**PNFPG Fall Meeting**

**November 8, 2014**

**Home of Ben and Holly Finnoe**

Meeting called to order by Kristin Miller at 4:10pm

Spring minutes were read to all in attendance. It was motioned to make the following change to the Spring minutes. There are 2 perpetual awards within the PNFPG. They are the Family Fjord Award and the Patty Peterson Memorial award. Shirley A. motioned to approve this language and Gary A. seconds. Motion is passed and minutes are approved.

Report of Officers

**Chairperson Kritsin Miller**

It is shared that we have all board positions for PNFPG filled. The list of new board members is as follows:

Chair: Ben Finnoe

Promotions Coordinator: Gary Adams

Treasurer: Sherry Dayton

Vice Chair: Michael Sabatini

Barb L. motions that we accept all positions as written. All board members have run unl-opposed. Sherry D. 2nds and motion passes.

**Treasurer’s Report: Matt Halstead via Kristin Miller**

The current balance of the PNFPG is **$11322.38.**  Matt Halstead has agreed to meet with and bring up to speed our oncoming treasurer Sherry Dayton. Michelle N. motions to approve the budget as written (see attatched report). Linda seconds and motion is approved.

**Promotions**

No new business

**Old Buisness**

**Syttende Mai**

We had several participants from PNFPG participate this year for the 2014 parade in Ballard, WA. Among those we had several drivers and riders. The fjord horse was well represented and we hope to see more folks participate in this event next year.

**Fjord Affair**

Barb Lynch reports on this event. It was a ton of fun and everyone seemed very positive about this event. Everything really did go well and we learned some things along the way! There were not as many non-fjord horses there but those that attended felt very welcomed. The interaction was very positive and people expressed a desire to have the show again next year. There were participants there from WA, OR, ID, and MT. The PNFPG received feedback that our group was very welcoming and reminded many members of the spirit had at our Libby show. The show was a success and we will be hosting it again next year!

**Lilac Parade**

This Armed forces parade is a night time parade. The PNFPG had several members both ridden and driven in attendance. The fjords were a great attraction!

**Evergreen State Fair**

Jerry Froelich and Eric Watness both took horses to this event. They were able to do some demos and the crowds were drawn to our fjords! This was a great event to promote our horses at.

**Kootenai River Show**

Shirley A. reported on this event. This was a great event for drivers and the PNFPG had several members attend. There is talk that there may be more “gaming” style events for drivers next year!

**Deer Lodge**

Michael Sabatini reports on this draft show event. The Deer Lodge show committee expressed interest in opening riding classes for the intermediate draft breeds like Fjords and Halflingers IF it would bring more horses to the event. They appreciate the fjord breed at the show and will consider our requests for this addition to the venue.

**Libby Show**

Shirley Anderson shared her family reflections of the Libby show over the years. Her family first attended Libby in 1993 with their Fjord “Bud”. She recalled that someone attending the show had forgotten their Kimberwick bit. It was remarkable to her that someone else happily loaned those folks their Kimberwick even though they were marching into the same class. Shirley recounts many people from that day who shared their amazing talent and excellence in fjord ownership. It was such a positive and welcoming event to attend. The grandstands in that year were packed and it was standing room only. The PNFPG had some of the top talent in the country represented at Libby yet the atmosphere was relaxed and jubilant. Shirley reminds us all that it wasn’t the venue or town of Libby Montana that made this show so special. It was the people who attended the event that made it what it is!

Brian and Ursula Jensen have cataloged video of Libby over the years and it will be played over our dinner break.

New Venue to replace the Libby International Horse Show…

Ben and Kristin shared that they got feedback from many people that felt they did not have enough information to make a choice on the venue. The board did it’s best to provide answers to questions and address concerns. Ben and Kristin would like to have the show committee members who are in attendance briefly review the top two choices. The choices that received the most votes were Busy Bee and the Davenport location. The show committee agrees to present both venues.

**Davenport: 30 minutes outside of Spokane off Hwy 2**

This facility has easy in and out for trailering. The owners were very welcoming during show committee visit and seemed amenable to doing whatever we needed. There is a bath house with showers, full hook ups for RV, Grandstand w Eagles nest, and a PA system. There is a covered indoor arena, outdoor arena, and stalls. The warm up arena is a good size for drivers and riders. There is also a dining hall with a full kitchen. There are no trails to ride on here. The costs are as follows below:

