

MINUTES
MIDWEST FJORD HORSE CLUB
July 21, 2003 Blue Earth MN

President Tom Hans called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM

President Tom Hans thanked Nancy Hotovy for all the work she has done in this show and previous years to get the Blue Earth show to be one of the best Fjord shows in the US. President Hans also thanked the Whitney's for the work of being barn manager and arranging all the stalls.

Gary Johnson, Fair board thanked everyone for coming, what a pleasure it is to host this show and how he feels like family with us. If told us if anyone needs help in anyway to see him.

President Tom Hans turned it over to Mike Sadlon to give a nomination committee report. Mike said it was a landslide in the vice president and secretary's positions. Walt Monheim is our new vice president and Patti Jo Walter is our secretary. Sharon Falck is our treasurer and Karin Peterson has moved up from Vice President to President.

By-Laws were approved.

Meeting was turned over to President Karin Peterson. She thanked Tom Hans for all his hard work and presented him with a gift from the club. She said he was a "true" supporter of the Fjord breed. Tom Hans thanked the club.

President Karin Peterson had a few announcements:

- * Shavings \$5 per bag pay Sharon Falck
- * late entries \$10
- * times were given as to when you could sign up or cancel a class.
- * Chuck Kelly had pictures from last year's show, free for the taking
- * outside stalls need to be cleaned out before you leave
- *4H 7 AM breakfast
- *Make sure you pick up your fair pass for entrance to the fair/come in first driveway.
- *6 PM parade
- *Scrapbook of club will be available for all to see
- *Prof. Photographer has been hired -- please don't take pics to sell
- *Karin will try and talk to everyone and see what we do well as a club and what we need to work on.
- *all those who are trainers were asked to stand up and tell their name and where they are from.

Secretary's report was approved as read.

Treasurer, Sharon Falck, reported a beginning balance of \$7,277.68, total income of \$2,271.32, total expenses \$7,201, giving us an ending balance as of July 19th 2003 \$2,347.35. Sharon handed out the financial statement of the winter meeting showing all the expenses and income itemized. Total income for the winter meeting was \$4,083.90, Total Expenses \$4,963.75 NET Loss \$879.85

Treasurer's report was read as approved.

Sharon Falck, Treasurer pointed out that we might be cash poor but we have a lot of merchandise.

Nancy Hotovy, show committee said we have LOTS of ENTRIES!! Sign up to help, forms on table.

2004 show committee, anyone with suggestions, questions, comments, please see Lynda Syverson-Kerr, Pat

Holland or Howard Fielder.

Brochure Committee -- a rough draft was passed around, they are still in need of photo's.

NFHR report -- Allen Merrill informed the club that the judge's handbook was signed May 3rd. All evaluations here and abroad in 10 countries will be unified. The coloring book should be coming out this fall. Versatility video also being worked on, they need photos as well. Three Evaluations this year. New owners handbook free to new members, \$5 to us old ones. See Mike May if you are interested. A new record book will be coming out by the end of year will include last 2 yrs and all this 3 evaluations held this year. Fjord numbers are increasing. 3 BOD directors are leaving; if you want to contribute, sign up and run for a position.

No reports on the Website or the Newsletter

Sophie Fielder, Evaluation Committee. Sophie gave dates for the LaCrosse, Aug 2/3, Oregon Sept 6/7, and the Ohio, Sept 27/28, evaluations.

Phillip Odden also from the Evaluation Committee, talked on the difference between a show and an evaluation. How you will see all different shapes, size and colors of Fjord Horses at evaluations. Where the judges want to maintain all the different body styles of the Fjord horse as well as keep the breed standard high.

President Karin Peterson gave out the NFHR website to those new member present.

NEW BUSINESS

Winter meeting- We need someone who will coordinate where/when/and what the topic will be and will work with the Executive Board. Sophie Fielder volunteered.

Volunteers are needed to sell merchandise, see Sharon Falck.

If you are a chairperson for ANY committee, President Karin Peterson would like to see you.

Ex. Committee will be meeting this week, if you need anything from us, please see us this week.

Door prizes were given out.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m. I was getting faint from lack of food and the wonderful smell of food over took my brain. I forgot to look at what time it was!

Respectfully submitted, Patti Jo Walter