PNFPG SPRING MEETING

May 6, 2017

The Ritz Restaurant, Ritzville

5:00pm

Attendees: Susie Sabatini, Sherrie Dayton, Fred & Barb Lynch, Margaret & Michelle Eames, Ben & Holly Finnoe

Round table introductions

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Sherrie made motion that we except the Fall meeting minutes as they were published on the website, Holly second, all agreed
* Holly asked how everyone liked the new flier format but we have only had one so far. No spring flier was sent out so no comments either way
* Re the promotion items we thought we would like for booths, nothing has been done.
  + Holly will talk with Kim to see if we still need them.
  + No one went to the Albany event.
  + We should have those books that Holly put together for the 25th show anniversary as a promo for a booth
  + Gretchen was going to work on getting a new banner and we have no info on that
  + Holly suggested maybe we don’t need a new brochure every two years because it’s not that simple to make and may not be necessary.
* Erick Watness has not presented any report on the NFHR forum so we do not know if it was a success or not. He was having trouble getting people to sign up when he reported last fall.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN:

Ben talked about the Oregon Gold Horse Show which he just attended. There is a program called Oregon Youth Challenge for academically challenged youth. Participants of the program worked at the horse show as part of their required community service hours. They wore special ROTC type outfits and they were used to run the show, taking on all the tasks normally filled by club volunteers. Does Idaho have a similar youth program that we could use for our show? Linda will ask our trail judge, Patti to see if 4-H has any programs requiring community service where working at the show could help them fulfill those obligations. However the show is at the same weekend as the Kootenai County Fair so there may be a scheduling conflict even if they do have that kind of program.

The Oregon show also had a challenge class for the winners of all the driving classes. Good idea for our show next year.

VICE CHAIR:

Vice chair and secretary positions will be open for the fall meeting. Barb will post the openings on Facebook and will be calling people if she doesn’t get a response. What do we do if people serve two terms and we can’t get volunteers? By-Laws say maximum 2yr term.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Sherrie & Linda created the 2017 decals and they have been sent to every current member including those with multiple year memberships. She gave half the decals to Holly at the meeting to go in the show packets for renewing/new members who join with their show entry.

We have 43 current active single or family memberships including one who joined at the meeting.

There are 37 members from 2016 who have not yet renewed. Many of these members are active on Facebook but have just forgotten to renew or are perhaps waiting until the show.

Linda has organized the event list for activities coordinated by members. The event list is posted on the website and sent to members as they join or renew. It is frequently updated. \*\*We need to pick a date or a couple of dates to reschedule the geophysical trail ride/drive, subject to Pat Weeks being available to host it.

Linda sold the weight pull sled for $50 to Jim Sherette via Craigslist. Jim’s father was one of the founding members of the PNFPG.

Linda is unable to get the yahoo email account to download to Outlook on her computer and has to go to yahoo to see it. Barb also can’t access hers. We suggested changing all the officer emails to gmail. Holly will take care of that.

TREASURER REPORT:

Sherrie handed out the financial report as of 5/1/17 and a copy of the By-Laws.

Beginning balance $9919.12

Income: $1361.22

Expenses: $3750.14\*\*

Ending balance: $7590.20

\*\*Expenses include renewal of the domain name and web hosting ($322.38), the donation to the NFHR Forum ($1000), plus initial show costs ($1394.56)

Barb moves that we accept the treasurer’s report, Holly seconded, all approved.

Regarding club insurance the general consensus is, if any member hosts an event/get-together at their place, their own homeowners insurance covers them. Club insurance isn’t necessary and only covers the clubs assets, not injuries to members. So club insurance is really only necessary for the horse show.

Holly forgot to renew the non-profit status of the club. She wrote a check from her own account to get that renewed since it was her fault it was cancelled. Sherrie tried to do it but has to be a WA resident.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

The 30th annual Fjord Show is on track for August 25-27 at the Sandpoint fairgrounds.

**We still need volunteers for the following:**

Ring Crew Boss

Ring Steward -We might be able to slot the judge’s friend in here so they can work together but we

have not received confirmation back on that.

Announcer-Sherrie will fill in whichever position does not have a volunteer – probably announcer

* We also wanted to do some kind of tribute to Raynor and Dusty. We were considering special stall cards for the prodigy of those horses. Holly was possibly going to design this card. We also wanted brief bios from their owners that could be read during the show. We need a picture of Raynor and of Dusty to use on the cards. Susie was going to contact Ursula and Holly was going to contact Gayle for the pictures and bios.
* Sherrie & Ron were planning to make 30th anniversary buttons to be included in the show packet and available for sale at minimal cost at the show.
  + Sherrie & Linda created a special Fjord quilt for the 30th anniversary. We are planning to sell raffle tickets so everyone can have an equal opportunity to win it. **Can we set up the website and Paypal so people can buy their tickets online?**
  + In addition to the quilt, we will have a silent raffle with donated items and an auction Saturday night. A few larger items will be saved for the auction. The purpose of this is to not have the auction go late into the night but still be able to raise funds. Holly or Ben agreed to do the live auction since their voices carry better. Also the Senior High Point award will be an embroidered jacket which will be ordered in the winners size. A duplicate jacket will be available for the auction and display. We still don’t have a good 30th anniversary logo. Holly will check with Gretchen about it again.
* Susie & Holly are coordinating advertising. Susie distributed business cards at the meeting for members to hand out.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ben suggested we don’t have to have a face to face spring meeting. Due to lack of attendance at the last few meetings it seems pointless for board members and others to spend the time and expense of traveling long distances to meet. We can skype a meeting between members. Susie motioned that the chairman set up the spring meeting online or a teleconference in lieu of a face to face meeting. Barb second, all approved.

Ben suggested we move the fall meeting to occur during the annual horse show instead of meeting in October or November so that there will be more participation. Barb moved that we have the fall meeting during the show, Seconded by Susie, motion carried. **This will kick in this year. SHOW PACKET NEEDS TO BE UPDATED TO SHOW CLUB MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT.**

Discussion regarding membership. Consensus was that a membership should expire one year after it’s paid rather than Dec 31st. We had changed it to an calendar year membership a few years ago for ease in tracking membership status but those who join at the show only end up with a few months of membership, though it is their choice to renew late. Holly made a motion that dues last for a year from the date paid, Sherrie seconded, 9 votes in favor, 1 against, motion passed. We will apply this to membership starting in 2017.

Discussion re website expense. Domain name is about $119 for two years.

By-laws need to be re-posted to website.

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Derby playday still on schedule at Holly’s house for June 17th.

Sherrie motioned to adjourn the meeting, 6:44pm, all approved

We enjoyed a lovely dinner after the meeting