

NFHR July 9, 2012 BoD Minutes

Meeting called to Order at 6:05 p.m. MST. Members present: Jeff Pedersen, Ardeth Obenauf, Teresa Kandianis, Bill Coli, Beth German, Cindy Cardosa Iken, Wendy Bauwens, Executive Director Nancy Newport and Registrar Jeanne Poirier. Members absent: Margie Diaz , Gretchen Payne.

President's Report: Jeff not have any specific issues to report on.

Executive Director Report: Nancy has been working with Jeanne and others on the proposed ByLaws amendments to be presented to the membership for approval. She has also been working on taxes.

Registrar's Report: Jeanne reported that her office stays busy, she receives a lot of phone calls from new members and existing members. As of today's date, there are a total of 785 members. At the end of 2011, there were a total of 831 members. Year to date registrations are up from this time last year.

Treasurer's Report: Teresa noted that the financial cutbacks and restructuring has saved the NFHR from certain death. The checking account balance is \$15,605.27 and the Money Market Savings Account balance is \$10,000.23. The Bank of America CD is approximately \$15,000.00. The Blue Bridle Insurance (liability) policy has been renewed. She is working with Nancy on the taxes and still cautions against irrational exuberance in spending.

Motions by Email: Beth made a motion, seconded by Teresa, for the BoD to ratify the motions approved via email, listed below, since the last meeting:

1. Motion made by Beth, seconded by Ardeth and amended by Teresa then amended by Beth with permission by all to revise the proposed revised Rules of Registration to state: Article I. C. Inbreeding. Inbred horses cannot be registered.

1. For the purpose of these rules, horses foaled between January, 1986 and December 31, 2013 are considered inbred if their pedigree contains the same horse more than once in the previous two generations.

2. For the purpose of these rules, horses foaled after December 31, 2013 are considered inbred if their pedigree contains the same horse more than once in the previous three generations.

2. Motion made by Teresa, seconded by Margie - I (Teresa) move that we post the attached version of the revised Rules of Registration in .pdf format on our website for comment by NFHR members. The membership will be noticed via Constant Contact and on Facebook that the rules are available for comment. Members may request a written copy of the revised Rules of Registration. The revised rules will be posted alongside the existing rules for ease of comparison. Once the Rules are posted, the NFHR members will have 30 days to submit comments. Comments will be accepted in email form, by fax or by US Mail and should be addressed to the NFHR Registrar. However, comments sent via email, fax or US Mail to the NFHR Executive Director or to individual Board members will also be accepted. Comments made on chat lists or on social media are not considered. After the 30 day comment period is complete, the Board will consider and discuss those comments and make changes as agreed by a majority vote of the Board. The revisions then must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors after which they will be in force.

3. Motions made by Beth, seconded by Teresa - 1. That the BoD approve the letter to a member as written by Teresa and revised by Bill, and 2. that the BoD approve the letter to another member also as written by Teresa and as revised to note that it is being sent in response to that member's letter or email dated June 25th.

The Motion carried unanimously, email motions ratified.

Approval of 6-11-12 BoD Minutes: Following a motion by Teresa, seconded by Cindy, the BoD unanimously approved the minutes of the 6-11-12 meeting.

Committee Reports

Bylaws: Discussion on the proposed Bylaw Amendments will be deferred.

Education: Ardeth discussed various articles in the works.

Elections: Nominations for the BoD open on July, 15, 2012. Teresa suggested that a Constant Contact message go to all members advising of elections and to request nominations. Seats open for election are those held by Teresa, Ardeth and Beth. All three indicated that they are willing to serve another term. If candidates are nominated to run for any of these seats, all candidates will need to submit a biography and ballots will need to be mailed in October. Cindy and Jeff will coordinate on this. Nancy will prepare a draft Constant Contact message.

Evaluation: Teresa reported that the committee was inactive because no evaluations are scheduled. The committee has discussed revision of rules and planning evaluator training. The

BoD discussed the need to solicit interested people to become evaluators. Teresa and Ardeth will discuss possible ideas for this. Cindy agreed to help.

Finance: All information included in the Treasurer's report above.

Herald: Sandy North, who, working with Beth Beymer, has done an absolutely incredible job on the Herald for several years has resigned from the position as co-Editor. Beth Beymer will continue as editor, Nancy will assist with billing and will work with Cindy on advertisements.

Membership: Renewals and gift memberships are still coming in.

Promotions: Wendy is working on an article for the Herald and for Wikipedia. She noted that there were several Fjords in a parade in Montana. Margie sent the display to Bill. Jeanne and Nancy took Fjords to the Scandinavian Festival in Estes Park, where they met the festival organizer who is interested in sponsoring a fjord show in Estes Park! They will follow up with him.

Awards:

Selena Dickmann recently received the Fun with Fjords award for spending 2,500 hours with her fjord. She will receive a specially embroidered black jacket and will be recognized in the Constant Contact message.

Marketplace: Saddle pads and sweatshirts will be ordered.

Old Business

Rules of Registration: Jeanne will compile all of the comments received on the proposed Rules of Registration and will distribute them to the Board at the end of the month. The Constant Contact message sent to all members will advise the members that the proposed changes to the Rules of Registration are on the NFHR website for review and comment. Major changes will be pointed out. Jeff mentioned that he wants to be sure that members are aware of the proposed changes, especially of those relating to the definition of inbreeding. He will contact some of the more active breeders to be sure they know of the proposed changes.

By-Law changes: If election ballots are being mailed, proposed Bylaw changes should also be sent in October for the membership to review prior to the annual meeting.

New Business

Address Labels: Some members have requested copies of the membership mailing labels. Jeff said that the NFHR provided these in the past. Beth expressed opposition to providing labels, citing privacy issues. Nancy mentioned that the membership list is not published. Beth said that if labels were going to be provided, or a list published, members should have the opportunity to elect to have their address or other contact information excluded from the mailing list. Others mentioned that email addresses could be provided. The BoD deferred further discussion to the next meeting.

FHI: The FHI has expressed dismay that NFHR has not renewed its membership. We look forward to hearing of any changes the FHI is willing to make to address our concerns.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2012 6:00 P.M. MT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.