

Note these minutes have yet to be approved. They will be voted on at the next annual membership meeting in 2013:

Minutes Annual Membership Meeting  
Leatherdale Center, University of Minnesota  
March 18, 2012 11:30 am

Meeting Called to order by Jeff Pedersen, President, NFHR.

Sign in sheet passed and BOD attending: Jeff Pedersen, Ardeth Obenauf, Cindy Cardoso Iken, Teresa Kandianis, Sue Plein, Jeanne Poirier, Registrar, and Nancy Newport, Executive Director

Jeff welcomed everyone and introduced special guests. He thanked Sue Plein and everyone for attending the forum.

Jeanne reported on the Registrar's section in the annual report. Teresa reported on the financial section and passed out the accountant's year end compilation.

Jeff explained the elections committee and asked for anyone interested in running for the BOD to contact him or Howard. He said we need various skills and levels of involvement and answered several questions about how to be a BOD member. John Sluss asked about the costs out of pocket to be on the BOD. Nancy answered that expenses were reimbursed by the NFHR.

Jeanne explained about how to host an evaluation. Howard, Heike and Andrew discussed evaluations and evaluations venues. Andrew asked how many horses were needed to break even. Jeanne answered that it depended on expenses. Nancy said that 10-15 were ball park.

Jeff explained what the FHI is. Sophie asked what benefit we received from the FHI. Several members asked about the amount of dues. Jeff explained that it used to be about \$600, but Nancy remarked that they were trying to reduce it to a little over \$100. Jeff explained that the FHI is in turmoil and not getting much business done. Beth Beymer reported to the BOD what she knows about the turmoil and that was summarized for the members present. A show of hands showed that most members supported withdrawing from the FHI for now. John Sluss suggested holding out one more year to see what happens.

Ardeth explained the traveling display and the new driving award. Jeff and Ardeth explained the website and marketplace. Andrew suggested putting Regional Club items on the Marketplace.

Sami spoke about the Youth Committee and suggested Youth Awards. It was suggested that we might offer a cash Youth Scholarship. It was explained that we cannot have a Youth Membership until our by-laws are updated as the required age is 18. Andrew discussed the ability to keep track of our youth members. Teresa, Sami, Sue, Carol Makosky and Heike discussed youth involvement. Therapeutic riding centers was suggested as a venue for finding youth interested in Fjords.

Jeff asked for comments on the forum. Sue suggested making a timeline for forum planning for future volunteers. Andrew mentioned he liked having it in conjunction with a regional club meeting. Everyone said they enjoyed the forum and speakers and the venue.

Howard spoke about the rejuvenation of the Fjord Foundation, and thanked Neil Sorum (recently deceased) for all his work with the Foundation.

Heike asked about the financial report and what the “members’ overpayment” was. Nancy explained that in our old accounting system that was credit owed members for overpayment or refunds they said to keep for later. It will be applied to each member’s account in the new accounting system.

Jeff and Teresa spoke about how to contact the BOD and that all phone numbers and contact information is on the website. Jeff mentioned that the Fjord list serves are not owned by the NFHR and that we do not use them for disseminating information to the membership or for discussion.

Heike asked if motions could be made at the general membership meeting. Teresa said that the BOD did not have a quorum and that this was more an informational meeting for the membership.

Andrew made a motion to adjourn, Beverly Sluss seconded. Jeff adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm.