

MINUTES – Midwest Fjord Horse Club Winter Meeting – March 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Chuck Kelly. Board members present were Heike Lewandowski, Anne Weyker and Patti Jo Walter.

Patti Jo read the secretary's report from the Summer Meeting. It was approved unanimously. The treasurer's report was also approved.

Old Business

Andrew Hinrichs reported that the harness-fitting DVD has been completed and is now available for purchase. Anne Weyker reported that the club is now making a profit on the two DVDs that were produced in 2009 and 2010. The two DVDs cost a total of \$1240 to produce and purchases total \$1415 to date. All three DVDs will be on sale this weekend with special prices for multiple purchases. Anne also encouraged members to continue their support of sponsorships for the 2012 Fjord show.

DeeAnna Weed spoke briefly about the club website and encouraged members to contact her to post information under various categories.

Laurie Mattson, newsletter editor, is planning to get an edition out after the Winter Meeting. She has ideas for several types of feature articles to include in the newsletter.

Tish Pasqual introduced herself as the new membership chair and encouraged members to contact her with any questions. It was noted that Nancy Hotovy is now in charge of sending out "Tidbits" and members were reminded that this is the place for timely announcements.

Evaluations: Jeanne Poirer of the NFHR noted that they hope to schedule an evaluation in the Midwest region this summer. She passed around a sign-up sheet to explore the interest in holding an evaluation.

Mounted Shooting Clinic: Chuck Kelly noted that Minneapolis or Spring Green, WI, would be the two possible locations for holding this event. The clinic provides one-day training on mounted shooting, with the organizers providing the guns and instruction. Twelve-twenty members are needed to hold a clinic. More information to follow.

NFHR: Jeff Pedersen, president, introduced board members present at the meeting. He encouraged members of the MWFHC to attend their group's meeting on Sunday. He also introduced other board members present and noted that they hope to rejuvenate interest in the program for training evaluators.

New Business

Horse Show: Kathy Blaszczyk and Monie Redfield, show chairs, presented information for the 2012 Fjord show at Kirkwood. Entry fees will be \$10/class and stall fees will remain at \$20 and \$40 for tack stalls. The proposed class list was discussed briefly. It was noted that some new classes for novice and inexperienced riders have been added.

After some discussion it was agreed that cones will not be re-set in the various obstacle driving classes. A proposed stall decorating contest will be featured at this year's show; more details forthcoming. Heike Lewandowski will be handling the high point and versatility awards record-keeping for this year's show.

Chuck Kelly noted that there will be several large fans added in the show arena to improve circulation. He also showed members the tankards that will be awarded in various championship classes.

It was agreed that the 2013 Winter Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Midwest Horse Fair in Madison. The 2014 Winter Meeting will coincide with the Minnesota Horse Fair. Bob Long will coordinate motel and meeting arrangements for 2013 and Tish Pasqual will chair the 2014 event.

Kathy Johnson voiced some concerns with the numbers of horses in need of rescue, due to the current economy. She will head an ad hoc committee with several volunteers to approach the Midwest Horse Council and other groups about helping in this effort.

Therine Gudknecht announced dates for several Fjord shows this summer – one in Blue Earth and one in Owatonna, MN. She has information available. Andrew Hinrichs announced details for a show in Fergus Falls, MN.

Kay Barnhart would like to see a Fjord Fun Day held where non-registered Fjords could also take part. She will investigate this possibility.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Anne Weyker, Acting Secretary