

NFHR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 14, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Eric- Called the meeting to order at 6:13mntn

ROLL CALL – Jennifer, Curt, Jessica, Eric, Jeanne, Rory, Nancy, Kelly, Jim (Kay- excused)

RATIFY MOTIONS APPROVED BY EMAIL (February 12-April 14, 2020: On February 15, 2020 Darby moved and Rory seconded a motion to give Sara Jongsma permission to place an order of lapel pins and handle the order herself. Motion passed.

On February 20, 2020. Rory moved and Curt seconded a motion (motion passed unanimously) to clarify our Rules of Registration as follows:

ARTICLE VI - NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE NAMES

- A. In keeping with the Norwegian ancestry of the Fjord Horse, the Norwegian Fjord Horse Registry requests Norwegian names are used.*
- B. Horses presented for original registration in the NFHR will not be allowed to use an existing name. A roman numeral will be added to duplicate names if not submitted with an identifying farm name, prefix or suffix.*
- C. Farm names, prefixes or suffixes may not be duplicated without permission from the original user. The first individual to use a specific farm name, prefix or suffix has sole use of that designation unless they release use of it to another.*
- D. Imported horses presented for NFHR registration that have duplicate names, farm names, prefixes or suffixes within the NFHR shall be subject to the following:
 - a. The foreign registration number will become part of the horse's name.*
 - b. Duplicate prefixes, farm names or suffixes will be removed if already in use within the NFHR.**
- E. Names already listed in any Registry will not be allowed to change whether the Registry is in the U. S., Canada or other foreign countries with the exception of ARTICLE VI, B or D above.*
- F. The NFHR Registrar has final approval of all names, farm names, prefixes and suffixes.*

On Feb 24, 2020 Curt moved and Jim seconded a motion to clarify our policy of registering horses which will become effective September 1, 2020. The purpose of this policy is to address the issue of breeders (who are the original owners) not registering their foals initially in their names before selling. It is as follows:

Breeders are encouraged to register their foals/horses in their name prior to the first sale. When a horse is presented for registration that is being registered directly into a name other than the breeder, a transfer fee will be assessed for each previous owner along with the registration and DNA kit fees. The amount of the applicable transfer fee will be determined according to the NFHR membership status of the breeder as the first owner and each subsequent owner through the current owner, who must be a current NFHR member to register the horse.

Motion approved unanimously.

On March 13, 2020 Kelly moved and Rory seconded a motion to tentatively approve two evaluations for 2020, one in CA Nov 7-8 and one in the Midwest Sept 19-20. Motion passed.

On March 24, 2020 Curt moved, and Jim seconded that due to the current Covid/economic situation the NFHR publish the Spring Herald online only. Motion passed.

Rory Moved to ratify the above email motions, Curt Seconded. Passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: already approved

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Eric- Resource guide is beautiful, kudos to all who put it together.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Nancy – working on formatting the rest of the handbook

REGISTRAR'S REPORT - Jeanne

Transfers between 2019 and 2020 (Jan 1 to Apr 14) – down 20%

Registrations between 2019 and 2020 (Jan 1 to Apr 14) – up 4%

Membership between 2019 and 2020 (Oct 1 to Apr 14 – renewals) – down 9.5%

Communicating and conversing about evaluations- all in the works.

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Rory – Numbers look good – notes sent via email

OLD BUSINESS:

- Approval of database contract- Rory made observational changes to the contract and proposed via email. Curt made a move to approve, Jim seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Approving appointing an additional Board member per letter of interest Jim moved to approve Lindy Hild as a new board member, seconded by Rory. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Curt moved that if an Evaluation venue deposit is required, the NFHR will pay it. In the event of a cancelled evaluation, the NFHR will cover non-refundable deposits if there are no other funds available as recommended by the evaluation coordinator. Jim seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Approval of sections 4 and 5 of the Evaluation Handbook-Rory made a motion to approve section 4 and 5 of the Evaluation Handbook. Curt Seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Discussion about data privacy- In discussion with the attorney to assist in our data privacy policies.
- Amending our bylaws to remove the annual in-person Board meeting requirement in certain circumstances. Review of the bylaws referred to the executive committee.

Next meeting dates - June 9, August 18th, October 13th, December 8th 6pm MTN time.

Motion to adjourn by Rory, Curt seconded. 7pm MTN.