PNFPG FALL MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2018

Michaels On The Lake, Moses Lake, WA

1:00pm

Meeting conducted by Barb Lynch, filling in temporarily as Chair after resignation of Ben Finnoe during spring meeting.

Officers present: Barb Lynch, Sherrie Dayton, Linda Stevenson

Attendees: Fred Lynch, Bonnie Morris, Marta Olejnik

Visitor: Bernice Ende

(NOTE: at least 7 additional members had said they would come and cancelled at the last minute)

Welcome to all in attendance

Minutes of the fall meeting: Sherrie proposed accepting them as posted online. All approved. Minutes are posted on the PNFPG website.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

CHAIR : Barb acting as chair until new chair person voted in. Nothing additional to report

VICE CHAIR: no report

TREASURER’s REPORT :

 Starting Balance $10,296.39

 Income

 Dues 642.39

 Donations 220.00

 Insurance refund 72.00

 **Total Income 934.39**

 Expenses

 Show

 Stackable Barrels 830.00

 Judge air fare 197.99

 Banner (horse show) 132.50

 Advertising 420.00

 Ribbons 1,205.99

 Ace Septic 275.60

 Holly; misc show prizes & supplies 449.58

 Total Show expenses $ 3,511.66

 Misc Office expenses 141.58

**Total Expenses $ 3,653.24**

 Ending Balance $ 7,577.54

* All supplies (barrels, ribbons, prizes) will be used in future shows
* When the show was cancelled the show committee tried to contact everyone involved but forgot about the porta pottie’s. The wildland firefighters were stationed at the fairgrounds during this time and, even though they had their own porta potties, they naturally used the ones we had ordered as well, not realizing the difference so we still had to pay for them because they had been ordered and used.
* We hope to be able to use the judge’s airfaire in 2019. We have 6 months to use it and we can renew it for another amount of time after that so hopefully, especially if we have the same judge, we won’t lose that money.
* Though we have no income to show for the show expenses this year, next year will show much less expenses, especially for prizes and supplies.
* Donations: many of the people who sent in money for sponsorships for the show advised us to keep the checks as a donation to the club. These generous individuals were: Pam Garafalo, Stacy Wilson, Penny Booker, Brianne & Scott Stromberg, Vance & Jolene Geisinger.

There were others who indicated on facebook that they would send in donation checks but those checks did not materialize.

* In 2018 we advertised for free in the Country Co-op paper and also in the Sandpoint Daily Bee. Unfortunately that is a loss. The final advertisement scheduled on Wednesday before the show was printed with CANCELLED across the front. That is a lost expense for us but we hope to advertise again in 2019 to bring in more visitors because we’ve heard that people would like to come if they knew about it.

Fred move to accept treasurer report as read, Bonnie 2nd, all approved

SECRETARY: Current membership is 51. 12 Members who expired in August/Sept have been notified twice by email. After the spring meeting Linda began the practice of sending out email reminders as membership expirations drew near. This has been helpful because membership duration has been changed to 1 yr or 5 yrs from the joining/renewal date and it’s hard for people to remember unless it was done at the show and they come to the show every year. Many of our members had included membership with their show checks which were voided after the show. Those who still needed to send replacement checks for the membership have been notified twice by email. Three of those people still need to send the checks and their memberships are expired.

SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT:

* The 2018 show had to be cancelled due to hazardous smoke conditions. This decision was made after a great deal of online discussion on facebook and after Barb called every competitor. It was felt that, for the health of the horses primarily, we could not ask them to compete under those conditions and, even if the smoke cleared, it would have taken two weeks or more for their lungs to clear. Also for the health of participants and visitors the show committee reluctantly cancelled the show and did their best to notify everyone.
* The Bonner County Fairgrounds agreed to hold our deposit for 2019
* 90% of the planning for next year’s show plus expenses are already done/incurred
* The Hi-Point program is in need of revisions to make it a fair program that anyone can achieve. Some modifications were planned for the 2018 show and feedback was needed but since the show was cancelled we will have to try again next year.
* Show date change: facebook posting of 5 date options was posted prior to the meeting and responses posted. The last weekend in July got the most votes online. Smoke has been getting worse the last few years. Discussed the available dates and conflicts. All Agreed to schedule the show for the last weekend in July (26-28). Sherrie will contact the fairgrounds to book the dates. After dates are confirmed she will post the news on facebook as well as a call for show committee volunteers. Linda will attempt to get the same judges. The changes will also be posted on the website.
* The main meeting of the year will be during the show as previously agreed in past meetings. The actual date will depend on the show schedule and if there is a presentation as was planned for 2018. Subject to by-law changes they plan to change the meeting requirements from spring and fall meeting to one main meeting during the show and optional meeting(s) during the year via conference call or other means.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Revamping of bylaws : the by-laws were reviewed and discussed by the revising committee and Sherrie presented the changes to the group.

