



# General Membership Meeting

Saturday August 16, 2014

## MINUTES

A General Membership Meeting of the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association was held on August 16, 2014 in Barn 19 at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield IL. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Ann Horn at 11:04 p.m.

### **Officers Present:**

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

### **Board Members Present:**

Richard Black  
Tara Surratt  
Nora Washburn

### **Members present:**

Jeff Dehner

### **Officers Absent:**

### **Board Members Absent:**

Hal & Janet Burgener  
Lula Robertson  
Jennifer West

### **Visitors present:**

Larissa Stewart

Minutes of the February 8, 2014 meeting were prepared and read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary/Treasurer. Approval of the minutes was passed after a correction was noted about the May Fun Horse Show and the comment by Lu Robertson about FUN on the show bill so the Feds won't show. Jeff Dehner stated the Feds can show up anywhere. We need to put on the show bill that we will not tolerate soaring or other illegal means of harming a horse. Motion from Jeff Dehner and seconded by Tami Drake to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report total (\$1,595.91) was read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary/Treasurer. The Treasurer's Report in its entirety was included on the Agenda since she forgot it last meeting. Jeff Dehner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Nora Washburn.

## Old Business:

- Update about Budget
  - New Insurance with American Bankers Insurance for \$404.00, not \$549.00
  - Land of Lincoln dues paid
  - Horsemen's Council of Illinois dues paid with Illinois Horse Fair Demo package for \$275.00, not \$330.00
  - Illinois Horse Fair full page ad created and paid for \$250.00 Emailed to all BOD - no corrections. Betty Ann Horn paid for  $\frac{1}{2}$  page.
  - February 7, 2014 deadline for Queen Pageant - no Fox Trotters
- May All Breed Fun Horse Show
  - Lula Robertson said to be sure FUN was in the show bill so the feds will not show up. Cheryl had last years and "fun" is mentioned. All she does is change the date and location for this year.
  - Discussion about location. Have it at Coyote Creek Stables, Inc.
  - Discussion about the number of classes. Decided classes are fine. Lula Robertson made a motion to have keep classes same as last year. Tami Drake seconded.
  - Judge: Discussion about Andrew Mathias and Jennifer West. Jennifer would like to show
- Illinois Horse Fair March 7-9, 2014
  - Demos all 3 days this year and there are 14 breeds
  - Demo riders/horses discussed. Cheryl mentioned she'd talked to Tara Surratt who said because of the weather she wasn't sure she could have her horse ready. Jennifer West said to tell her she'd do the canter. All Tara had to do was Flat Walk and Fox Trot and Jennifer knew Stretch is set in his gaits. Betty Ann Horn said she couldn't get her horse trailer out in order to get Diamond from Hal Burgener. She wasn't sure if she could ride or not
  - We're decorating Thursday night at 6:00 pm for whoever can help
  - Jennifer West will decide which organ music to use. She has already previewed two DVD's and received the other two at the meeting from Cheryl Crowdson. She also read the Demo Script and said it was fine. Just change the riders/horses information.
  - Request black and white copies of the Journal from Missouri Fox Trotter Horse Breed Association for handing out at the IHF.
  - Hal Burgener volunteered to help with the booth if he's able to attend. Tami Drake can help Saturday.
- Fall Trail Ride - Sept. 27-28, 2014
  - Little Lusk/Shawnee National Forest
  - Make reservations now . . . call Peggy at 618-672-4303. Rooms are \$55.00 a night, stalls are \$5.00 each, sites are \$30.00 a night with electric hook-up.
- Horsemen's Council of Illinois requested the email addresses of all members so they can send out their newsletter to them. Does the BOD want them given out? No because Betty Ann Horn forwards the newsletter. That will work.

- Skype if can't attend meeting? MI does - discussion ensued. It was mentioned you can use your SmartPhone to Skype too. Betty Ann Horn suggested we wait on it ...
- Cheryl Crowdson contacted "From the Horse's Mouth" magazine
  - Free club listing - sending Betty Ann's info; they have the rest, even our website
  - There is a calendar in the magazine and I'll send them our May All Breed Fun show, State Fair and Fall Trail Ride information
- Ordered the MFT Super Horse DVD to play at the IHF. Rick Gates said he'd send pens also . . .
  - Discussion: need to play the DVD on a separate player or part of the time and have MFTHBA promotional DVD playing at all times

## New Business:

- Fund Raiser - May Fun Horse Show
  - Raised \$127.32
  - Without donations we'd have been in the red - THANK YOU DONATORS!

		Food from Sam's	\$179.94	
	Donations	145.00	Food from Walmart	\$5.99
	Total checks & Cash	368.25	Rent for Arena	\$200.00
	Cheryl purchased leftover food	150.00	Judge fee	\$150.00
	TOTAL	663.25		\$535.93
				\$127.32

- **Nominations Due August 31, 2014 for ALL Officers and TWO 3-year term BODs**

Name	Term	Years left
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| • Janet Burgener | 3 | 2 |
| • Nora Washburn  | 3 | 2 |
| • Lula Robertson | 2 | 1 |
| • Jennifer West  | 2 | 1 |
| • Hal Burgener   | 1 | 0 |
| • Tara Surratt   | 1 | 0 |
- Betty Ann Horn was asking how to get nominees. She only received 2 letters back from the 25 she sent out seeking nominees. They contained nominees for Officers of the same in office now (Betty Ann Horn/President, Tami Drake/Vice President, Cheryl Crowdson/Secretary Treasurer) and for Board of Director people that are not currently members.

- Jeff Dehner stated if we don't have the Association (IFTHA) and the Land of Lincoln, we're done. We're outta here. We'll be just like the Racking Horses and Ponies.
- Betty Ann Horn will call members to encourage them to run for Office - President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer or Board of Director.
- Jeff Dehner wanted to be sure the Missouri Fox Trotter Horse Breed Association knows that the average class size at the State Fair for the twelve classes was 10.
- Insurance coverage for 3 events. The Little Lusk Trail Ride is one of them. No one has signed up; want to have a ride somewhere else?
  - Betty called Peggy at Little Lusk - the Lodge is booked for the last weekend in September. Lyle called Betty stating he'd called Peggy to make a reservation. Peggy told him nothing was going on. Lyle mentioned he'd been to Sight M at Jim Edgar State Park.
  - Betty wants suggestions of what our third event should be as we have Insurance coverage for three events. You can contact her with suggestions by email.
- Half Missouri Fox Trotter Registry - Jennifer West was not present to speak on this. She's on the BOD at Ava and says it is being discussed.
- Next meeting will be in October which is our Annual Election of Officers/BODs. Date, Time and Place will be on the Ballot - possibly in Springfield since it is centrally located.

Tami Drake made a motion to adjourn at 11:29 a.m.; Nora Washburn seconded. Motion carried.

### **UPDATES TO NOTE:**

Minutes are not approved until the next meeting; we are just giving you time to read and make notes before the meeting.

Regarding Nominees for All Officers/Two 3-year term BODs: Please get your nominees approval before nominating them - Thank You!