

2023

NFHR Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes Sunday January 29, 2023, 12:00 pm MST Springhill Suites Boulder, Longmont, CO

Called to Order 12 pm MST

Present:

Current Board: Eric Watness (President), Sara Jongsma (Vice President), Gretchen Payne (Treasurer), Jo Wilgus (Secretary), Cherrie Nolden, Lisa Otten, Bonnie Morris, Margaret Bogie, Cady Miller. Registrar Jeanne Poirier excused.

President's Opening Remarks

Eric welcomed all attending in person and via Facebook Live.

Recognition of Special Guests and Members

Joni Sherwood of Castlerock, CO attended in person.

Membership attending via Facebook: Angela Lease, Kelly McKinley, Holly Kirker Billy Jo Hatton, Wendy Bauwens, Westphal Fjords, Curtis Pierce, Jessica Reuterskiold, Michele Harn, Marsha Korose, Sydney Fox, Beth Beymer, Susan Banks, Bonnie Standing, Wendy Luscomb, Andrew Hinrichs, Rachel White, Jenifer Wright, Heleen Giesbers, Gloria Waro Andrea Vary, Denny Cox, Carol Cox, Anne Crandall, Kirsten Edsmoe, Kendyl Pappas, Brianne Stromberg, Dea White, Tricia Albrect

Welcome to new board members : Bonnie Morris, Margaret Bogie, Lisa Otten and Gretchen Payne

Introduction of Officers:

Eric Watness- President, Sara Jongsma- Vice President, Jo Wilgus-Secretary, Gretchen Payne – Treasurer

2023 Actions and Initiatives:

Bonnie Morris was voted to be added as a board member.

The Bylaws allow the Board to select a member to serve on the Board when there is an opening.

NFHR Bylaws, “Article V: Board of Directors, E. VACANCY. A vacancy on the Board of Directors in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.”

A statement to this effect has been added to the NFHR website.

Membership Communications Plans for 2023:

- Improving membership participation
- Continue membership townhalls on specific topics
- Continue the forum for candidates who are running for office
- The Board will communicate as a board, not an individual addressing issues

- Assessment of our circumstances and goals
- Address controversial issues and deal with them
- Commitment to transparent actions
- Listen to members
- Improve our relationship with the membership
- Ensure policies and ways of working are visible
- The Board is committed to the NFHR and its members

Approval of 2022 Annual Membership Meeting minutes

- **Motion:** Margaret, **Second:** Bonnie, **Motion approved unanimously**

Registrar's Report and Remarks (see 2022 Annual Report)

Treasurer's Report and Remarks (see 2022 Financial Report) Gretchen Payne, Treasurer

2022 Committee Reports (see 2022 NFHR Annual Report)

2023 Plans and Goals

We have worked hard to communicate with the membership and public.

We have outlined 3 general goals for 2023

- Improve BoD and membership relations
- Promote the Norwegian Fjord in America
- Continue governance of the NFHR

New Business

• Comments, Issues, and Ideas from the Floor

Questions asked by Denny Cox, Beth Beymer, Sydney Fox, Wendy Luscomb, Rachel White, Dea White

Reminder: you may view this meeting on the NFHR Facebook Group, as a Facebook Live recording.

Adjourned: 1:00 PM MST

**Respectfully submitted by Jo Wilgus, NFHR Secretary,
Edited by Cherrie Nolden, 1/14/2024**