

MWFHC
WINTER MEETING
02.16.2006

The winter clinic was held at the Minnesota Equestrian Center in Winona, Minnesota with approximately 90 members attending. The clinician was Karen Maas who gave us information regarding placement at shows and what she looks for as a judge.

The winter meeting was held after a delicious supper at Signatures. President Chuck Kelly called the meeting to order and asked all of the children to come to the front. He gave them t-shirts that were left from the 20th Anniversary celebration.

Copies of the secretary's report were distributed to everyone and approved. m/s/c

The treasurer's report was distributed to each person. There will be an update posted to the web site. The report was approved. m/s/c

DeeAnna Weed will be posting the meeting minutes on the web site from now on.

The winter meeting for next year was discussed. If you have an idea for a clinic you would like to propose, bring it to Blue Earth. Have an idea of the facility, cost, agenda, and hotels. Try to get a heated facility for the clinic.

Gary Johnson spoke and said he was looking forward to the Blue Earth show July 24-29. He had some left over booklets and medallions if anyone is interested in purchasing any of them.

Pat Holland spoke regarding the tentative show schedule for Blue Earth. There are 66 classes. She has a class sponsorship application that can be completed and sent back to Linda Syverson-Kerr. Pat informed us that we have had the largest Norwegian Fjord Horse show in North America for the last five or six years.

The NFHR 25th Anniversary Extravaganza was reported on by Sophie Fiedler and Phillip Odden. The evaluations will be on Thursday and Friday. They are not sure how many horses will be coming but they have a limit of 50 horses for conformation and performance. There will be more information on the NFHR web site.

The proposal to join the Wisconsin Horse Council will be put to a membership vote at the summer meeting and we will be looking for input. We have someone who would be willing to be the representative in Wisconsin.

The Hospitality Committee was discussed. President Kelly inquired if we want to have one at Blue Earth this year and if anyone wanted to volunteer to be the chair. There was no offer to do this so we won't be having a Hospitality tent this year. Guy and Martha will be thanked for the great job they did last year and the extra supplies will be given back to them.

Tyler Schlickman was given the first annual Pathfinder Award for leading six cars astray on the way to the dinner. A broken compass will be presented to him at the Blue Earth show if he can find the meeting place.

There was discussion regarding the use of some of the auction money to purchase the laptop, printer and software for the treasurer at a cost of approximately \$1500. m/s/c

There will be approximately \$3300 left. Some of this money may be used for permanent improvements to the Fairbault County Fairgrounds such as a warm-up arena. Gary will look into other funding sources. If you want input or have suggestions, please contact Gary or the Executive Committee.

The question went out regarding the location of club assets such as cones, stone boat, etc. If you have something, please inform Mary Ofjord so she can track the items.

It was brought up that some people thought that the level of competition at Blue Earth was too great and it inhibited some people from showing. New people were asked to stand up and then people who had been coming for five years or more were asked to stand. The new people were advised to ask for help from the experienced group.

The Horse Expo at Madison, Wisconsin will be April 22 and 23, 2006.

Howard Fiedler reported on the NFHR 25th Anniversary Extravaganza. He suggested that we book our rooms now as they are filling up fast. The entire Holiday Inn is blocked off for the celebration and there is a block of rooms at the Riverport Inn. The celebration will be October 12-15, 2006. The information is on the NFHR web site. There is a need for volunteers to help with the show.

Phillip Odden spoke regarding the level of competition at Blue Earth and the fact that we are growing. He felt it was important to have classes for everybody and that our strength is for us all to grow.

President Chuck Kelly stated that we are the only breed that helps our competitors.

The membership anniversary, according to a document that was found, is July 1–June 30 of each year. If you recently got a receipt for dues, you will be getting a revised one stating that you are paid for July 1, 2006–June 30, 2007.

The Board will also be sending out a new membership information form. Susie Sadlon, as Vice-President, will recruit new members.

The additional \$5 membership fee paid by breeders will be used to establish a separate breeder's list on the web site.

Robin Holland questioned the description of a novice for the 25th Anniversary Show.

Linda Syverson-Kerr stated that we have a number of youth and we need to have a scholarship for the graduating youth.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Therine Gudknecht
Secretary