

Conference Call Minutes –Monday, January 20, 2014

Kay Van Natta, Sarah Weyker and Kristin Lee were on the conference call with Heike Lewandowski joining towards the end. Monie Redfield and Lisa Lovett also called in to give reports. Chuck Kelly was not available. Kristin set up the call through Freeconferencecalls.com and everyone was able to call in.

SHOW COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Monie has contacted the Americinn in West Salem and they have quoted us rates of \$79.00 per night for Wednesday and Thursday and \$109.00 per night for Friday and Saturday for the July evaluation and show. The rates include breakfast, pool and hot tub. The Americinn is located across the street from the fairgrounds. Monie will also contact MicroInn and Hampton Inn to find out their rates.

Sarah reported that we do have a signed contract with the Fair Board and she will send a copy to Monie. We still do not have a contract signed for the judge but Bob Long assured us that the NFHR would supply us with an Evaluator that will also judge the show. We agreed that we need to get a contract signed ASAP. Kristin will send a copy of our contract to Bob Long to send to the NFHR for completion.

Monie will contact Wisconsin POA members for show photographer suggestions.

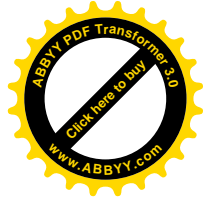
MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Sarah has been working very hard on updating our membership list. She is going to cross reference her list with the Tidbits list to see who we are missing, etc. Sarah gave estimation on the current numbers. The club has approximately 176 members on the list but roughly half have paid their dues. She reported that as many as 37 people do not have a current e-mail on file.

Kay brought up the possibility of changing the membership renewal date to January 1 vs. July 1. We agreed to continue the discussion at the Spring General Meeting.

Sarah received a reply from our ad for a new Membership Chairperson. Janie Johnston from Illinois is interested in the position and fits all the qualifications that we asked for. We took a vote and all agreed that we would love to have Janie on the team. Sarah will contact her. After Janie confirms taking the position, we will contact Lisa to put an announcement in the Tidbits.

Sarah has not received any of the past membership files from Tish yet. Kristin will contact Tish again.



TIDBITS:

Lisa educated the Board on the process of putting together the Tidbits. All articles are sent to Lisa and she edits them and sets up the Tidbits. Then she sends the information to DeeAnna Weed and DeeAnna e-mails the Tidbits out to the membership.

SPRING MEEETING:

Kristin reported that plans are underway for the spring meeting. She received news that the MN Horse Expo has given the Fjord group two clinic times (Friday and Saturday morning) in the new Ag Arena. Phil Odden will lead the two sessions about the Evaluation process with regard to confirmation, performance and driving. This is exciting news and should help draw club members and other Fjord owners to the Expo and the club meeting.

Kristin will contact Tish Pasqual about the banquet and hotel arrangements. The Board discussed the options of a heavy appetizer or dinner buffet. Kristin will work with Sarah on a distribution list to send out communications to current and past members. Kristin will also send the hotel information to Lisa for the next Tidbits.

Heike joined the call towards the end and was filled in on the major topics that were addressed and Heike agreed to call Kristin in the next few days to get updated on the rest of the conference call discussions. Heike also confirmed that she did contact Cedar Rapids and told them we were not coming back this year.

Our next conference call is scheduled for Monday, February 17th at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Lee

Club Secretary