

MINUTES – Midwest Fjord Horse Club

Annual Meeting - July 27, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm by Vice President Heike Lewandowski. Board members present were Anne Weyker, Kristin Lee and Patti Jo Walter. President Chuck Kelly was not present.

The minutes from the winter meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously. The treasurer's report was also approved.

Old Business

Heike Lewandowski announced that Kristin Lee would fill the secretary position for the remainder of the term as Pat Holland had stepped down.

Membership - The club's membership is currently at 250 members - Wisconsin (100), Minnesota (79), Illinois (25), Iowa (18), Michigan (5), Indiana (5), Ohio (4), South Dakota (4), Texas (2), North Dakota (1), Colorado (1), North Carolina (1) and Nova Scotia (2). A map was passed around showing where the members live. A second map was passed around showing where the show participants were coming from for the 2012 Midwest Fjord Horse Club show.

Newsletter – No report.

Website – No report.

New Business

NFHR -Howard Fiedler reported that the NFHR currently has a membership of approximately 850 members. The DNA testing process is now on the Internet for easy use. Board elections are coming up and Howard encouraged people to consider running for a board position (there are currently no members from our club on the NFHR board). The NFHR will be working on "cleaning up" their By-laws in the months to come.

New Members - Vice President Lewandowski welcomed new members. There were approximately 8 – 10 new members present.

Meeting – Bob Long reported on plans for the 2013 Mid Winter Meeting which will be held in conjunction with the Midwest Horse Fair in Madison April 19 – 21, 2013. Hotel rooms have been reserved for our group in a block at the Quality Inn on Vicksburg. Rooms will cost \$99 per night. There will be a banquet on Friday evening. Bob encouraged everyone to attend . Keep yours eyes open for further information.

Evaluations – Sophie Fiedler reported that there will be an Evaluation some time next year in the Madison area. Two breeders have already shown interest in participating. Sophie displayed posters showing different fjord mares and stallions and explained that there are many different approved confirmation types . Sophie also informed the group of a 2 day ADS Annual Members Meeting in Madison and Fitchburg, Wisconsin from September 28 – 30, 2012. The NFHR is breed partners with ADS. If interested, check out the ADS website for more information.

Karen Peterson thanked Tyler Schlickman and Mike Sadlon for all their support with the log skid classes at last year’s show. Arrangements were made for a Log Skid clinic during the show to let new people try it out.

Show Committee – Co-chairpersons, Kathy Blaszczyk and Monie Redfield, made announcements about the upcoming horse show. Special gifts would be given out to the youth participants. An opening ceremony was being planned every morning of the show. Heike Lewandowski, Denny Redfield, Mike Sadlon and members of our youth would be riding/driving their horses in the arena displaying our flag during the National Anthem.

A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around. . A pizza party was planned for Sunday night. A photographer would be taking pictures throughout the show and pictures could be viewed at: **[www. Myredboarnphoto.com](http://www.Myredboarnphoto.com)**

A special “thank you” was given to the co-chairs for all their hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at a 7:18 pm.