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From Our President

Hi Everyone!

Well, here we are in a new year! 2020 really did not go as we planned! When we started adding the availability to join our meetings by phone, it never entered my mind that we would **only** be able to meet like that for a year! We did manage a small face-to-face meeting at Youth Charity last October after watching some of our awesome youth show their wonderful horses and that was great!

Since this year still holds a LOT of unknowns, we are planning only one event. That will be a Clinic in May with Pat Aubuchon as the clinician, so watch the website and our emails for information on that. There may be some impromptu trail rides, hopefully the Illinois State Fair Show and Youth Charity for us to attend as well.

Planning for more events in 2022 is ongoing, so again keep track of the website as we look at a Fun Show, maybe a National Trail Ride event and anything else we can think of. 2020 slowed us down, but did not stop us!

Some of our families have had much sorrow in the last few months and we need to look to the future to help us move forward. This group is made of very diverse folks who love Foxtrotting Horses and we bond over that shared love. And yes, some of our families/friends think we are crazy - maybe we are who knows.

So, here's to fun and horses in 2021! Encourage any Foxtrotter owners you know to join in and we'll get through the craziness of Covid back to some sort of NORMAL!

Stay Healthy and hope to see you soon!

Nora Washburn



UNOFFICIAL February 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association Minutes February 14, 2021 1:30 PM Conference Call

Call to Order by President

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by President Nora Washburn.

Members present by phone: Nora Washburn, Cheryl Crowdson, Janice McFadden, Mike Washburn, Jennifer West, Audrey Aberle.

October Minutes

Nora Washburn read the August 9, 2020 Minutes as they were not available for the October meeting. She asked if everyone had read the minutes from the October 10, 2020 Meeting. Janice McFadden motioned to accept the minutes, Mike Washburn 2nd the motion. No dissents noted.

Treasurer's Report

The report was given by Cheryl Crowdson, Treasurer. We currently have \$1,279.77 balance in our account. We had 16 members renew their membership and we paid out to the Secretary of State our yearly dues and placed an ad in the 2021 Show & Celebration Catalog.

Our Clinic was postponed due to COVID-19 and no member trail rides occurred.

We elected several new board members and board of directors at our October 2020 meeting.

Motion to accept the report was given by Mike Washburn and seconded by Janice McFadden. No dissents noted.

Old Business

Clinic

We agreed to tentatively plan our clinic for May 15th with alternative dates of May 8th or May 1st. Jennifer West will see if Bright Star is available and if Pat Aubuchon is available as the clinician. We also discussed if Pat Aubuchon is not available having Mike Miezier host a Versatility Clinic. Cheryl Crowdson researched on the MFTBHA website what the Association will help with for clinic expenses. Cheryl Crowdson will do up the flyer and we will keep our cost the same as discussed for last year's clinic.

Other Fundraisers

We discussed putting the items we have such as decals, etc. on the website.

Insurance

We need to find a new insurance provider who will only charge us per event. Payment is due March 1st for this upcoming year. Mike Washburn state he will check with an associate from the county fair to see who they use.

New Business

Nora Washburn discussed the cost to use Zoom as our preferred method of hosting our meetings. She stated currently she is spending \$4/month for the audio calling system vs \$12/month for zoom. She will continue to pay for the audio service as long as she is president, and it is a donation to the club.

Cheryl Crowdson reminded us to join the MFTBHA.

Our next meeting will tentatively be held in person or by audio at our clinic in May.

Jennifer West stated that the St Louis Club is holding a show on May 22nd and Cheryl Crowdson stated that our website is updated with local shows. If you know of a show, please contact Cheryl so she can update the website with information and show bill for that show! Cheryl Crowdson also discussed the Indiana Affiliate and their fundraising techniques such as an equine message demonstration and Farrier demonstration with ability to book after their Show.

Janice McFadden talked about our club hosting a national trail ride and discussed how to make some fundraising money at the trail ride. Janice will be attending several NTR this year and will gather ideas and report back to the group.

Next meeting date

May 2021 at our fundraising Clinic. It will be in person and by phone conference.

Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 2:28 p.m. by Cheryl Crowdson and seconded by Jennifer West. No dissent was noted.

TENTATIVE* All Gaited Horse Clinic

We have a special treat for you this spring! An All Gaited Horse Clinic With Pat Aubuchon!

Pat and Cheryl Aubuchon own Blue Creek Foxtrotters in Union Missouri where they raise and train their own horses. He has been judging since 1979 and given Clinics all over the United States and Germany. Horses he's trained have won several World Grand Championships.

From The Miller Ranch Newsletter after their Clinic in an article titled The Goal Is Reached:

"Pat managed to give the participants a better feeling and understanding for the wanted gaits such as the Fox Trot and the Flat Foot Walk; also to be able to differ between mutations. Not only taught he the feelings for the gaits in the saddle but he trained also the eyes of the participants to recognize and judge the correct gait."



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* Tentative pending dates approved by Bright Star and Pat Aubuchon
Please check our website for complete details when all is approved.
Thank you for your patience!

Member News!



THE CURLESS' NEW GELDING!

Lauren Curless has a new project! As you can see in the pictures, she couldn't be prouder. Check out her beautiful Missouri Fox Trotter 3 year old gelding Hollywood's Foggy Bottom! The Curless' purchased him at the end of December. Lauren is excited to have a young horse to work with and learn and grow together. Her plans include eventually doing some shows as well as trail riding! "Foggy" joins their other Missouri Fox Trotter mare "Twiz". Thankfully they get along very well!

CONGRATULATIONS!



AUDREY ABERLE - Farrier

Now that winter has finally decided to join us in Illinois it's important to take into consideration the hoof health of our equine partners. Different seasons and conditions change how the hoof grows and behaves and the maintenance we need to do. From tried and true trail horses to flashy show horses they all deserve to put their best foot forward.

Changes in seasons bring on quite a few differences in how the horse grows and uses its hoof. In the winter hooves tend to grow a lot slower then they would normally in the spring and summer. On average a horse grows approximately 1/4 inch a month and regrows a new hoof every year. The faster the hoof growth the healthier we say it is. This is because chips, breaks, injuries, and imperfections grow out and can be trimmed quicker. During winter months when it gets cold and snowy, horses use the energy they normally would use growing hooves to grow shaggy winter hair and stay warm. Some horses grow more sole then hoof wall during winter months which can lead to false soles and dropped soles. Just because a horse grows less hoof in the winter does not mean they don't still need proper hoof care all year long. Changes in the footing horses are on majorly affect their hoof balance. Grass and rock to snow and ice added to the fact that most horses don't get ridden as much and don't move around the pasture as much during the cold mean less natural wear on hooves. While this sounds great it means that horses grow out of balance quicker, even when less foot is growing. Making sure your horse has good hoof care all year will save a lot of headache and time come spring when you're ready to get back out there and enjoy your horse!

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Member News! Audrey Eberle continued . . .

One of the biggest winter weather problems farriers and owners alike struggle with during snowy conditions is ice balls or snow balls forming up underneath the hoof in the sole of the foot. "Snowballing" not only is dangerous because it decreases traction and creates an unnatural rock in the horses movement which can put strain on tendons and ligaments and cause slipping, it also puts all of the horses weight into smaller pressure points on the bottom of the sole. Putting pressure on smaller points of the sole can cause things like laminitis, bruising, and abscesses in hooves.

There are multiple easy ways to avoid "snowballing." First is making sure your horses trims are up to date. This levels out the hoof making it less likely to have ridges for snow to get caught in and is the best long term method. Barefoot hooves flex more with every step which helps "pop" out ice and snow. Secondly adding an anti-sticking substance like petroleum jelly or cooking spray to the bottom of the sole. This offers temporary relief and needs to be redone every day for best results. Adding an anti-sticking substance works with both barefoot and shod horses. If your horse has shoes on the absolute best method to avoiding "snowballing" is snow pads. These thin rubber or plastic pads come in two main types. A bubble pad which is a full sole pad with a bubble in the middle that compresses and decompressed with every step to push snow out. The second option is a rim pad. The rim pad sits under the shoe and slightly over the sole, but the majority of the sole and frog are exposed. As the horse walks the rim pad flexes and pushes snow out of the ledge of the shoe. While both pads are equally effective in preventing snowballing the rim pad is less likely to grab and hold bacteria and moisture under it.

Winter in Illinois can be challenging in the best of times. Keeping your horses feet healthy and safe from "snowballing" doesn't have to be! Taking initiative and keeping hooves up to date will make life so much easier!

I graduated from The Midwest farrier school (now owned by the University of Illinois) in 2017 with a focus on corrective trimming and gaited horses. Since then I have run a full time farrier service out of central Illinois catering to all classes of equines. The Missouri Fox Trotting horse has always been my favorite breed and the community surrounding them have been the most welcoming in the equine industry! - *Audrey*

Editor's Note: Don't miss the next Newsletter when Audrey will have another article. It will be shoeing vs barefoot trimming. Stay tuned!



Ava News - National Trail Ride Schedule

2021 NATIONAL TRAIL RIDE SCHEDULE

More information about the rides at mfthba.com/calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RIDE NAME & LOCATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
March 19-20	Nick Cox NTR for Cindy Fonken Rustic Sky Horse Camp, Melder, LA	Louisiana Chapter of MFTHBA	Mary Verzwylvelt 318-452-7036 JW Lott 318-729-5609
April 2-4	Arkansas Spring Event Boston Mountain Horse Camp, Witts Springs, AR	North Central Arkansas Affiliate	Donna Goodman 501-412-4721 Andrew Hendrix 870-504-1165
Apr 29-May 2	Big Creek Spring Ride Hartshorn, MO	MFTHBA	Brett Howell 417-932-4849 417-464-5225
May 7-9	Bob Burns Memorial Ride North Fork River Ranch, West Plains, MO	Douglas County Fox Trotters	Wilma Hamby 417-683-2420
May 15-16	IFTA National Trail Ride Dream Lake Horseman Campground, Borden, IN	Indiana Foxtrotter Assoc.	Kathy Shater 574-453-7107 John Heldt 812-583-4646
May 16-21	PA Wilds Elk Ride Big Elk Lick Campground, Benexette, PA	Northeast Fox Trot Affiliate	Bliss Meisner 609-651-7218
May 21-23	Brushy Creek National Ride Brushy Creek Lodge & Resort, Black, MO	Douglas County Fox trotters	Wilma Hamby 417-683-2420
May 28-29	Bryce Canyon NTR	Utah Fox Trotting Horse Breed Assoc.	Brent Strong 801-602-8254
June 4-6	MFTHBA Spring Rides North Fork River Ranch, West Plains, MO	MFTHBA	Mike Meizler 417-280-2218
June 16-21	Fly The Flag National Trail Ride Timber Ridge Horse Camp, Jamestown, TN	FoxTrot - Tennessee	Sam Gerhardt 423-237-8724
Sept 1-4	MFTHBA Celebration Trail Rides North Fork River Ranch, West Plains, MO	MFTHBA	Mike Meizler 417-280-2218
Sept 24-26	Fall Ride Boston Mountain Horse Camp, Witts Springs, AR	North Central Arkansas Affiliate	Donna Goodman 501-412-4721 Andrew Hendrix 870-504-1165
Oct 14-17	Big Creek Fall Ride BigCreek Trail Rides, Hartshorn, MO	MFTHBA	Brett Howell 417-932-4849 417-464-5225
Oct 30	Halloween Ride Boston Mountain Horse Camp, Witts Springs, AR	North Central Arkansas Affiliate	Donna Goodman 501-412-4721 Andrew Hendrix 870-504-1165

Public Service Article . . .



1. Of course, I look familiar. I was here just last week putting up your fence, painting your barn, or delivering your feed.
2. Love the fancy yard work around the ranch. That tells me you have money. Money means there are nice saddles and tack inside.
3. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway and mail in the mailbox. And I might leave a note on your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it. Of course, everything on the note is a lie but you won't check it out. You never do.
4. If it snows while you're out of town, get someone to drive their car up the driveway, make some tracks. I really don't like big dog tracks either. If there are no tracks I guess you are not home.
5. For those of you with fancy alarm systems in the barn, if you have glass in your doors and windows, I love it when you let the alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it is set to alarm.
6. Don't get me wrong because I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
7. I know it gets hot for some of you and you have to have those portable air conditioning units installed in your barn office. It doesn't take me long to pull it out of the window and climb right in. If you have your camera surveillance equipment in the office I just take it with me on my way out.
8. I love it when you hang the keys to the truck and trailer in the barn. I might as well use your equipment to steal your stuff. I make more money that way. And I like it when you leave your truck hooked up to your trailer even if you don't leave the keys. I know how to start the truck without the keys. I'm good at it too.
9. It is a good idea to put motion lights up around your barn. And I don't like animals that make a lot of noise and draw attention to me when I am working.
10. Like the United States Post Office, I work in rain, sleet and snow.
11. I stop by your place first to ask about boarding services or to see if you give riding lessons. Check me out before you let me board in your barn or work on your farm. When I am on your farm do you really think I don't check out your tack room and the horses in the barn? And I love trusting people who don't lock their tack rooms.
12. I rarely go to a farm with a sign by the road that says the property is under surveillance and the horses have identification. I am not stupid. I don't want to get caught. I figure you're not so stupid either.
13. I am not really picky at times and will take anything I can sell. If it's not tied down, I'll put it in the truck. Heck, if I have my tools I can remove hinges and cut holes out of tack room doors. I have lots of room in my trailer for 4-wheelers and tractors too.
14. And how about that hay, I can use that too.
15. I find your big wheelbarrow very helpful in my profession. Make sure to leave it where I can grab it easily. I promise I will leave it for you...somewhere.
16. I don't have time to watch all of my "marks" to see when they come or go. So, if you leave it may be a good idea to buy a timing device for your lights and television.
17. I never want to look like a thief. I may stop by with my children and pet your pretty horses while I take their picture. You may even come out and tell me all about how wonderful they are and how much they are worth. Thank you!
18. I will be clean-shaven and have on clean clothes and will be very friendly. I may even be a woman.
19. Neighbors are not as nosey as you think they are. They may see me loading your horse but when I throw up my hand and smile at them they think I am okay and go back to their own busy life, clueless that I am stealing your horse.
20. I love those irritating hang-up calls from telemarketing companies. When we start calling to check out when you are home you think we are one of them. Guess what, we're not.
21. I do drive around on the backcountry roads looking for places to hit next. What else do I have to do? This is my job.
22. My easiest targets have horses in pastures by the road. Even if they are not easy to get to I am cunning enough to figure out another way to get on your property. I love the woods around a farm. I don't know why you think that you are safe because there is no road access. I can walk for miles. I am in shape.
23. And oh how I love the Internet! It is online shopping for me. I see what I want and I go get it. And make sure you announce when you are going on vacation or to a show on your facebook page or your website. About that website...thank you for giving me your name, address, phone number and pictures of your place.
24. I love Google! It's one of my favorite tools of the trade. I can find out almost anything I need about you, your farm, your horses and even if you show horses. Don't you just love those sites that give all your winning details? I use Google maps to find you and even zoom in on your farm. I can get your street address off of your mailbox. Sometimes I don't even have to stake it out before I show up. Could it get any easier?
25. If I'm not sure if you're home I knock on the door or give a holler for you 'round the barn. I may holler several times. If you don't answer it is time for me to go to work. It ain't the Avon lady calling darling!

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