

**NFHR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Rory at 6:12pm mountain time

**ROLL CALL** – Present Rory, Karl, Jessica, Laura, Curtis, Sarah, Jim. Excused absences Kelly and Jennifer. Staff present, Jeanne, and Nancy.

**RATIFY MOTIONS APPROVED BY EMAIL** (March 9, 2021-May 11, 2021) On March 20 Kelly made a motion to appoint Rory as the NFHR's substitute/representative to the FjHI. Curt seconded; motion passed.

On April 26 Curt moved to give preliminary approval for the 2021 California Evaluation on Nov 6 & 7. Kelly seconded; motion passed. (note the date change for the CA evaluation in these minutes)

Curt moved to ratify both motions, Laura seconded, Motions ratified.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** approved

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Rory reported that he has been attending the monthly Fjord Horse International meetings via Zoom as the NFHR Substitute. He reported that the meetings are informative and provide a global perspective on Fjord activities and registries.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Nancy has been sending out materials for Expos and doing the usual bookkeeping and office duties. Nancy reported that the FjHI dues of have been paid through 2021.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT:** There are 637 2021 memberships as of May 10. 2020 memberships closed out at 639. Eleven 2021 foals have been presented for registration as of May 10, 2021.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Curt reported that the dates of the California evaluation have been changed to October 30-31, 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Laura presented a report on the NFHR awards. There was discussion regarding pre-show season registration for the awards. Conflicts during the show season prohibit processing. This 2021 year pre-season registrations for awards will be waived due to post Covid conflicts. It was suggested that an Endurance award be added to the list of awards being considered. There was consensus that the NFHR Awards Nomination form be posted on the website to encourage participation.
- Curtis reported that the Equitana USA Expo will be held on October 1-3, 2021 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. The Fjord booth will be #515. Jessica suggested that Curtis request monetary help from the Midwest Fjord Horse Club.
- Jeanne brought forward a member request to the Board for clarification regarding foreign frozen semen located in the US. An NFHR semen transport certificate was issued to an NFHR member for the semen in question, all appropriate rules and requirements were met. A few years after the transport certificate was issued the stallion was discovered to be used for purposes contrary to NFHR Rules of Registration and Transfers. There was no evidence that this was done at the time of the semen purchase. The NFHR member has not yet used the semen. The question is, would the progeny of a registered mare impregnated with that semen be registrable with the NFHR?

The board discussed the issue vigorously and extensively. After discussion, Karl moved that semen purchased in good faith from a registered Fjord stallion (foreign or domestic) will be accepted for breeding. Curt seconded; motion passed 5-1.

This policy addresses a specific issue.

The Breeders Committee will put together and distribute a survey of the membership regarding the entire Rules of Registration and Transfers.

At the next board Face 2 Face meeting (January 2022) a full review of the Rules of Registration and Transfers will be conducted and member input from the survey will be considered. The results will be presented at the 2022 Annual Membership meeting and posted for comment by the entire membership according to the NFHR By-Laws.

*AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF REGISTRATION AND TRANSFERS. Will be made by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Amendments shall be presented in the official NFHR publication or on the NFHR website for comment by the membership prior to any action taken by the Board of Directors. Changes in the Rules of Registration and Transfers to correct spelling, grammar, formatting, numbering, consistency, or to comply with applicable laws shall not require comment by the membership.*

Meeting adjourned 7:10pm mountain time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karl Froelich for Jennifer Wright