

MIDWEST FJORD HORSE CLUB

WINTER MEETING

JULY 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Patti Jo Walter at 6:28 PM in the Iowa Equestrian Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. All members of the MWFHC Executive Committee were present: Patti Jo Walter, Chuck Kelly, Susie Sadlon, Anne Weyker and Therine Gudknecht.

A welcome was addressed to all members at our new show facilities by President Walter with brief comments regarding the move and change of venue.

The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Rob McKenzie and seconded by Kay Van Netta.

The secretary's report was approved on a motion by Heike Lewandowski and seconded by Vickie Hovre.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was noted that the winter meeting operated at a loss >\$711.00< regarding income through attendance fees alone. However auction and cloths sales created an addional resource for the club by \$946.13.

Election results were announced to reflect Chuck Kelly as President, Heika Lewendowski as Vice President, Pat Holland as Secretary and Anne Weyker as Treasurer.

Past officers, Susan Sadlon and Therine Gudknecht were acknowledged for their work, dedication and vision for the MWFHC.

Patti Jo Walter stepped aside to pass the President's office over to Chuck Kelly. Chuck presented Patti Jo with gifts of appreciation for her dedication as President.

DVD sales are going well with the news of international sales. Andrew Hinrichs spoke of his working toward a harnessing video and the tack fitting video.

DeeAnna Weede updated us on the MWFHC web design with the membership on line abilities.

Dawn Schlickman spoke that she has new designs available for sale.

Sophie Fiedler informed the membership that the 2011 NFHR Evaluation (which was to be held after the 26th Annual MWFHC show – at Kirkwood) was cancelled due to lack of participation entrees. She spoke of the importance of NFHR sanctioned Evaluations, and gave information regarding the Award of Excellence program NFHR offers.

Howard Fiedler informed the membership that NFHR, The Herald and NFHR website are all doing well. He spoke about the program "Favorite Trail Horse" on HRTV which will highlight a Fjord represented by

Storrs Bishop into their programming this fall. Howard also informed the membership that in an effort to do more fun things with our horses, consideration might be given to attend a Mounted Cowboy Shooting clinic available next fall in Spring Green, WI.

Sue Pleim addressed the membership of the NFHR annual meeting that will be held March 16th, 17th & 18th 2012 at the University of Minnesota – Leatherdale facility in conjunction with the MWFHC. A teaching venue will once again be presented in areas of dressage, English and western riding, driven dressage, bits, ground driving, and presentations on nutrition from DVM's from the U of M.

NEW BUSINESS:

New member Lauren Cordes spoke on how welcome she felt at this year's show and how impressed she was with the facilities and membership.

Deb Ulrick announced she had two Norwegian interns working for her this summer and Sophie Fiedler introduced their Danish intern.

Items of interest for this year's show was addressed concerning photographers backdrop, flash from the camera and horses reaction, shavings, where carts could be stored, hook ups, outdoor arena, show office location, schedule for volunteers safety delegates, division heads and survey report, and door prizes.

Anne Weyker thanked all of those who sponsored classes which brought in \$875.00 to date.

Chuck brought the subject of the weather (extreme heat) to the attention of the exhibitors and asked if they would like the show schedule changed. The membership and exhibitors agreed to run the show as originally developed.

President Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM attendance said "aye".

Submitted by,

Pat Holland

MWFHC Secretary

