Special General Membership Meeting

Sunday July 12, 2015

MINUTES

The General Membership Meeting of the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association was held on July 12, 2015 at the Monical's Pizza in Decatur IL. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Ann Horn at 1:58 p.m.

**Officers Present: Officers Absent:**

Betty Ann Horn, President Tami Drake, Vice President

Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary/Treasurer

**Board Members Present: Board Members Absent:**

Janet Burgener Richard Black Lula Robertson

Brian & Larissa Malott Nora Washburn Jennifer West

**Members present:**

Becky Whitfill

Minutes of the March 28, 2015 meeting were prepared and read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary/Treasurer. Approval of the minutes was passed with a Motion from Larissa Seward-Malott and seconded by Janet Burgener. Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s Report with a total of $1,126.20 was read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary Treasurer. Brian Malott made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report; seconded by Becky Whitfill. Motion carried.

**Old 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
* **Fund Raiser ideas**
  + - Auction and/or individual(s) set up tables. Must ask permission from Macon County if do at Open Fun All Breed Horse Show
    - Park cars at the 2015 Farm Progress Show in Decatur IL
* **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
* 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.

**New Business:**

* **By-Law change:** separate Secretary/Treasurer vote
  + - The By-Law to separate the Secretary and Treasurer was voted on and unanimously passed by all Officers and Members present.
    - Amend Article V, Section 1; it now reads:

"Officers: As amended 7/12/2015. (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."

* **Fund Raiser ideas**
  + - We discussed parking cars at the 2015 Farm Progress Show in Decatur IL on September 1-3, 2015
    - There are 2 shifts: 6 a.m. - 12:30 pm and Noon to 5 p.m.
    - The rate is $45 per shift per person
    - Cheryl Crowdson will email Ellen Melko requesting more details
* **Insurance**: The 3 events are the Illinois Horse Fair, Parking cars at the Farm Progress Show and the September Trail Ride at Wolf Creek State Park near Windsor IL. Cheryl Crowdson will notify the Insurance of the new events and dates
* Danielle Sill emailed requesting sponsorship for her as a Queen Candidate at the 2016 Illinois Horse Fair
  + - It was decided this should be tabled until the October meeting
* **Reschedule date for Trail Ride** at Wolf Creek featuring Kimberly Hancock Massage demo "What to do for your horse when it colics" ... possibly September 19? Cheryl will check with Kimberly.
* **Clinic Topics**
  + - Cheryl Crowdson added several Topics to the IFTHA Membership Form
    - They are Cattle Work, Despooking, Driving, Gaiting-Correct, Gaiting- Identifying, Judging, Jumping, Mounted Shooting, New to MFTs, Obstacles, Problem Solving, Regaining Confidence, Showing, Showing for Newbies, Trailer Loading and Western Gaited Dressage.
* **Next Newsletter** will be published after the Illinois State Fair. Please get your articles and classifieds to Cheryl.

Next Meeting August 22, 2015 at the Illinois State Fair/Springfield, Barn 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Janet Burgener made a motion to adjourn at 2:39 p.m.; Becky Whitfill seconded. Motion carried.

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