

Conference Call Minutes – September 4, 2013

Heike Lewandowski, Kay Van Natta, Sarah Weyker and Kristin Lee were on the conference call. Chuck Kelly was not available.

Sarah sent out a survey on August 23rd to as many past and present members that we could locate to get feedback on future show sites. Sarah used the website “Survey Monkey”. The Board agreed that Sarah did an excellent job presenting the four locations in consideration for next year’s show.

The survey results showed strong support for hosting the show in West Salem on July 10 – 13, 2014 in conjunction with the NFHR Evaluations. There were many supportive comments with a few negative comments.

Heike expressed concern that the new location may not guarantee getting the draft people back but it’s a step in the right direction.

Sarah was pleased with the survey and that it gave a good chance for people to give feedback and to see that people want the show in a central location.

The Board discussed the reasoning why the club has not wanted to work with the NFHR on the Evaluations. It was brought up that at the 25th Anniversary there were many horses and that by adding the Evaluation, it may have been too chaotic or that the Midwest Club is in conflict with using the NFHR rules.

The Board would like to build relations with the NFHR going forward and try to support each other in an attempt to bring owners/members together.

Kay is in support of having both the Midwest Show in West Salem AND the show in Blue Earth. She is in favor of having more options to show the breed.

Heike will send out a Welcome Letter to the membership to share the survey results and express the Board’s goal of working together and moving forward. She will send the letter to the Board for approval before sending it out.

Sarah agreed to stay on the Show Committee. Heike will contact Monie Redfield and Julie Kramer to see if they want to stay on the committee. Kristin and her daughter, Anna Lee, would like to help on reviewing and “cleaning up” the show packet with Sarah. Bob Long has someone that will help on the show committee if needed. Heike will continue working with the High Point awards. Sarah expressed concern about having a 2-day show vs. a 3-day show and we will look at eliminating and combining some classes.

Heike said that the Club received a \$100 donation from Andrew Hinrich’s Unique Breed Show last weekend for having the most horses from one association at the show. Kristin (1), Heike (1) and Hinrichs (4 horses).