

**NFHR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 29, 2016**

(conducted by teleconference)

**WELCOME and CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Gretchen Payne, VP called the meeting to Order at 7:12 PM (MT)

**ROLL CALL** – Bob Long (excused), Gretchen Payne, Eric Watness, Cynthia Madden, Wendy Bauwens, Nancy Grette (absent), Kelly Munro, Kay Konove (LOA), Jessica Reuterskiold, Nancy Newport, Jeanne Poirier.

**RATIFY MOTIONS APPROVED BY EMAIL (May 24 - September 27, 2016):**

On May 26, 2016 Gretchen Payne moved and Eric Watness seconded a motion to approve Erin Kinn as the Editor of the Herald, motion passed.

On July 20, 2016 Eric Watness moved and Gretchen Payne seconded a motion to update the trot pole distances for the Family Fjord riding test from 2'6" to 3'9" for safety reasons, motion passed.

On August 16, 2016 Cynthia Madden moved and Nancy Grette seconded a motion that we make Erin Kinn Editor and Layout Designer of the Fjord Herald for \$2,000 per issue for each of four annual issues beginning September 1, 2016. Quality and timeliness of publications approved by the Fjord Herald Committee are a contingency for her continued engagement and that Linda Yutzy be notified by the Fjord Herald Committee Chair that her services are discontinued immediately upon the date of approval of this motion. Motion passed.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> Gretchen Payne moved and Eric Watness seconded a motion to appoint Jessica Reuterskiold to fill the vacant BOD position which expires December 31, 2016. Motion passed.

On September 1 Eric Watness moved and Kelly Munro seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Jessica Reuterskiold, Kay Schwink and Curtis Pierce to the BoD. Effective January 2017. Motion passed.

Eric Watness moved and Cynthia Madden seconded a motion to ratify all motions previously made by email. Approved.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** none

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Gretchen Payne reported for Bob Long.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** - Nancy Newport reported renewals are being readied to send out.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT:** - Jeanne Poirier addressed her Membership/Registrations/Transfers and Bozeman Update. We have 760 members but new memberships have come in that will be reported for 2017. The Bozeman poster was provided as a gift. Additional significant donations were made to make the Bozeman evaluation success. Wendy Bauwens has sent thank you notes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** - Cynthia Madden reported on finances. We are down in our budget inasmuch as it is 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter which is usually down. She will forward the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter when it is completed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Update on 2017 Face2Face and Forum-Eric Watness discussed planning for the Forum at the Nordic Heritage Museum in the Ballard neighborhood of near north Seattle. An Airbnb has been reserved for all BoD members from the Friday before the Forum through Tuesday night following the F2F. Kelly Munro discussed ideas for Forum programming on Sunday north of Seattle and at her facility. On Saturday at the Museum we will host Alex Fraser who is a specialist, trainer, driver having also acted as an expert witness concerning horse related accidents. Debbie Dunlop will educate us about various insurance products. We are hoping to involve Norwegian veterinarian, Dr. Odd Vangen, to discuss small horse population genetic viability. The member Annual meeting will occur at 1 PM on Saturday. A Banquet with local entertainment is also planned. Transportation and for lodging for BoD was discussed. The fee for the Forum is \$150 for members, staff and BoD.

New Owner's Handbook-Cynthia Madden led a discussion.

Evaluation Revision Committee update – Eric Watness discussed the select committee on Evaluations including Dan Watanabe, Curtis Pierce, Anne Appleby, Beth Beymer and Lori Albrough. Eric will develop a budget and plan for the meeting in early 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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Cynthia's motion via email was presented:

Board meeting teleconferences for the balance of 2016 are to be scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> and, thereafter, as established in advance at the annual Face to Face Meeting. Excused absences must be approved in advance by the President or, if unavailable, the Vice-President. Two unexcused absences will be cause for dismissal from the Board of Directors. A board meeting may be cancelled if a meeting is not necessary to conduct immediate NFHR business. Emergency meetings may be scheduled at the direction of the President. Directors should make every effort to attend in this instance. This motion was deferred to the face2face meeting after setting a meeting for Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Evaluations – Eric Watness moved that the BoD refrain from approving further NFHR evaluations until the Select Committee on Evaluations has had an opportunity to review and revise the current Evaluation program. Cynthia Madden seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

Herald recap by Gretchen Payne who stated things are going well with the new Editor. The next Herald issue will be published on time.

Motion to Adjourn by Gretchen Payne. Seconded by Cynthia Madden. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM MT.