

PACIFIC NORTHWEST FJORD PROMOTIONAL GROUP
SUMMER MEETING DURING THE HORSE SHOW
BONNER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
FRIDAY, 7/26/19

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:35

Reading of the minutes from March 30th meeting : Michelle Noonan made motion to accept the minutes as posted on the website. Second by Barb. Unanimous approval.

Approval or corrections of last meeting minutes: none

Reports of officers:

Chairperson (Sherrie Dayton): nothing to report

Vice-chair (Barb Lynch): has found people to run for offices of Secretary and Vice Chair

Treasurer (Solveig Pedersen): Submitted financial report dated January 1 through July 25, 2019

Summarized:	Income (membership): \$369.47
	Operations Expenses: \$163.12
	Insurance & other : \$707.00
	Travel & Meetings: \$504.16
	Total Expenses: <u>\$1740.64</u>
	Net Income: <u>(\$1371.17)</u>

Secretary (Linda Stevenson):

Membership is down to 45 currently active of which 11 are due to expire later this year. We had several members who renewed with their show packets last year but when the show was cancelled they did not send in a check for the renewal portion. We have 26 people on the list whose memberships expired between August of 2018 and now who have not renewed. I think I sent emails to everyone who was coming due earlier this year. I probably need to send them out again for those expiring later this year.

Newsletter (Bonnie Morris): needs info from people for the fall newsletter. Needs it by end of August. If you don't send her articles, you will see a lot of articles about her farm. Need Gretchen to update Bonnie's contact info on website

Report of show committee: No complete report since we are in the middle of the show. Make sure all changes are cleared with show secretary.

OLD BUSINESS

Equipment trailer: current trailer is not adequate and is not in very good shape. Need a bigger trailer that can haul everything including poles and barrels. Possibly a stock trailer would work if it were lined and insulated a little. We need to focus on a bigger trailer or maybe a double axle trailer and then

find someone in Sandpoint willing to store it. Eagle manufacturing could enclose it for us. Maybe we will try to use the barrels this weekend without the bases and see if we really need them. Shirley asked about licensing for a bigger trailer. We don't expect any changes except with weight. It would need at least ¾ ton truck to pull it. Sherrie asked for approval to look for a trailer. All agreed. Carmen Frentress volunteered her husband to look for a trailer and report back prices at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections:

Vice-chair: Shirley volunteered. All approved.

Secretary: Michelle Noonan suggested Linda Stevenson stay on for a 3rd term. Eric second. Unanimous vote.

New Evaluation program : Eric Watness discussed the aspects of the new evaluation program. NFHR is attempting to restructure it to be more accessible with the ultimate goal of preserving and breeding the best of the best. He said we need to embrace the internet for getting out info. Had everyone go to NFHR.com where the new evaluation handbook is available. They are looking at having evaluations hosted by private farms as a way to reduce costs and make it more affordable for those attending and those hosting. 3 evaluations are planned in 2021. NFHR hasn't had one for 2 yrs and none are planned for 2020. There is one senior and one trainee evaluator available. Looking for people interested in being evaluators.

Section 2 pg 8: borrowed form from Norwegian evaluators. The new training and instruction presents 61 categories that can be evaluated per horse in 30 minutes. Each horse would be judged by their quality via breed standard. There would also be a liberty part to see freedom of movement. Get to see natural movement, including at a canter which cannot be done in hand. Breed character, body muscling, overall impression are things the evaluator would look for. People can take the form from the website and use it to score their own horse according to breed standard. This info will help owners evaluate whether or not their horse should be bred but they will make that decision themselves unlike in Europe. Performance tests will be included.

Europe isn't ready to change their evaluation process but the U.S. is.

Rory and Christine Miller have offered their place for a clinic and evaluation.

Bonnie asked if there was some incentive to get people who own good breeding stock to breed them because many with the good gene pools are currently not being bred. The future of the breed could be in jeopardy if premium mares are not being bred. Also what would be the value of bringing a horse to an evaluation if the owner was not planning to breed. Norway, by contrast, controls the whole breeding process – owners have no say in the matter.

New Show Committee needed for 2020 show: discussed what is needed by show committee members. Mostly behind the scenes organizing during the year.

Show Chairman volunteer- no one offered

Show secretary volunteer – Michelle Noonan

Show committee volunteer- Debra Smith

Linda will put out a list for interested people to sign up.

Archery Clinic: offered by Carmen Frentress at her place if there would be interest. She would donate any profits to the club.

Bonnie suggested maybe making a previous newsletter or a paragraph from the new newsletter available on FB as a taste with a caption “If you want to see more, join the PNFPG”. We have a lot of followers on Facebook but only a small percentage actually pay membership.

Next meeting will be early in 2020. Date to be announced.

Mandy motion to adjourn, all in favor

Meeting adjourned 7:35