



# Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association

Sunday October 13, 2019

## Minutes

The Meeting of the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association was held on 10-13-2019 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield IL. The meeting was called to order by President Danielle Otey at 3:17 p.m.

### Officers Present:

Danielle Otey, President  
Jennifer West, Vice President  
Cheryl Crowdson, Treasurer

### Board Members Present:

Fay Berg  
Meghan Curless  
JD Otey  
Kate Stufflebeam

### Officers Absent:

Larissa Seward, Secretary

### Board Members Absent:

Jeff Dehner  
Brian Malott  
Becky Whitfill

**Members present:** Dawn Brown, Lauren Curless, Becky, Weston and Abby Erlenbush, Sara Stufflebeam, Nora Washburn. Visitor: Audrey

Minutes of August 17, 2019 were reviewed by those present. Motion to accept by Jennifer West and seconded by J.D. Otey. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report \$1,194.67 reviewed by those present. Motion to accept by J. D. Otey and seconded by Dawn Brown. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

## Old Business

- By Laws: Review and Vote on updates made. Unanimous
- Clinic
- Fundraisers - **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**
- Nominees for Officers/Two 3 year
- Date for Trail Ride
- Land of Lincoln meeting

## New Business

- Voting:
  - Nora Washburn - President
  - Jennifer West - Vice President
  - Beck Erlenbush - Secretary
  - Cheryl Crowdson - Treasurer
  - Dawn Brown - 3 year BOD
  - Brian Malott - 3 year BOD
  - All were accepted and voted in. Ayes: all, Nays: none
  - Change Bylaws to accept late nominations until November 1st (Passed by consensus)
- Land Of Lincoln Purebred Livestock Breeders Association meeting is Friday Dec. 6, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Northfield Inn, Springfield - *Betty, Marilyn, Nora and Cheryl will attend. Cheryl RSVPed. Audrey would also like to attend. Cheryl will call Dusty.*

- Annual fall trail ride Oct. 26, 2019 at Sand Ridge near Forest City IL at 10:00 a.m. Meghan Curless, Jennifer West and Dawn Brown can attend. Join them if you can.
- BUDGET: What events do we want to have next year?
  - Clinic: Jennifer West and Dawn Brown will be the committee. They will check with Pat Aubuchon for possible dates and get pricing on a suitable place. Would like to have the date/place confirmed by Dec. Meeting so we can start advertising.
  - NO to Illinois Horse Fair
  - Possible Horse Show?
  - Will discuss further next meeting. Insurance not due until March 1, 2020.
  - Website expires 2-9-2020. 1 year \$20, 2 years \$34, 5 years \$75 (making it \$15 per year). Decided to do 5 years. (Passed by consensus)
  - Other Events tabled until Dec. Meeting
- Add a Men's class and Youth Equitation class to the Illinois State Fair?
  - YES! All agreed
  - Becky Erlenbush will contact Carole Kennedy to inquire
- Fundraisers:
  - Safety Day - Danielle Otey will check with her supervisor and the fire department to determine possible locations. She'll report back.
  - Donated Tack sale
- Christmas Party/Next Meeting
  - Sunday December 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Hickory River Smokehouse in Springfield on Dirkson
  - Come early if you'd like to eat before the meeting
  - \$20.00 White Elephant gift exchange. Bring a gift if you'd like to participate
- How can we increase participation in the club? Why are we having a hard time filling positions and what can we do to increase member involvement?
  - Nora Washburn said we need to utilize technology
  - Jennifer West mentioned all clubs were having this difficulty
  - A live feed somehow to increase member involvement for members that can't be present? Use Facebook Live?
  - Can we send an email asking for honest input into making members more active
  - An anonymous survey?
- Newsletter articles due Tuesday, October 29th. Youth Charity articles would be appreciated.
- Need to utilize technology for our Meetings too

Next Meeting on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Hickory River Smokehouse, Springfield IL on Dirkson. Becky Erlenbush will make reservations.

Motion to adjourn 4:06 p.m. made by J.D. Otey and seconded by Fay Berg. Ayes: all, Nays: none.  
 Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.