred from savings into the operating account but will be put back into savings once sufficient membership renewals are received. There is \$2,000.00 in the money market account, our goal is to have \$10,000.00 in it.

Registrar's Report: Jeanne reported that 2014 six-month old foal registrations should be coming in soon. She is currently entering more memberships. Gretchen has completed the 2015 calendar. Some of the people who submitted photos weren't NFHR members but joined so their photos could be included in the calendar.

Education and Promotion Committee. Ardeth talked about having publications available for new Fjord owners, including a video segment on why they should join the NFHR. She is also thinking about a video of the California Forum and Evaluation. Several people have expressed interest in participating in the Pegasus Parade in Kentucky the Thursday before the Derby. Ardeth and Andrea are working on this.

## **New Business.**

Painted Ponies. Ellen Barry called Teresa to discuss the possibility of a Fjord horse painted pony. She has been in touch with an artist who would like to do this. The Board discussed the painted ponies and agreed it would be nice to have a Fjord horse among them but the consensus was that the BoD could not get involved in the selection of a particular Fjord horse to be the model. Beth made a motion asking Teresa to send an email to Ellen Barry advising that the Board would be delighted for there to be a painted pony and to tell her that the Board could not sponsor any particular horse for the project but would be happy to put her in touch with people who are familiar with the breed. Ardeth seconded the motion, it passed without objection.

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).

2015 Forum and Face to Face BoD Meeting. Margie reported on the plans and arrangements made to date for the Forum and F2F meeting in Norco, California and mentioned that Birgit Mortensen and four of her friends will be attending from Denmark! Nancy advised that Bob has spoken to Nils Dolvik and Asle Espe and reported that they will be attending from Norway! An on-call vet has been arranged, we still need a photographer. Several people mentioned that Sandy North is a great photographer who we should ask if she is available. Jeanne explained that people whose horses are evaluated must have their photos taken for the record book. The photographer will be paid \$10 for each record book photograph but can sell any other photos they take. Margie said that she has arranged for a winery tour, she will look into the possibility of hiring a bus to take those who sign up. The BoD discussed paying an honorarium to the two Forum presenters. Beth moved that they be paid \$500.00 each, Bill seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Nancy said she sent cards about the Forum and Evaluation to all non-member Fjord owners in the nine Western States. Margaret Bogie will send a constant contact message to all members. Margie will look into the possibility of including an ad in the local Horse Trader magazine.

Member Appeal. Jeanne explained the situation involving a buyer and seller. The sale is disputed and the horse was left at a sales barn. Someone else wants to buy the horse and wants us to issue papers for it. The BoD discussed the situation and all agreed confirmed the BoD's position that the BoD cannot do this without a Court Order or a signed transfer form from the original buyer. The NFHR BoD cannot get involved in private disputes over the purchase and sale of a horse. Beth made a motion that the appeal be denied. Bill seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Old Business.**

Herald. The Herald will go to the printer on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Linda Yutzy, who does the layout, is going to the ADS meeting in Maine so all deadlines will be combined and the Herald will be on time. Gretchen will work on a youth page.

Calendar. More than 400 photos were submitted for the 2015 calendar but not all of them met the technical specifications.

Evaluator Training. Jeanne and Bob reported on the last Evaluation Committee meeting. Beth Beymer and Dan Watanabe are working on written materials. Bob reported that the Evaluator shadowing as tried at the LaCrosse Evaluation did not work out as well as expected so he does not think that a "fast track" program will work and is not recommending that it be used as a fast track path to become an Evaluator. The Committee is working on recruiting/screening materials to propose to the BoD.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. MST.