



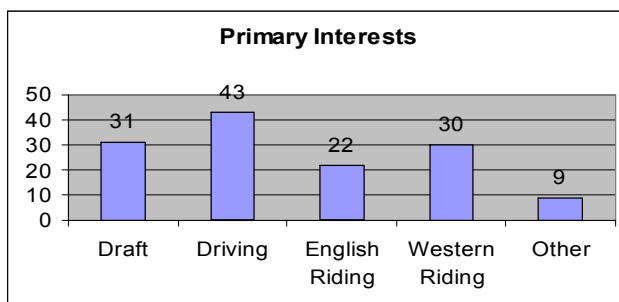
2008 Winter Meeting
Survey Results
February 24, 2008

Mission

The mission of the Midwest Fjord Horse Club (MWFHC) is to promote high-quality versatile Fjord horses, encourage their use in any discipline, educate people about the Fjord horse, and promote fellowship amongst Fjord enthusiasts.

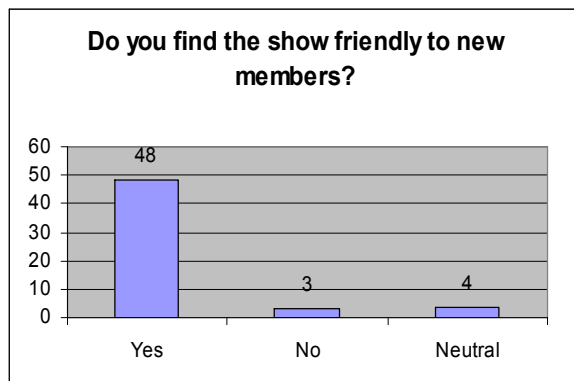
How we use our Fjords

- Out of the 56 surveys received, our club members own an average of 5.1 Fjords
- Other Primary Interests included:
 - Trail Riding, Breeding and Farm Work



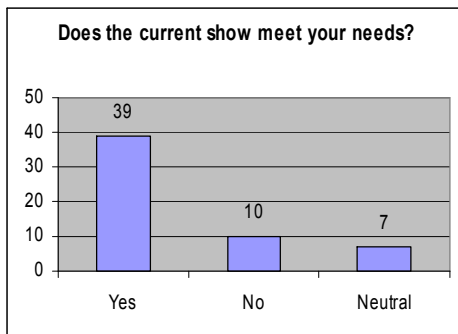
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- On average, members have attended the Blue Earth Show for 10.7 years.



"If as a club, we are not friendly to new members then the club certainly does not meet my needs."

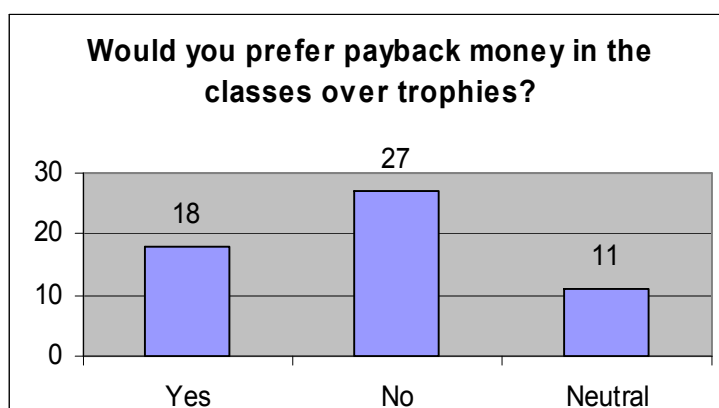
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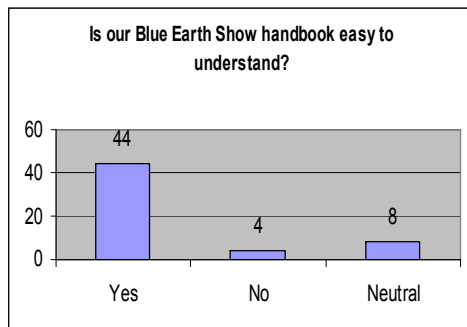
"NO" Elaborations

- Novice should be separated out from the others for their safety.
 - Elaboration by judges- Strengths/weaknesses would be appreciated.
 - Board/Committee conflict with showing ability
 - Show is geared more towards driving.
 - Needs more efficient schedule.
 - New members are somewhat set apart as "outsiders".
- Who's has outgrown Blue Earth.
 - Money shouldn't be an issue in order to show.

