

MINUTES – Midwest Fjord Horse Club

General Meeting– July 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Heike Lewandowski. The Board members present were Kay Van Natta, Kristin Lee and Sarah Weyker. Past President Chuck Kelly was not present.

President Heike began the meeting by welcoming everyone to West Salem and having new participants introduce themselves.

The minutes from the spring meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously. The treasurer's report was also approved unanimously.

Old Business and Committee Reports

Website and Tidbits – Lisa Lovett was present and encouraged members to notify her of any Fjord news so she can continue to have content for the Tidbits. If members are not receiving their Tidbits, Sarah Weyker suggested checking their SPAM.

Membership – Janie Johnston was not present but Heike reminded everyone of the change of membership renewal date to January 1.

Evaluation – Heike reported for Bob Long that the Evaluations went very smoothly. The Evaluators complimented the group on the quality of the horses and the wonderful attitude of the volunteers who helped to make the event a success.

Show Report – Julie Cramer spoke for the show committee and went over details about the upcoming show. Dressage Suitability was added to the Versatility Highpoint award. The committee has organized a program to begin each day of the show. Friday will present the American and Norwegian flags along with riders/drivers demonstrating the variety of disciplines of the Fjord horse. Saturday morning will feature Norwegian Heritage and Sunday, the youth.

Other announcements included notifying the group that there will be car racing on Friday and Saturday evenings but the show should be over before it begins; that all youth drivers must have an adult with them at all times and emergency contact information should be listed on the horse's stalls. Darcie from Highland Photography will be at the show and everyone is encouraged to order from her. Ziggy's Foodwagon from Janesville will service the show.

Dawn Schlickman will be stepping down as the club merchandise chairperson. Betsy Bauer sends additional merchandise to be sold and the club receives 25% of the profit from Betsy's items. Dawn will get a current inventory list together. The club is looking for someone to take over Dawn's position.

Brochure – Kristin Lee and Therine Gudnecht will begin work on the new brochure in the upcoming months.

New Business

President Heike asked the group to brainstorm about the winter/spring meeting and next year's show.

Karen Hanson added that she would like to see more social events. Tyler Schlickman suggested Stoughton, WI as a possibly location for next year's meeting. Sue Plein volunteered her place as a possible location and may be willing to work on a committee for next year's meeting. There was discussion about continuing to work with the NFHR and offer the Evaluations with the show (every other year) or possibly offer clinics before or during the show. It was also suggested that local 4-H clubs could be contacted to possibly audit the show as a fundraiser.

Next year will be the 30th Anniversary of the club and Heike asked that the membership begin thinking about ideas for a celebration. Westby, WI (near West Salem) has a Norwegian Heritage Center that may offer some resources. A social event for the 30th was suggested.

Jonie Griffith recommended putting out a suggestion box/sheet for show participants to voice their opinions about the show. It was also advised to stay away from the Blue Earth show date and the West Salem fair set-up weekend for next's year's show.

The show location was brought it was agreed that no decision could be made until after this year's show.

The meeting was adjourned at a 7:45 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Kristin Lee

Secretary