

**NFHR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 6:00 PM (Mountain Time)**

**Zoom meeting, Jeanne will send an invitation**

(Additional Agenda Items may be added at the beginning of the meeting)

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Rory

**ROLL CALL:** Jennifer Wright, Rory Miller, Jessica Reuterskiold, Jim Raabe (left at 6:30 due to internet problems), Curt Pierce, Sarah Clarke, Karl Froelich (excused absence), Jeanne Poirier, Nancy Newport, Guests Attending Joanne Wilgus, Cherrie Nolden

**RATIFY MOTIONS APPROVED BY EMAIL:** (September 14-November 9, 2021) On October 26 Jessica made a motion to postpone filling Laura’s vacant board position by appointment and wait for the completion of the election to allow the new board (with the newly elected members) to have a say in filling the vacancy. Jim seconded; motion passed. Motion made by Curt to ratify seconded by Jim, motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** already approved

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Rory

In the Annual Renewal Letter, I Invited our members to send me their comments on cross breeding. I received a handful of responses. I have asked Curt to take up the matter with the Breeders Committee. My hope is that the Committee will have comments and perhaps a recommendation to bring to the full board to assist us in our discussions at the in-person meeting to be held at the beginning of the year.

I have been attending FjHI (Fjord Horse International) Board meetings, and a key issue is in-breeding. There is an excellent article on the FjHI web site (“Conservation Breeding in Real Life” by Inger Grønntun). I recommend the article to all. Additionally, FjHI is updating their organizational statutes.

Financially, we are in good shape. Since we operate on a cash basis, our cash position is important.

|                      | <u>As of Nov 8, 2021</u> | <u>As of Nov 8, 2020</u> |
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| Bank Accounts        |                          |                          |
| US Bank Checking     | 23,196                   | 7,482                    |
| US Bank Money Market | 13,421                   | 21,419                   |
| US Bank Savings      | 2,402                    | 2,401                    |
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| Total Bank Accounts  | 39,018                   | 31,303                   |

Our total revenue is stable as membership renewals are coming in. Note that we drew from our Money Market fund to cover the Winter *Herald*. This is a timing matter as the Winter issue was moved up for publication to coincide better with the seasonal nature of the *Herald*. We have made our final payment to the software developer for total payments to date of \$5,700 as agreed. As we move into 2022 and with membership renewals starting to come in, we can look forward to a good year ahead.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Nancy - The ballots were sent out on October 1<sup>st</sup> and Jeanne has received many back. We will turn them over to the bank for counting a week or two after they are due to allow for postal delays as long as they are postmarked by November 15. Renewals are coming in as well.

Jeanne and I checked out the hotel that we prefer, and we would like the board to take a look at the numbers. We would also like to set a date for the Face2Face meeting tonight so we can secure a hotel. If the numbers are too expensive for this hotel we have several other hotels to look at.

We will secure room rates, conference room rates and incidental catering rates. Every board member will need to make their own room reservations. We have also found a shuttle service that runs to the airport so every board member can make their own reservations for that or rent a car. FYI United airlines has a great deal to check in at Loveland and be bussed to DIA and vice versa. This bypasses security at DIA and is very convenient. Check this out if you are flying United. (May need to confirm this information coming in from DIA.)

We will need board members to fly in on a Friday and leave the hotel no earlier than Sunday after 7pm. Most fly out on Monday. This allows the membership who attend the Annual Membership Meeting time to talk and get to know the board members after the meeting. The Face2Face will start on Saturday at 8am-5pm and Sunday for a ½ - ¾ day. Sunday at 1pm we will have the Annual Membership Meeting in the hotel conference room. This is open to all NFHR member and guests and will be on Facebook live.

Proposing Jan 28-30 or Feb 4-6 for the Face2Face. January 28-29-30 has been confirmed.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT:** Jeanne – So far for 2022 membership renewals we have 177. That includes annual single, family and subscriptions. Add 199 Life Memberships = 376 for 2022 membership. Closed 2021 with 688. So, we are in line with the trend.

2021 Foal Registrations - 101 total. 77 Registered, 24 waiting DNA.

Year to date - 2021 transfers - 278, 1 lease recorded. (229 in 2020)

I've received 188 ballot envelopes. Deadline for postmark is 11/15/21. Will give two weeks past that before they go to the bank for counting. Some of those envelopes will include more than one ballot.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Jessica/Rory – See above

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rory - Comments sent to the Board regarding the crossbreeding issue. See president's report above.
- Jessica - Herald publication date changes. See Committee report below.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Face2Face date? January 28-29-30 has been confirmed. Annual Membership Meeting 1:00 MTN time January 30th.
- Next meeting date? December 15<sup>th</sup>, January 4<sup>th</sup> for election of officers
- Board members should make any notes regarding proposed clarifications or changes to the Rules of Registration to revisit any that might need to be considered during the Face2Face.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Herald Committee- On schedule to the printer with good content! Thanks to the production crew and the membership for submitting articles.

Breeders Committee- Curt is getting input from the committee for discussions on recommendations to the board by the Face2Face.

Meeting adjourned – 6:45 MTN