

NFHR Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: August 13, 2025

Time: 6:20 MST

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

- Kelsey Sayers
- Kelly White
- Jeanne Poirier
- Cynthia Madden
- Rebecca Wilhite
- Lisa Otten
- Holly Durst
- Ardeth Obernauf

Not in attendance:

- Teresa – Leave of Absence
- Margaret - Suspended

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Kelsey at 6:20 p.m. MST.

2. Approval of Minutes

- The previous meeting minutes (for June 2025, since there was not a board meeting in July) were discussed, amended, and approved unanimously.

3. Reports

- Treasurer's Report:
 - Holly reported that there is a balance of \$15,130.55 in the checking account and \$18,344.88 in savings. These numbers are improvements over the previous year.
 - Other banking options were discussed, and also the possibility of transferring money from checking to savings more regularly.
- Executive Director/Registrar Reports: Foal registration and transfer numbers are up, and the market for fjords appears healthy. Membership numbers are down slightly.
 - 2025 Foals: 94
 - 2025 Transfers: 126
 - Family Memberships: 50
 - Single Memberships: 174
 - Lifetime Family Memberships: 46
 - Lifetime Single Memberships: 121
 - Subscriptions: 75
 - Youth Memberships: 1

4. Old Business

- Discussion on Electronic Voting for 2025 Election
- Kelly moves to rescind the April 9 decision on electronic voting for the 2025 election. Cynthia seconds.
- Discussion ensues regarding the necessity of online voting for security and traceability, concerns about the feasibility of implementing online voting this year.
- Lisa moves to amend the motion to delay online voting to 2026 and use a third-party administrator for the 2025 election.
- Kelly proposes forming an election committee at the 2026 Face to Face meeting to review all issues and present a proposal for 2026.
- The board voted 4-3 to approve the motion as amended, agreeing to delay online voting to 2026 and explore third-party options for 2025.
- Evaluation Committee
 - The evaluation committee is tentatively planning a farm evaluation in the Pacific Northwest for 2026.
 - Discussed the need for evaluator trainees to gain experience with the new evaluation system and the potential for sponsorships to help with travel costs for overseas evaluation experience.
- Herald Committee
 - Kelly provides an update on the Herald, the challenges of bringing on a new layout/design person, and finding enough content.
 - The next issue will be the stallion issue.

5. New Business

- Revisit the policy of open board meetings and consider having them open to all members on a regular basis, such as every quarter.
- Explore options for secure and accessible voting for the 2025 election, including the possibility of using a third-party service to handle the ballots.

6. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. GMT by Kelsey.