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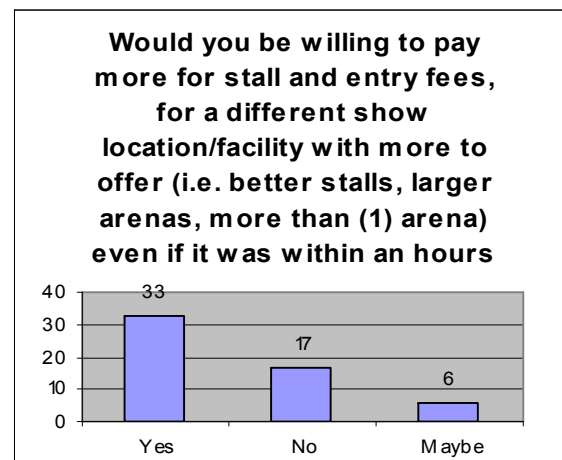
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“NO/YES” Elaborations

- We should be following the handbook from the National level. Copies of that handbook need to be available (show/website).
- Not on website.
- Some rules are not clear enough which results in interpretation and multiple opinions.
- Have not seen it.
- If the judge or ring master has to reread it a third time, its too complicated.
- Frustrating when a member rides 2 handed on a shank bit, or has an older then 6yr old in a snaffle and ridding with 2 hands. If they need to do that because of safety reasons then I question whether they should show.
- Rules very too much from other shows.

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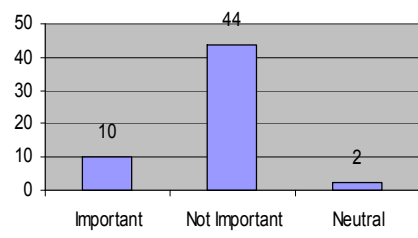


“No/Yes” Elaborations

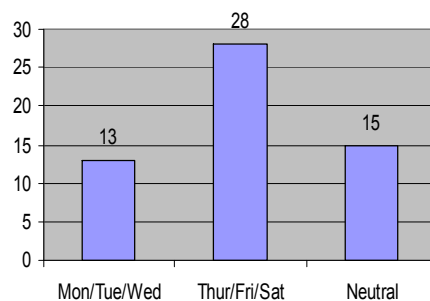
- Yes, as long as the fee increase was reasonable.
- Depends on how much.
- Already too expensive for multiple horses.
- No, unless it was minimal
- If the fee was raised we would have to bring less horses.
- Within Reason

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How important is it to you that the
Blue Earth Show is held at the
same time as the Fairbault County
Fair?

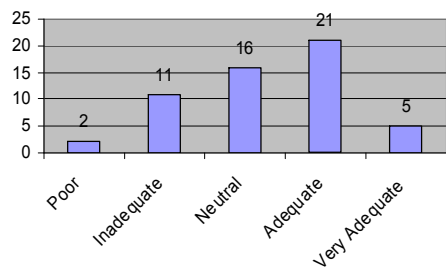


Do you prefer that the show be held on:



