

**NFHR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 15, 2017 6:00 PM (Mountain Time)**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – The Board of Directors meeting was reconvened from the originally scheduled May 9, 2017 which was rescheduled to May 15, 2017. The meeting was called to Order by Vice President Gretchen Payne at 6:05 PM MDT

**ROLL CALL** – Board members present in the phone conference included: Gretchen Payne, Vice President, Cynthia Madden, Treasurer, Wendy Bauwens, new member Jennifer Wright, Jessica Reuterskiold, Kay Schwink, Curtis Pierce, Nancy Newport, Executive Director, Jeanne Poirier, Registrar/Technical Delegate, and Eric Watness, Secretary. Bob Long, President, was excused.

**RATIFY MOTIONS APPROVED BY EMAIL (March 14, 2017-May 8, 2017):** On March 20 Eric moved that the Board of Directors authorize a gift of \$525 from NFHR general funds payable toward one month care for Kristen Thomson's horse at Grateful Pine farm along with our encouragement that she fully recover as soon as possible. Nancy Grette seconded, motion passed. On April 15 Jessica moved to appoint Jennifer Wright to the BOD to fill the current urgent vacancy. Gretchen seconded, motion approved. Eric moved and Cynthia seconded a motion to ratify the motions adopted by email. Approved.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** March 14, 2017 were presented. Jessica proposed to amend the Minutes to reflect that Jeanne and Jessica will be FaceBook administrators. Eric moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Kay seconded the Motion. Motion Approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT/WELCOME:** Bob was excused due to personal commitments.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** - Nancy Newport reported business as usual and commented on the recent, very productive committee meetings. The office will implement committee directives as needed. She mentioned that Teressa Kandianis' horse was not selected to World Championships but she may attend the show in Germany. The Executive Committee is addressing issues raised in a divorce of two members consistent with our By laws.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT:** - Jeanne presented registration and membership numbers as of 5-5-17. Additional registrations have arrived that still need to be processed.

2017 membership: 659 (eoy 2016 755)  
2017 Foals: 2 completed registrations  
2016 Foals: 55 completed registrations  
2017 Transfers of Ownership: 79

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** - Cynthia presented the Treasurer's report and mentioned that since memberships are down from last year at this time, we need to watch our budget. She will send a new report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Committee reports on file):

- Breeders – Curt presented the committee report. Members include Kelly White, Corinne Logan, Wendy Bauwens, Kay Schwink, Sarah Clarke, Jill Kosek. We have recommendations for the annual Fjord Herald Stallion Listing and the NFHR website. We have added another member, Kelly White, and Solveig Watanabe has just resigned from the committee. Curtis will work toward policies including creating a form and recommendations which will be presented by a motion for approval by the BoD with a goal of implementing changes for the Winter Herald.

- Education – Kay presented the committee report. Members include Wendy Weirich, Darby Hewes, Robin Churchill. Before we can provide education to evaluators and others we need to update of the breed standard in the Evaluation Handbook to describe desirable and undesirable traits. She will edit the work plan to include that once the revisions are made. The committee is looking for additional members. The most recent survey is a place to look for educational needs being requested. (Note: The Evaluation Committee with Ardeth Obenauf is working on educating the membership about Evaluation changes).
- Elections – Bob and Eric: Nothing new to report at this time.
- Evaluation – Eric (Bob Long, Dan Watanabe, Wendy Bauwens, Brandy Ferganchick, Curt Pierce, Ardeth Obenauf, Jeanne Poirier and Beth Beymer).
- Finance – Cynthia (Nancy Newport)- nothing added to the Treasurer’s report previously submitted.
- Fjord Herald – Gretchen (Erin Kinn, Jeanne Poirier, Nancy Newport, Teressa Kandianis, Andrea Eppley)-The Herald was put out on time. Nancy and Jeanne have had wonderful interactions with Erin.
- Marketing/Promotion – Jessica (Dawn Schlickman, Jeanne Poirier, Nancy Newport, Jodi Paulsen) Moved to put NFHR black and white coloring books on the NFHR website for download. Kay seconded the motion. Approved.  
Jessica moved to approve \$500 toward ribbons to address sponsorship Request for the NFHR, Curt seconded the motion. Approved.  
Jessica moved to designate Dawn Schlickman a our on-demand embroidery provider with a formal agreement. Cynthia seconded. Approved.
- Membership – Wendy (Jenny Barnes, Cori Trout, Lisa Sherrod, Nancy Grette). Discussion was held regarding adopting a Fjord brand image. Committee was asked to work on this project further.
- Youth – Jennifer Wright. Jennifer moved to create a Youth NFHR FB group for discussion. Seconded by Cynthia. Approved

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Tabled balance of agenda

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Moved to adjourn. Curt. Cynthia seconded. Meeting was djourned at 8:11 PM MDT.

Eric Watness