



General Membership Meeting

Saturday March 28, 2015

MINUTES

The General Membership Meeting of the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association was held on March 28, 2015 at the Pizza Hut in Forsyth IL. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Ann Horn at 12:20 p.m.

Officers Present:

Betty Ann Horn, President
Tami Drake, Vice President
Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary/Treasurer

Officers Absent:

Board Members Present:

Janet Burgener
Lula Robertson
Jennifer West

Board Members Absent:

Richard Black
Brian & Larissa Malott
Nora Washburn

Members present:

Sue Bergandine
Danielle Sill

J.D. Otey
Becky Whitfill

Minutes of the February 7, 2015 meeting were prepared and read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary/Treasurer. Approval of the minutes was passed with a Motion from Lula Robertson and seconded by Jennifer West. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report with a total of \$886.20 was read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary Treasurer. J.D. Otey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Tami Drake. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- **By-Laws: Secretary and Treasurer separate Officers**
 - ❖ Warren Wilcoxon made motion to separate the Secretary and Treasurer; Lu Robertson seconded. Motion carried.
 - ❖ 30 day notice needed through the Newsletter.
 - ❖ Need a Committee ... Betty Ann Horn, Lu Robertson and Larissa Seward-Malott
- Discussion about **Insurance** and whether to pay for 2 or 3 Events

- ❖ Cheryl Crowdson only received a form from the Insurance about what events we're planning to have. After that is sent and evaluated, they'll send the cost.
- ❖ Cheryl will call them to see what the cost is for 2 vs. 3 events
- **TRAIL RIDE** April 25, 2015 at Wolf Creek/Shelbyville Lake
 - ❖ Please be ready to ride out at 10:30 am.
 - ❖ Cheryl Crowdson will bring BBQ pulled pork/buns and table service. Please bring your drink and a dish to share.
 - ❖ After the Equine Sports Massage demo, we can do an afternoon trail ride if wanted.
- **May 9, 2015 Open Fun All Breed Horse Show**
 - ❖ Macon County Fairgrounds won't let us schedule until the Decatur Trail Riders set their dates
 - ❖ Betty Ann Horn found out Big Creek may be available as it was purchased by an individual and may be open for horse shows. Don't know yet.
- Whether to have a **Clinic** discussed
 - ❖ Need a place to have it
 - ❖ Tabled until later

New Business:

- **By-Law change: Secretary/Treasurer separate**
 - ❖ **Committee amend Article V, Section 1**

We would like to bring it before the members to amend Article V - Officers & Their Election of the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association By-Laws under #1 Officers. It now reads: "Officers: As amended 10/15/2000. (a) The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer. The officers shall be Class A members in good standing with the Corporation, 18 years of age or older and shall continue their good standing throughout the term of office held." We wish it to be amended as "Officers: As amended 10/15/2000. (a) The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary AND a Treasurer. The officers shall be Class A members in good standing with the Corporation, 18 years of age or older and shall continue their good standing throughout the term of office held."
 - ❖ Cheryl Crowdson will publish a Newsletter before April 9th to give 30 days notice by Corporation Newsletter per the By-Laws
- **Insurance:** Cheryl Crowdson called and the price of \$400.00 for 3 events is the minimum. She put on the form 3 events - IHF, April Trail Ride and May Fun Horse Show

- **Fund Raiser ideas** - auction and individual(s) set up tables. Must ask permission from Macon County if do at Open Fun All Breed Horse Show. Also park cars at the 2015 Farm Progress Show in Decatur IL
- **May 9, 2015 Open Fun All Breed Horse show**
 - ❖ Betty Ann Horn talked to Macon Co. Fairgrounds. May 9th date is fine and \$200.00 rent
 - ❖ Tami Drake motioned to have the show there; Lula Robertson seconded. Motion carried
 - ❖ Decatur Trail Riders do Concessions? Betty check
 - ❖ Permit needed from Macon county for the food? Or for auction?
 - ❖ Rain date? DTR's using the arena?
- **Membership** - how keep members?
 - ❖ Should Cheryl send membership form to everyone that doesn't join by December 31st? Discussion - NO.
 - ❖ Betty commented about the 1,000 Ava members from IL.
 - ❖ Text everyone that hasn't responded to email reminders
- **Clinic Needed** - more than half of the Membership Forms had Clinic selected.
 - ❖ MFTHBA Requirements: Clinic Form due March 1st. Facility and overnight expenses provided by IFTHA. Facility must hold 100 people. IFTHA must advertise locally. MFTHBA pays clinician \$300 day, meals, travel to get here and must approve Clinician.
 - ❖ Topic suggestions: Jennifer mentioned gaits/setting gaits and Western Gaited Dressage.
 - ❖ Change form to include topic? YES
- **Land of Lincoln membership dues** - have 55 members should we pay more? No, we'll be a year behind. Pay for 55 members March 2016 for our 2015 members
- **Liability forms** - need one? Yes, check with Horsemen's Council of IL and suggest members join to get their insurance which is free for HCI members. They should have a liability form.
- Quarterly **Newsletters** after big Events we've had . . .
- **Next Meeting:** May 9, 2015 at 10:45 a.m. for Officers/BOD. Special Meeting right before the Open All Breed Fun Horse Show at Macon County Fairgrounds to vote on separating the Secretary and Treasurer positions.

Lula Robertson made a motion to adjourn at 1:10 p.m.; Janet Burgener seconded. Motion carried.