Cost for 3 day facility rental: $525.00

Kitchen/Dining Hall $200/weekend

Stalls $5/day

Shavings $6

RV camping $20 dry, $25 full

Total Club cost $725.00 for the weekend

Dates in August available are 7-9th, 14-16th, 28-30th

**DINNER BREAK**

**Charity Auction Held after dinner**

Fjord Head Embroidered Plush Vest: $25.00 Kim Anderson

Synthetic Halter: $25.00 Barb Lynch

Cowboy theme picture frame: $10.00 Barb Lynch

Leather English Bridle Set: $70.00 Jerry Froelich

English Mohair Girth 52”: $2.50 Breanne Stromberg

Horse Welcome Sign: $52.50 Gary Adams

Window Fjord Decals: 17.50 Breanne S. and $17.50 Sherry Dayton

Uf Da Happens T shirts : $67.50 Holly Finnoe

Horse Bridle Hook: $17.50 Shirley Anderson

Antique Bread Box: $7.50 Ted ?

X-mas Ornament: $25.00 Ursula Jensen

Fishing Mug: $5.00 Barb Lynch

Fleece Jacket: $37.50 Shirley Anderson

Donation $20.00 Barb Lynch

Total Raised: $400.00

**MEETING RESUMES**

**Busy Bee Venue**

Miles of Trails, No showers or bathrooms. Limited RV hookups (about 5). Indoor arena is very small and not available for our show use. There are 2 outdoor arenas available for use. There are no grandstands or PA system. Nearest hotel is about 5 miles away. There is also a truck stop nearby with showers. No dining hall available. PNFPG would need to rent portable toilets for the weekend. There is a possibility of large dump trucks using access road on Friday as there is also a landscape business. Pricing is listed below:

Rental fee for 3 days $1000.00

RV cost $15.00/day

Dry camping $0

Outdoor stalls $20

Shavings: 1st pile free with stall, additional piles $10

Porta Potty rental $320.00

Dates available are any in August.

Voting is tallied and complete. The Annual International Horse Show venue is DAVENPORT! Shirley Anderson motions to hold the show Aug 14-16th. Breanne Stromberg seconds and motion passes.

**New Buisness**

Storage shed on showgrounds at Libby. PNFPG needs to discuss moving/replacing it. Shirley A. suggests that we move the shed ASAP as the longer we wait the more likely it will become property of the park. She recommends we hire someone to move it.

Ben F. suggests that we list the shed for sale locally with local pickup only.

Shirley advises that the PNFPG establishes ownership of the shed in writing before listing it for sale. The PNFPG must get in touch with the park office to get negotiations going on permission to sell shed. Shirley motions that Sherry Dayton contact the county and get communications going on this issue.

Discussion continues…It is mentioned that we offer the city first right of refusal to purchase shed. Greg volunteers to help move the shed if that is what the PNFPG decides. Rebecca Adams moves to put a price value on the shed so that it can be sold. Shirley A seconds and the motion passes. Barb L moves to set the price of the shed at $750.00 minimum and $1000.00 maximum. Suzy S. seconds and motion passes.

**Newsletter- Gretchen Payne**

Gretchen has expressed to Kristin Miller that she needs some assistance with the newsletter and constant contact system. See document sent from Gretchen Payne.

Suzy Sabatini is willing to volunteer to take over the duty of constant contact. Holly F. mentioned that constant contact costs the PNFPG about $150.00 per year. She mentioned that there are companies in the market that can do this duty for free or very low cost. Shirley A mentions that we could do some research to find out more information about a company to do this for the PNFPG. Other members mention that Spam is an issue with some of these low cost companies. Shirley moves that the PNFPG develop a committee (Shirley and Holly and Suzy) to research options for constant contact. . Kim A seconds and motion passes.

The second issue with the newsletter per Gretchen P. is the time it takes to complete packaging and postmarking of newsletters. Gretchen mentions the possibility of purchasing a pre paid postage machine. Barb L. and Kim Anderson agree to be responsible for picking up newsletter from publisher and completing prep and postage for sending to members. This way once the newsletter goes to publisher the duty is complete for Gretchen.

**Upcoming Events 2015**

**\*PNFPG insurance covers the group as a whole but not members personally.**

Synttendai Mai May 2015

Fjord Affair mid to late June 2015

John Wayne Trail

Lilac Parade

Deer Lodge Draft show

**PNFPG Medallion Award**

This is an award given to members that consistently go the extra mile for our club. These folks fuel the fire to keep our club alive and thriving. This year the award is given to three members. Gretchen Payne, Barb Lynch, Fred Lynch. Congratulations!!!

**Spring Meeting 2015- Date TBD**

Sherry D. motions to hold our Spring meeting during the Fjord Affar weekend in 2015. Jerry F seconds and the motion passes.

Gary Adams motions to adjourn our fall meeting, Jerry F. seconds and motion passes. Meeting adjourned.