

NFHR BoD MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2023

6-7:30PM MST via Zoom

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Eric Watness

ROLL CALL; BoD MEMBERS: Eric, Sara, Jo, Cady, Margaret, Lisa, Cherrie, Bonnie, (Gretchen was excused) **REGISTRAR:** Jeanne **QUORUM MET**

NFHR Members present on Zoom: Beth Beymer, Carol Cox, Denny Cox, Teressa Kandianis, Bonnie Standing, Heidi Raynor, Andrew Hinrichs, Cynthia Madden, Billie Jo Hatton

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion: Jo **Second:** Lisa

F2F MEETING MINUTES: Motion: to defer minutes to April 4, 2023 **MOTION:** Jo **Second:** Lisa

SPECIAL BoD MEETING MARCH 1, 2023: Margaret presented the BoD with a proposal to hold the 2024 F2F Meeting in Herndon, VA also included would be an Educational Forum. 3 day event. Each BoD member spoke to the proposal. The concern was prematurity and funding. The proposal failed.

A decision of where to hold the 2024 F2F is on the agenda for later in the meeting.

SPECIAL BoD MEETING MINUTES: MOTION: to approve March 1, 2023 Special BoD Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Lisa **Second:** Sara. Motion carried

REAFFIRMATION OF MOTIONS APPROVED BY EMAIL: 1.)A motion was made to allocate \$200 at \$100 an hour to Margaret Cresbo (team building speaker) explaining how the the Board works. The motion was made by Bonnie, second by Cady. A majority voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Adopted by email on February 27, 2023 **MOTION:** to reaffirm email vote **MOTION:** Sara **Second:** Jo Majority voted in favor of motion. Margaret voted NO and will file a dissent. Her reason is: she would have liked to see the email vote. Lisa voted No.

2.) A motion was made to create a Membership Only NFHR Facebook page to be administered by Bonnie, Gretchen and Jeanne (Registrar). **MOTION:** Bonnie **Second:** Jo Adopted by email.

MOTION: to reaffirm the email motion **MOTION:** Bonnie **Second:** Jo Vote was majority Yes.

Margaret will file a dissent due to not seeing the email vote. Lisa voted No

3.) A series of 3 motions being treated as email motions (February 14, 2023) from the BoD Working Session.

MOTION # 1- to authorize Margaret to submit an online application for space on February 17, 2024 at Frying Pan Park (VA).

MOTION # 2- to authorize Margaret to request contract information from Marriot Hotel, Dulles Airport (VA). Cost of rooms, banquet services, food etc. February 15-18, 2023.

MOTION # 3- to authorize Margaret to submit for a Grant from the VHIB to be used by the NFHR for an educational video which would be taken at the Educational Forum. If the Grant is given the BoD will vote to accept or decline. **MOTION-** to reaffirm the 3 motions **MOTION:**Lisa **Second:** Margaret Motions carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Eric - Very busy with this board. Gretchen Payne has decided to take a Leave of Absence. The NFHR is facing serious financial challenges.

REGISTRAR REPORT: Jeanne- 2023 Membership as of March 8, 2023 is 550. In 2022 same time frame membership was 672. Membership is down substantially. Foal registrations in 2022-113.

Transfers 2023 - 54 Transfers 2022 same time frame - 49.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Budget Report: normally Gretchen would present. Eric presented information he and Jeanne put together. Checking account- \$13396.17. Savings account- \$14324.74. Herald bill is due, \$7200. Eric and Jeanne will talk with the finance committee.

Eric asked for an extension on this report. This will allow time to figure out finances and discuss how to improve donations. Eric will step in as Treasurer. Eric will send an email to BoD members for ideas on what the thoughts are on filling the Treasurer position. **MOTION:** to defer Budget Report to April 4, 2023

MOTION: Lisa **Second:** Jo Motion carried

Awards Committee: Cady(chair) Members Anne Crandall. The awards committee promotes the use and enjoyment of Fjord horses through various programs and participation awards that encourage versatility within our breed. 2023 Goals:1.) gain insight on what awards members see as beneficial. 2.) Revamp our award prize options/awards. 3.) Review our disciplines included in awards and look to expand and appeal to more members. 4.) Promote awards/encourage more Fjord owners. 5.) Consider adding a committee member. This is a condensed version of the mission statement and goals for 2023.

Membership Committee: Bonnie- 184 members have not renewed their membership. A plan is being put together to reach out to these members asking why they have not renewed.

Evaluation Committee: Lisa (chair) Committee members: Eric Watness, Ardeth Obenauf, Wendy Bauwens, Curtis Pierce, Phil Odden, Sydney Fox, Jenny Olsen, Jeanne Poirier. The committee also invited evaluators Beth Beymer and Melissa Boyd. On February 28, 2023 an Evaluation Committee meeting was held. Thanked the committee members for committing their personal time to the committee. Reviewed the Evaluation Committee mission and 2023 goals. Request approval to hold an evaluation in Rixeyville, VA. Discussed next steps. This is a condensed version.

MOTION: submit preliminary approval to hold evaluation in Rixeyville, VA **MOTION:** Lisa on behalf of Evaluation committee. During discussion a **MOTION:** to defer previous motion for one week (March 15, 2023) to allow further discussion. **MOTION:** Sara **Second:** Bonnie Motion carried

MOTION: to allow Margaret to revise Grant application from the Virginia Horse Industry Board (VHIB) and submit application. When the VHIB makes their decision, the BoD will decide to accept or decline based on the terms offered. **MOTION:** Lisa **Second:** Cady Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Herald Financial status: Sara. Consider running a support ad to bring in money. Will talk to finance committee. Life memberships are under discussion.

Committee Mission and goals: committees will be allowed more time to look at sent paperwork and think about it. Eric asked to defer this business to our next Working Session.

F2F meeting date and location: still being discussed. Getting/gathering information on hotel cost and all cost involved. Lisa has created a decision option sample, Sara will add to this. **MOTION:** how to process the F2F meeting at the next Working Session meeting in April 2023. View the decision document and decide a location for the 2024 F2F meeting. **MOTION:** Lisa **Second:** Cady Motion carried.

Membership Code of Conduct: plans for temporary disclaimer on social media. This was deferred to any BoD member who is willing to place the disclaimer.

Bylaw review: Margaret - Margaret submitted a plan and suggestions to Eric and Gretchen last month. Waiting for reply.

Breeders committee ways of working: Sara- did not speak to this.

Membership survey: Cherrie- working on new survey. Will have a meeting with Bonnie and Cady to include questions from their committees and what action to take. Have a more focused meeting with the BoD.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: Lisa **Second:** Bonnie Motion carried

TIME: 7:30PM MST

QUESTION/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERSHIP: Jessica Rueterskoid, Heidi Raynor, Andrew Hinrichs

Please see schedule for all meetings on the NFHR website.

Joanne Wilgus, NFHR Secretary

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
12:55PM MST