

MIDWEST FJORD HORSE CLUB
SUMMER MEETING, 7/24/06

Committee Members Present: Chuck Kelly, Susie Sadlon, Mary Ofjord, Karen Peterson and Therine Gudknecht

The summer meeting of the Midwest Fjord Horse Club was called to order by President Chuck Kelly at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was held following a delicious dinner served by the 4-H members and their families. President Kelly welcomed all who were in attendance.

The review and approval of the secretary's and treasurer's reports followed. m/s/c

Gary Johnson of the Faribault County Fair Board welcomed everyone to the 146th Faribault County Fair and the 21st year of the Midwest Fjord Horse Club Show. He thanked the 4-H crew for the good meal. Gary informed us that we needed to clean the outside stalls before leaving. The center stalls do not need to be cleaned. Dates for next year's fair are not set at this time. Shavings are for sale at \$5 a bale.

DeAnna Weed reported on the web site. She is open for any suggestions and would be interested to know if anyone would like to see anything added to the site. DeAnna informed everyone that the breeders page is \$5 per year. The minutes of the meetings will be on the web site. There is a new e-mail system being worked on at this time.

Next was the Newsletter report by Martha Martin. She stated that she has new software and is thankful for that.

Pat Holland reported on the Blue Earth Show. She thanked everyone who worked hard to make the show happen and stated that she was open to any suggestions for improvement to the show. The beautiful trophies for the show were mugs and boxes with fjord horse heads that were designed by Pat.

Pat clarified the rules for the ride and drive class. She informed everyone that you can use a different rider and driver. When finished untacking and tacking, you should not leave the line until everyone is mounted. You should wait for the ring steward to tell you to go.

There were some mugs for sale. If you want to buy them, you may contact Pat.

The NFHR Show report was given by Carol Makosky. She spoke about items for sale and order forms for the items.

The Evaluation Report was given by Phil Odden. There were three evaluations scheduled. One in Massachusetts was cancelled because there were not enough horses registered. There were also evaluations scheduled in Libby and Winona. There are 38 horses signed up for the Winona evaluation at this time.

Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to help with the evaluation at Winona.

Phil stated that the rules for bits will be published in the Fjord Herald.

There will be a parade of all horses being evaluated at Winona before the actual evaluation begins. It is voluntary to be in the parade and it will not be a part of the evaluation process. Registration is still open for the evaluation.

The new head of the winter meeting will be Dawn Schlickman.

President's Report:

The photographer, Laurie With, will have proofs available on her website and the MWFHC site. Orders will be placed and the photographs will be mailed out.

The 4-H will be serving breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m. The lunch wagon will have breakfast at 7:00 a.m.

In case of bad weather, the announcer, show chair or president will make the decision to call the class. If the class is called, you must stable your horse. The plan is to err on the side of safety.

The Mankato newspaper reporter will be here on Monday. The Rochester Agri-News reporter will also be here one or two days.

Door #1: Karin Peterson was given a gift of a Norwegian sweater as a token of appreciation for her hard work as past president. She thanked Chuck for taking over last year when she could not attend. Karin will be looking for help on the nominating committee and people to volunteer for a position next year.

Door #2: Nancy Hotovy was given a Norwegian sweater in gratitude for the twelve years she served at show chair.

I'll take the box: Pat Holland was given an Uffda mug in appreciation of her 2nd year as show chair.

Old Business:

Joining the Wisconsin and Minnesota Horse Councils: After much discussion, there was a motion to not join as a club. Motion was rescinded.

A motion was made by Phil Odden and seconded to join the Wisconsin and Minnesota Horse Councils. After more discussion, Karin Peterson requested that Phil amend his motion to a one year trial period. Motion carried. There were nominations for people to be on the councils. Patty Jo Walter was nominated but she declined. It was decided to let

the volunteers be the ones to join the councils for the Club. They are Linda Syverson-Kerr for Wisconsin and Kristen Lee for Minnesota.

Auction at Winter Meeting: DeAnna Weed will be in charge.

Pink Stalls: There will be pink or orange tape on stalls that have been paid for but will not be used by the person who paid for it. These will be communal stalls.

Bulletin Board: At the east end of the barn will be an official bulletin board.

Donation for permanent warm up arena: This money could come from auction money. The arena will be enclosed and free of any items. Motion made to donate \$2275.00 for a permanent fully enclosed warm up arena. m/s/c

Donation to therapeutic riding stable: Joni Griffin proposed a donation for a fire alarm system at a therapeutic riding stable. She was looking for a \$2500.00 donation. Motion was made but tabled for more information on the cost and more specific information about what they wanted to purchase. Motion to have an update at the winter meeting and act on it at that time. m/s/c

Patti Jo mentioned that the Club scrapbook would be with the merchandise for sale if anyone wanted to look at it.

8:30 p.m. adjourn m/s/c

After the meeting an auction was held for a picture by Pat Holland \$70, glass trophy vase \$20 and a glass wine glass \$25. The funds will go to the Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Therine Gudknecht
Secretary