

MINUTES – Midwest Fjord Horse Club
Summer Meeting – July 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Kelly. Board members present were Anne Weyker and Patti Jo Walter. Vice President Heike Lewandowski and Secretary Kristin Lee were not present.

The minutes from the April 19 Spring Meeting as well as the Treasurer's Report were reviewed by members and approved unanimously.

Show Committee Report

Monie Redfield, show committee chair, invited members to attend the Saturday night entertainment by "Pops" Wagner. He will also be conducting a cinch-making clinic on Saturday afternoon. See Monie for details.

The lunch room will be open from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Julie Cramer, show committee member, discussed the revised show bills and the two-day show schedule. She also reviewed details for the high point and versatility awards and distributed handouts with explanations on the awards.

Sarah Weyker, show committee member, offered additional information and asked members to pick up their entry numbers from her after the meeting.

Dawn Schlikman announced that the clothing booth will be open daily at 10 a.m. and that she will also handle the used tack sale items in that booth.

Old Business

Chuck Kelly announced the results of the election of officers. The new slate of officers will include President – Heike Lewandowski, Vice President - Kay Van Natta, Secretary – Kristin Lee and Treasurer- Sarah Weyker. Chuck will remain on the board as past president.

Discussion was held on the 2014 Winter/Spring meeting. It had been decided previously to hold this meeting in conjunction with the Minnesota Horse Expo in spring of 2014. Because of a low turnout at the 2013 meeting at the Midwest Horse Fair, some discussion was held on perhaps returning to the

previous winter meeting format, a bit earlier in late winter/early spring. After discussion, Chuck appointed Sarah Weyker to prepare and distribute a survey to members asking for their input.

New Business

President Kelly asked for discussion on the 2014 Fjord horse show and the possibility of changing locations. Joni Griffin presented information on some possible sites in Wisconsin, including the Washington County Fairgrounds, fairgrounds in Fond Du Lac County and the equestrian facility in Oshkosh. Patti Jo Walter mentioned the Manitowoc County Fairgrounds as another possibility. Sarah Weyker suggested Heartland Stables outside of Stevens Point, a facility that has hosted a number of shows and has a separate barn with temporary stalls set up for outside groups. The Kirkwood facility was also brought up; the club would have to ask whether we could continue to have a show there if our numbers do not increase substantially.

It was agreed that the club needs to set criteria for a show location, obtain detailed costs and thoroughly investigate the sites being considered. Sarah Weyker agreed to gather additional information so that options can be presented to members. This will be done as soon as possible, in order to reach a decision for the 2014 show.

Patti Jo Walter then presented Chuck Kelly with a gift and thank you for his years as club president. She also presented a thank you gift to outgoing treasurer Anne Weyker.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Weyker – Acting Secretary