

MWFHC General Membership Winter Meeting  
03.14.09  
Cannon Falls, Minnesota

Present: Chuck Kelly, Susie Sadlon, Patti Jo Walter, Anne Weyker, Therine Gudknecht

President Sadlon called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She thanked the winter meeting committee.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

The treasurer's report distributed and approved.

Pat Holland talked about the Blue Earth Show. The show schedule has been changed based on a survey sent out last year. Dave Schwartz will be the judge. Horsn' Around magazine will be the photographer. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show will be the same year as the 150th anniversary of the Faribault County Fair. Pat hopes to have a free show to give back to members.

Marlin Krupp invited the club to the fair in 2009 and 2010. The dates will be July 19, 20 and 21, 2009. In 2010, the days will be Tuesday through Sunday for the fair. He asked if the club would be interested in starting our show on Tuesday instead of Monday.

Anne Weyker spoke regarding having add/drop forms at Blue Earth for sign up and changes. It was suggested that members get sponsors for classes. For every three sponsors a member has, that person would get a free class at Blue Earth. The person with the most sponsors would receive a magnificent prize yet to be determined.

Chuck Kelly spoke about the Madison Horse Fair. If people get their ads to him for items they would like to sell, he will have them advertised at the horse fair.

At Blue Earth there will be no foal classes. Everyone should read their show packet. There will be no animal abuse allowed and no foul language. Chuck Kelly will be the designated complaint person.

If anyone has the first aid kit, please return it or the club will purchase another one.

It was asked of the members if people would want to have the auction money go towards a free show in 2010. There was much discussion regarding the use of money going for this purpose or for education.

The winter meeting committee should have submitted a budget.

Patti Jo Walter talked about charging different fees for members and non-members at Blue Earth. A class fee for a member would be \$10 while a non-member fee would be

\$15. If those people joined the club, they would pay the lower fee. Youth would be excluded from the additional fee if they are not members.

Patrick Walter will film how to trim the mane and put a 3-5 minute video on the MWFHC web site. We hope to have a shorter version on the web site and a larger more complete one to either sell or give away. We agreed to pay Patrick \$225 for one video.

The MWFHC will sponsor a high point award at Harvest Moon in Mason City in September for a cost of \$30.m/s/c

The adoption of the NFHR rules was brought up and discussed at length. Motion to table the discussion until the summer meeting and vote at that time. m/s/c

Dawn Schlickman gave an update on the clothing and the web site store will be coming soon.

Patti Jo Walter spoke on the newsletter and some new articles that will be coming.

Dee Anna Weed talked about the web site and the membership.

The dates for the Midwest Horse Fair in Madison are April 17, 18 and 19.

The Valley Grove Church has sent an invitation to join them with our horses for a country social on September 20, 2009 from 1-4 p.m.

Robin Holland gave a presentation on white markings on the Fjord.

There will be an election of officers this year. If anyone would like to run for office, they are urged to send in their bio by April 1.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m. followed by the silent and live auction.

Respectfully submitted,

Therine Gudknecht  
Secretary