BY-LAW CHANGES: The current process for changing the by-laws is very cumbersome. The by-laws themselves are very cumbersome. The committee that volunteered to propose revisions have come up with a list of proposed changes which Sherrie presented for discussion.

* Article I. Membership
	+ Membership shall be for 1 year (or 5 years) from the date that the dues were paid. (we’ve already implemented this so we just need to change the wording)
* Article III. Organization
	+ Nominating committee shall be the Vice Chair
	+ Add nominations from the floor
	+ Remove item 2. A & B where it talks about making a list of qualifications and then biography’s/resumes from those interested in running
	+ Terms of officers is 2 terms unless there are no volunteers and the current officer is willing to continue in the office
* Article IV: Meetings
	+ Spring meeting to be a conference call or just go to 1 meeting per year
		- At this meeting membership agreed to propose 1 meeting per year to take place during the horse show or at an alternate location if the show is cancelled. If the need arises, other meetings can be scheduled with advanced notice to members and held in any way technically feasible such as conference call, online chat, etc.
* Article V: By-Laws, process to change
	+ Proposed amendments to the PNFPG by-laws shall be made by a majority vote of the Executive Committee (aka club officers). Such amendments shall be presented at the next bi-annual meeting for comment and discussion by the membership for their input. Amendment description along with a ballot will be sent to all the active members with a set time (30 days) for their responses to be received. If majority of votes received agree with the change it will take place immediately. The new revised by-laws will then be posted to the website.

Discussed the changes. When changes are finalized by the committee they will be mailed to the membership for a vote.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We are still in desperate need of a newsletter editor to compile the fall newsletter and fliers during the year. We have not had a newsletter since 2016. Bonnie is considering whether or not it is something she can do. We will post the need again on facebook and hope for some response.

**NEW BUSINESS**

TRAILER STORAGE: Previously it was agreed for convenience that the chair would store the club trailer on their property and bring it to the show. This is impractical if the chair travels a long distance and also competes. Sherrie and Linda were thinking it might be possible to store it nearby in Sandpoint. We would also need storage for the items that don’t fit in the trailer or we would need to buy a bigger trailer. Currently the Finnoe’s are storing everything and they have requested that it all be removed before winter.

* + Linda researched storage facilities nearby. The best ones with security have options for different size indoor storage and covered and uncovered outdoor storage but the prices range from $71/mo for 10X12 indoor storage and $41 for outdoor uncovered storage. Covered outdoor storage 12 x 40 is $129/mo but in all cases there are no vacancies and a long waiting list. The stuff we have is necessary for the show but not particularly valuable to warrant spending a lot of money on storage.
	+ The Geisinger’s have generously offered a 10X12 self storage unit in a facility they own which they were saving for themselves for a discounted rate of $50 or $58. The facility is very close to the show grounds but is not fenced. When the show was cancelled and we could not vote on that option Linda advised them to go ahead and use it.

We were wondering if any members living nearby would have the room and be willing to let us park the trailer and stash the barrels, barrel rings, logs, and poles at their place? We can put something out on facebook about that.

Fred asked if maybe we should consider trading our trailer in for a larger one. We can check around for a larger trailer that could accommodate everything. We estimate it needs to be 28-32’ long to store everything. A stock trailer in decent condition could be modified with internal linings and shelves to accommodate this. If the supplies were stored nearby, anyone could run over and get it. Fred asked if the fairgrounds would be willing to let us bring a trailer in 2-3 wks before the show. Sherrie will check.

We also discussed the option of building or placing a shed on the fairgrounds near the arena. Sherrie will see if this is an option. We did not have any break-ins for our shed in Libby but the fairgrounds are not really secure and there are housing develops next door.

2019 SANDPOINT SHOW

2019 Show Committee. New show committee members are desperately needed. It’s time for other people to step up and bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the show. Most of the work for 2019 show is already done. We have lots of information and guidance to provide for the new people if they want it. The suggestion box has been especially helpful in making the show into what our members want, taking into consideration the changing dynamics of the members. If no one steps up, there may not be a show next year. Sherrie will post the need on FB.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairperson – volunteer for Chair = Sherrie Dayton

Treasurer – volunteer for Treasurer = Solveig Watanabe

Bonnie made motion to accept both volunteers. Linda seconded motion.

All voted to approve Sherrie Dayton as Chair and Solveig Watanabe as Treasurer. Ben Finnoe will be removed as a signer on the club account and Solveig Watanabe will be added as a signer. Sherrie Dayton will remain a signer on the account.

Date of spring meeting: Barb suggested Sherrie, as chair, will check with Ben’s schedule for a date for a spring conference call meeting. All agreed.

Fred made motion to adjourn at 3:18, seconded by Bonnie, all approved.

After the meeting we enjoyed a short presentation by Bernice Ende, Lady Long Rider and purchased her books. She is currently on a nationwide book tour with her horses and is giving talks at libraries, schools, clubs, and anywhere people want. If she is in the area she will come. Bonnie suggested trying to figure out a date/time when we could try to gather as many fjords as possible for a trail ride with Bernice.