

NFHR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
July 11, 2017 6:00 PM (Mountain Time)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Bob called the meeting to Order at 6:02 PM MST

ROLL CALL – Board members present included Bob Long, President, Eric Watness, VP, Cynthia Madden, Treasurer, Jennifer Wright, Jessica Reuterskjold, Kay Schwink, Curtis Pierce, Nancy Newport, Director, and Jeanne Poirier, Registrar/Technical Delegate. Gretchen Payne and Wendy Bauwens were excused.

RATIFY MOTIONS APPROVED BY EMAIL (May 9, 2017-July 11, 2017): - On June 8 Eric moved and Gretchen seconded a correction to the Face to Face minutes: “Jeanne will look into updating our Heavy Horse Database” not the “Pony-Web” as was reported. Motion passed. On June 7, Curt moved to approve Jessica’s proposal to make Dawn a preferred Market Place Vendor for embordered items. Kay seconded, motion passed. Cynthia moved to ratify all email motions and Bob seconded. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting were previously distributed. Kay moved to approve the minutes and Cynthia seconded the motion. Approved.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT/WELCOME: - Bob gave his report noting that we need to seek nominations to replace BoD members leaving the Board. Bob’s spot needs to be replaced. Eric and Cynthia agreed to renew BoD membership for another term. We will use Constant Contact, the Herald and personal contacts to seek new BoD nominees. Nominations are open July 15, 2017 and close September 1, 2017.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: - Nancy- she has renewed our Liability Insurance, ordered and received high point ribbons and has made certificates to match.

REGISTRAR’S REPORT: - Jeanne: see her numbers submitted by email. In summary 2017 foals are trickling in, transfers are good and memberships too. It will slow down now after bounce from Spring Herald. Membership is not on pace with the past year however horse sales are going up and it appears new foal numbers are increasing.

TREASURER’S REPORT: - Cynthia raised continuing concerns about meeting our financial circumstances. Membership and Promotions committees are hard at work. Membership needs to increase and she recommends an increase in advertising and a decrease in Herald costs. She seeks a forecast for budget of costs and income from each committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Awards Points-Jenny Barnes, previously raised an issue concerning awarding of points. Currently the same points are awarded whether for a one day event or for multiple day events. The proposal is to give points for each day. It was also mentioned that you can’t receive points retroactively. Nancy will ask Anne Crandall what she thinks and ask Jenny to provide her feedback. This issue was tabled to the next meeting.
- Hall of Fame Award- The BoD discussed a member request to amend the Hall of Fame Award to include grandchildren of the HOF horse. Kay moved and Curt seconded a motion to retain the current language. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The BoD considered Cherrie Nolden’s request that the NFHR provide its database to her for her research project concerning prediction of foal sex. Cynthia Madden moved and Curt seconded a motion to provide the information for her research project provided she maintains confidentiality of all owner and individual horse information.
- Driving Digest – Curt raised a request for our mailing list for the Driving Digest. We have previously denied that request per our policy not to provide membership mailing lists at the membership request. We could have Erin offer an ad exchange between the Fjord Herald and the Driving Digest and offer an ad in the Constant Contact. And we can hand out the Digest to folks who attend shows and events if she wants to provide surplus copies.
- Sympathy cards – Jessica suggested sending out a sympathy card for horses that we learn have passed away. Jeanne currently records the death when she is notified, records a change on the Registration which she sends to the owner along with a note of sympathy. We could have some cards printed up to send out. This can also apply to members we also learn have passed away. Staff will make it happen.
- Write-ups for Herald – Members want more information on what Jeanne and Nancy do. Gretchen has asked Nancy and Jeanne to write up something for Herald describing their work. Nancy will follow up with Gretchen on that.

Curt moved and Kay seconded motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 7:00 PM MST.