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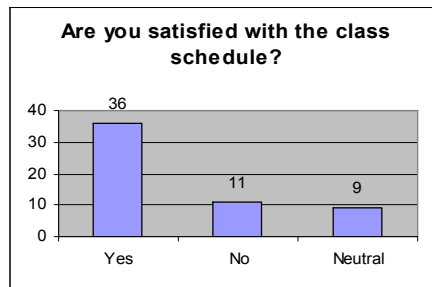
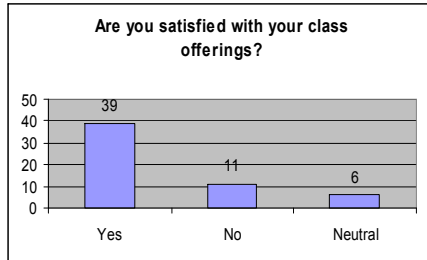
How would you rate the show grounds at
the Blue Earth facilities:



- Safe warm up area.
- Keep Blue Earth as a smaller exhibition and start another show with the organized classes you have now.
- First bag of shavings provided was only 1/2 bag.

- Indoor Arena for an alternative space.
- Have adequate camping for everyone.
- Safer, more adequate stall conditions.
- Better announcer/sound system into barn area.
- Grounds haven't been developed compared to monies donated/provided.
- Think it is wise to move the show around the MWFH area every other year to be near others who might think Blue Earth is to far to haul horses.

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- Western and English on different days
- Divide Novice from Non Novice
- Mandatory safety checks for driving-helmets on Jr's.
- Weanlings separate from yearlings
- Management decides when to split classes, not the judge.
- Should have amateur, youth and open division for all riding classes. This is standard in other associations.
- Classes for Seniors.
- Classes should be more organized by categories. Halter all on one day, all english, all western, etc.

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Classes you would like ADDED

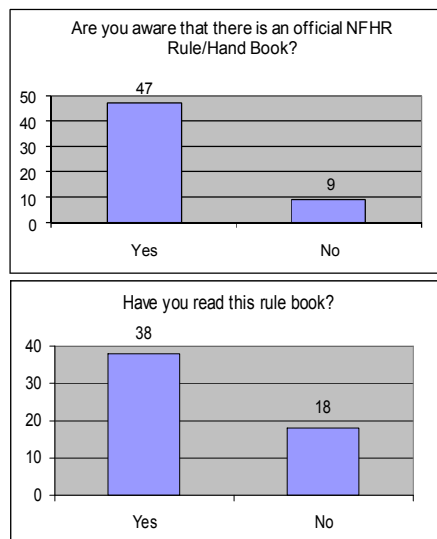
- Possible higher jumping class, more games
- Lunge Line class for young horses.
- Rail discipline class for pleasure horses.
- Amateur and Novice English/Western
- Dressage-Intro and Training Level
- Pairs Classes (horses traveling in synchrony etc)
- In-hand classes for 1-2yr olds.
- TRACE PACE
- Liberty in hand trail.
- A time limited versatility class.
- Don't add any more classes, the show is long enough.

Classes you would like ELIMINATED

- Walk/Trot/In-hand trial class, one or the other.
- Anything under 6 entries
- Games (don't promote the quality of the horse)
- Smallest driving classes-3 or less
- Endless driving classes



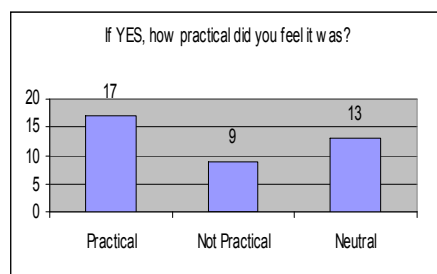
NFHR Rule Book



If NO Why?

- Don't have it or lost it.
- No access to it.
- Doesn't pertain to the MWFHC show.
- Too Long...lost interest.
- Too Complicated

NFHR Rule Book



- If the registry has a rule book it should be followed-no exceptions.
- Not practical to implement on volunteer labor
- Too much of it is "cut and paste" from other breed registers. It doesn't provide guidelines/flexibility which shows the versatility of the breed in the various disciplines.
- Somewhat cost prohibitive i.e. if in driving, whip person/header needs to be fully dressed in proper attire. Is this really necessary?

Photographer

