

MIDWEST FJORD HORSE CLUB  
WINTER MEETING  
March 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President, Patti Jo Walter at 8:52 a.m. in the Riverport Inn, Winona, Minnesota. All member of the Executive Committee were present; Patti Jo Walter, Chuck Kelly, Susie Sadlon, Anne Weyker and Therine Gudknecht.

Patti Jo reported on the happy news of new babies in the Club – all girls – born to Andrew and Liz Hinrichs, Kathy Blaszczyk and Steve and Jennifer Kelling. She also reported on Robin Holland and Jessica Reuterskold's continuing education.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented. Kathy Johnson asked if there were regulations on how much money a non-profit could have in their treasury. Chuck Kelly answered that there was no limit.

The secretary's report was approved on a motion by Mike Sadlon and seconded by Carol Makosky. Passed.

Patti Jo thanked Wanda Hase and Joni Griffin for setting up the clinic and meeting. We need a committee for next year. Anyone interested was asked to contact a member of the Committee.

**Old Business:**

The Club still has DVD's for sale. The next one will be on harness fitting. Andrew Hinrichs is working on this one.

The Club show will be held July 16, 17 and 18 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as the Club voted to move the show to a new location.

Please check the website to see what is happening in the Club.

The Club newsletter will be e-mailed to members unless they ask to have it sent by snail mail.

Ramona Redfield has agreed to be co-chair of the show to help Kathy Blaszczyk. Julie Snape will be the announcer for the show. She is looking for help to announce when she is not able to do it.

Patti Jo reported that used tack would be available in the barn and that Dawn Schlickman would also have clothing there for sale.

**New Business:**

A video of the Kirkwood facilities was shown. Patti Jo told members that the stalls would be assigned ahead of time and each person would receive notification of which door to park near. For each stall rented members are required to purchase two bags of shavings from the facility.

Camping at Kirkwood will be \$20 per day. Stalls will be \$20 for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. For horses staying Monday night or coming in before Friday, there will be an additional charge of \$15 per stall.

Horses will need a Coggins and a Health Certificate.

For members who own and show in at least one class, every fourth stall will be free to the member and paid for by the Club.

Patti Jo announced that the class fees would be \$10 per class and \$14 for late entries. The prices would be double for non-members. There are tack stalls available for \$40 and they could be shared by multiple people.

If the Club brings 75 horses, the cost per stall is \$40 and there is no facility fee. For this year, the Club will pay \$20 per stall. The facility has agreed to waive the 75 horse minimum this year.

Heike Lewandowski moved to leave prices the same as last year to give people an opportunity to see how it goes the first year.

Chuck Kelly moved to mimic last year's show with glassware, ribbons, etc. to make the first show in a new location a successful one. 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed

Sue Plein asked if the members would vote to see if the Club wanted to stay at Kirkwood for the next three years after the show this year and before the contract was signed for the next three years.

Heike amended her motion to set the class fees this year to \$5 per class and reduce the payback in each class by \$1. The motion was seconded by Kathy Johnson and passed.

Bonnie Liermann asked if we could add some additional game classes. Ann Longfellow moved to look into adding new games and Bonnie seconded. The motion was rescinded and they will work with the show committee.

Kristin Lee has agreed to be the division head for the trail classes.

The judge will be Rae Ann Bratz.

The photographer will be Alisa Ham from Iowa.

There is a hotel next to the facility but it doesn't have a pool.

There was a reminder that the Club will sponsor horse fairs.

Sponsorships were discussed. Heike Lewandowski asked if anyone would be committed to soliciting businesses. No one has been designated for this year.

Julie Cramer asked about fund raising maybe by putting on a show similar to the one done last year. The public would pay to attend. Joni thinks we should get established this year and maybe do this next year.

The Rural Heritage magazine will have a Fjord article in it in April as will the Equine Journal in May.

Howard and Sophie Fiedler and Sue Plein gave an update on the NFHR. They suggested people look at the NFHR website for webinars. The NFHR will be rotating their meetings to different areas of the country in the next three years. They would like to coordinate one of their meetings with a MWFHC winter meeting possibly next year.

Sophie brought up the possibility of an NFHR evaluation the day after the Club show. She would need 15-20 horses and the cost would be around \$100 per horse. She passed around an interest sheet and at the end of the meeting she reported that there was enough interest to hold the evaluation.

Sad news to report was the death of Irene Clark and Peg Knutson.

Mike Sadlon wanted clarification on where the riding and driving classes would be held. He wondered if they would be inside or outside and suggested that they all be held in the same arena. All classes will be held inside.

Chuck Kelly requested volunteers to count the ballots for the election of officers. The Club needs someone to run for Vice President. Anne Weyker will run for treasurer and Pat Holland will run for secretary. Others are welcome to run for all positions.

Therine Gudknecht reported that the Steele County Fair in Owatonna will have Fjord classes for anyone interested in attending another show. The dates are August 20 and 21.

There may also be a possibility of Fjord classes at the county fair in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Marlin Krupp thanked the Club for the last 25 years at Blue Earth and congratulated the Club on moving to the new facility. He reported that the Faribault County Fair would be July 19-23 and there would be a Fjord show there on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mike Sadlon moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. Seconded by Joni Griffin and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Therine Gudknecht

Secretary