

MINUTES
MIDWEST FJORD HORSE CLUB
Feb. 19, 2005

President Karin Peterson called the meeting to order promptly at 8:30 AM

President Karin Peterson thanked Sophie Fielder, Phil Odden, Linda Syverson-Kerr, Dan Neuman and Wes Licht for all the work they have done in arranging, planning and putting on this winter meeting. President Karin Peterson asked for a show of hands how many this was their Is' meeting, BIG HELLO to all and WELCOME!

President Karin Peterson informed the club that due to unforeseen circumstances Walt Monheim had to step down as Vice President, Chuck Kelly has been appointed "interim" V.P. until the Blue Earth Meeting where we will be voting on the opening positions.

Old Business:

Secretary's report was approved as read.

Treasurer's report, Blue Earth Show financial statement handed out. Total income on the show \$7436.00, total expenses \$7563.89, net loss \$127.89. Club's financial statement ending Feb. 17th was handed out as well. Beginning Balance \$5328.98, total income \$15,585.21, total expenses \$15,219.33, net income \$365.88, balance on hand Feb. 17, 2005 \$5,693.86

Treasurer's Report approved as read.

Mike Jelicka spoke about organizing an organized trail ride, you can ride/drive. Date/location still open, see Mike if you are interested.

Gary Johnson addressed the club and told us how they are looking forward to our 20th anniversary. He remembers the 1 St year where their was 4 horses, to now well over 100 horses that come. Blue Earth always looks forward to us coming. The fair board has label pins that they will be giving out to each exhibitor, their will be extra to buy. Some of the updates are a new sound system, warm up ring, additional parking & camping area, a big thank you to all of us for coming year after year. The fair board is looking forward to the future and being a part of our club/show.

Pat Holland spoke about the show itself. Handed out a tentative show schedule. She talked about being on the coat tail of Nancy Hotovy and hoping she can fill such big shoes. The MWFHC has the reputation of being the largest breed show, we are an example for all to follow. We have a very versatile group of people, and our show brings us all together. We are in need of helpers for the show and our judge is Wayne Hipsley.

She told the club about the sponsors we are getting, Fiskars gave us 37 pairs of scissors, some will be used as door prizes here at this meeting, the rest will be used as prizes at the show. She is also working on other companies to sponsor us. There is a 20 year anniversary t-shirt. Told the club we have a wonderful group here in the Midwest, so diverse in the disciplines they use their fjords, but all are so proud of their Fjord horses and we all work together, our Breed show is a shining example.

Patti Jo Walter spoke on the 20 yr anniversary celebration that will be happening at Blue Earth This year, it will be held Tuesday Night at 6:30, there will be demo's, awards, presentation on the Fjord horse and even the tradition wedding ceremony will be presented. We are in need of tradition Norwegian outfits or Bundas. Please see Patti if you can help out.

Also Patti Jo is in need of photos from Blue Earth's Breed Show last year, 2004 for the Scrapbook.

Therine Gudknecht and Helen Schadler have the new club brochures done and here at the winter meeting. We are sure that the brochures will help promote the breed but President Karin says, "also tell them about our club when you promote our breed with these brochures."

Sophie Fielder, over 100 members present here at our winter meeting. They have some ideas like perhaps a mini show in conjunction with a clinic, although realize the drive with horses in the winter for a show might not be appealing. Show of hands proved that. Any ideas for next year see Sophie.

Evaluation in the Midwest will be Aug. 6/7 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Will need 2030 horses to hold it. Sophie Fiedler talked about young stock being evaluated and about giving them a "short card", can be re-evaluated with a more permanent marking. The Short card, would have less points, take less time and would get a pass/fail mark instead of a numerical mark. She also talked about the "white" star. Basically white stars on mares are ok, on stallions it is not. Blaze, stockings etc, never are ok. Evaluation Committee are forming a policy on what to do regarding these markings.

Karin Hansen is a NFHR Board of Directors member. Other MWFHC Board Members are Neil Sorum, Andrew Henricks, Mark McGinley. Karin told the club about events/progress that the NFHR is doing. There was a face to face meeting in Jan., Long teleconference last week, they discussed many issues and concerns, discussion of revamping the NFHR website, perhaps having the pedigree site closed down to non members, having more committees, the versatility video will be out in March, Herald mailed late, new Editor Donna Hornsby had some troubles, will be a new design, sure everyone will love it.

MWFHC Newsletter, Martha Martin told us the deadline is March 1st, mailed on the 15th. Also on the club's website.

Flyers for Dairyland Driving Club's "safety" clinic handed out.

DeeAnna Weed administrator for the club's website said there is a TON of information on the website, she will put as much information on there as she gets. Great resource!

Elections this spring. Tom Hans head of nomination committee. Anyone interested in a position see Tom.

Dan Nauman commented on how wonderful and generous everyone was with their donations for the auction. All he can say is "WOW", and THANK YOU. There will be a silent and a live auction.

New Business

Information was given out about the premises registration going on in Wisconsin. Handouts given, will also be on website.

Anyone interested in bringing Fjords to the Viroqua County Fair in Wisconsin, see _____

Next meeting will be on July 24th, Sunday evening, no meal.

Adjourned 9:38 AM