**Conference Call Minutes –December 15, 2014**

Executive Board members Kay, Sarah, Kristin and Chuck called in. Committee chairpersons Lisa Lovett (Tidbits), Jaine Johnston (Membership) and Monie Redfield (Show) also joined the call. President Heike was not present.

**Spring Meeting- Decorah, Iowa March 13 – 15, 2015**

Kay started by saying that the Hotel Winneshiek would be an excellent place to hold the Spring Meeting since it is close to the Vesterheim Museum and in the center of town. The Board agreed that the room costs were reasonable ($139 - $159 per night) and we would also offer the Quality Inn and Suites ($99 per night) as an option.

Kristin has secured a block of 15 rooms at The Hotel Winneshiek but will call to increase the number to 20 rooms.

Chuck visited the Vesterheim Museum to find out about tours, etc. The admission fee for the museum is $8 per person and $7 for 65+ and free admission for $25 annual membership (with a 10% discount at the gift shop). Chuck will continue to find out about tours and classes. Phil Odden has agreed to be the guest speaker and will deliver his “The History of the Norwegian Fjord Horse” presentation. Chuck will check to see if there is a room available for us to use on Saturday at the museum. Chuck will also look into the harness exhibit and can bring in his specialty harnesses.

Kristin has agreed to handle the banquet details.

Tentative Schedule:

**Friday:**  Hotel Check-in and informal social gathering at hotel bar

**Saturday:**  7 - 8:30 - Breakfast (on our own??)

  9 - 12 - organized activities

  12 - 1 - lunch (informal or bring something in??)

  1- 4:30 - more activities

  6 - Dinner

  7 - MWFHC meeting

Janie asked about offering a Silent Auction and has agreed to look into managing it.

**Show Committee**

Monie agreed to chair the show again for next summer along with Sarah. The show will be held at West Salem Fairgrounds and it will be a two-day show this year instead of a three-day show. The committee will look at eliminating some of the draft classes that have not been attended for the past 4 years.

**Tidbits**

Lisa will send out a Tidbits when she receives the Press Release from Kristin with the Spring Meeting and Show dates.

**Membership Committee**

Jaine reported that there are currently 51 members…24 individual memberships, 16 family memberships and 11 lifetime memberships. The club had 151 members in 2011 so we are down approximately 2/3. She was happy to report that we did receive new memberships at the July show.

**Other Business**

The Executive Board discussed the 4-month absence of President Heike and according to the club’s By-Laws:

“An Officer may resign by sending a written notice to the President or **will be considered to have resigned after having been absent from two consecutive regular meetings of the Executive Committee**, unless excused by the President. “

The Board unanimously agreed that considering Heike’s four-month absence from the Board’s meetings, we consider her resigned from the President’s role. Vice-president Kay Van Natta will step in and take over the President’s position for the remainder of the term (6 months).

Respectively Submitted,

Kristin Lee