



NFHR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, January 19, 2025, 12:00 PM MST

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 12:01 MST by Kelsey Sayers

ROLL CALL: Kelsey Sayers (President), Teressa Kandianis (Vice President), Kelly White (Secretary), Holly Durst (Treasurer), Rebecca Wilhite, Ardeth Obenauf, Lisa Otten, Jeanne Poirier (Registrar). Board members not present: Cynthia Madden (excused) and Margaret Bogie (on suspension).

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Cox, Denny Cox, Rachel White, Aletha Carson, Monica Lamothe, Andrew Hinrichs, Tom Snyder, Kendal Pappas, Cherrie Nolden, Debbie Todd, Karen Hanson.

AGENDA TOPICS:

- Approval of 2024 Annual Membership Meeting minutes. No corrections or additions were made. Approved. They will be posted to the website.
- Results of the election. Kelly White, Holly Durst and Rebecca Wilhite were elected. The board would like to thank Beth German and Cherrie Nolden for their service.
- Results of officer election. Kelsey Sayers was elected President, Teressa Kandianis was elected VP, Kelly White was elected Secretary, and Holly Durst was elected Treasurer.
- Year-end report. Kelsey Sayers presented. See attachment 1
- Committee reports (see annual report on the NFHR website):
 - Registrar report: Jeanne Poirier; Year End 2024 Statistics: Total membership 567. Breaks down into: 235 single annual, 63 family member, 122 single life, 147 family life, 100 subscribers. Ended year thus far 122 foals registered. Registered 177 total horses (includes foals). 269 transfers of ownership. 8,341 total horses in the NFHR database.
 - Awards Committee report: Lisa Otten, Annual awards reports are available in annual report on website.
 - Breeders' Committee report: Cherrie Nolden, no report included.
 - Bylaws Committee report: Teressa Kandianis presented. Identified 5 ByLaws for update by membership. All five passed in election. See updates which passed in annual report.
 - Education Committee report: Cherrie Nolden, no report included. Cherrie offered any Ed committee changes are in year meeting minutes.
 - Elections Committee report: Kelsey Sayers presented above.
 - Evaluation Committee report: Beth German did not provide a year end update. New board member Rebecca Wilhite new chairperson for 2025.
 - Finance Committee report: Holly Durst. No committee report provided.
 - Fjord Horse International report: Cherrie Nolden was liaison. No year end report. Cherrie advises to look into meeting minutes through 2024 for updates.
 - Fjord Herald Committee report: Kelsey Sayers; In 2024 the electronic Herald was put into the Membership Portal. We need content for the magazine. Bylaw change, no longer will include minutes in Herald.
 - Membership and Promotions Committee report: Cynthia Madden chairperson. A lot of work completed. See annual report. Homepage on website see Promo page. See all offerings on this page. The board thanks Cynthia for all her efforts.
 - Financial Status/Treasurer's report. Holly Durst presented 2024 report. This year has been a good year

for the NFHR. Financial report included in annual report. This year we did not touch our savings at the end of the year, as we have in previous years. Will try to purchase a CD for savings. Holly explains how the NFHR records membership money received during year. We came in under budget. We are doing well and on the right track.

- Tentative 2025 goals discussed at face to face meeting
 - To increase revenue
 - Enhance promotion to public
 - Improve communication between members and the organization
 - Increase content for Herald and save on cost
- Kelsey Sayers: We are resurrecting the Youth Committee. Talked about redoing the committees, and retired some. Discussed new bylaw changes. Rebecca Wilhite has taken over as Evaluation committee chair with great new ideas. Lisa Otten mentions related to Eval Committee; nominate Rebecca Wilhite going forward. First thing is try to look at what needs to be updated on Eval program. Jeanne Poirier offered; Awards committee looking at offering annual awards, sundown some and remove some that are not being used. Jeanne Poirier: The executive committee officially gave her the Executive Director title, officially. She has been acting as ED since Nancy Newport retired. She received a small increase in salary.

Member Questions: Andrew Hinrich; question for Rebecca Wilhite regarding paperwork for 2023 evaluation on evaluator trainees, Curt Pierce has form. What is the status of this? Would like to see this process moving along.

Rachel White; offers congrats to Jeanne. Curious what are the best ways to communicating to the membership? Website? Herald? E-news letters? Jeanne explains bylaws website, official publication. We use FaceBook for NFHR group. Due to negativity on social media, we will not engage. We will utilize member portal for letters/messages via that as well. We typically don't send email due to complaints about spam. People don't like receiving email.

Rebecca Wilhite, evaluation committee; she's very invested in the evaluation committee. We will attempt to plan a 2026 evaluation. Rebecca is very invested in the Evaluation Program. She promotes anyone to contact her with ideas.

Aletha Carson from OR very willing to help establish an evaluation out way.

Holly Durst; we are looking for fundraising ideas for the NFHR. Anyone please contact Holly with good ideas, contact her. Jeanne adds anyone interested in being on the finance committee, please contact Holly.

Motion to adjourn made by Teressa Kandianis, seconded by Debbie Todd, motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:39pm MST.