



# General Membership Meeting

Saturday August 22, 2015

## MINUTES

The General Membership Meeting of the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association was held on August 22, 2015 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Barn 19, Springfield IL. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Ann Horn at 11:15 a.m.

### Officers Present:

Betty Ann Horn, President  
Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary/Treasurer

### Officers Absent:

Tami Drake, Vice President

### Board Members Present:

Brian & Larissa Malott  
Jennifer West

### Board Members Absent:

Richard Black      Janet Burgener  
Lula Robertson      Nora Washburn

### Members present:

Jeff Dehner      Kelly Meyer  
J.D. Otey      Danielle Sill

Minutes of the July 12, 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 Jennifer West. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report with a total of \$1,141.20 was read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary Treasurer. Jennifer West made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Brian Malott. Motion carried.

## Old 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 - NO INTEREST

- ❖ 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. It will be Sept. 26, 2015
- **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.

## **New Business:**

- **Nominations so far (DUE AUGUST 31, 2015)**
  - ❖ President: Larissa Seward-Malott
  - ❖ Vice President: Jennifer West and Becky Whitfill
  - ❖ Secretary: Danielle Sill
  - ❖ Treasurer: Cheryl Crowdson
  - ❖ 3-year BOD: J.D. Otey and Susan Wolpert
- Discussion about having a fund raiser
  - ❖ Jeff Dehner volunteered his indoor arena for a clinic
  - ❖ Jeff Dehner agreed with J.D. about getting sponsors for every kid that participates in the State Fair
  - ❖ Larissa Seward-Malott suggested having a raffle where everyone brings an item to donate. You buy an arm length of tickets.
- Jeff Dehner trying to get more MFT classes at the Illinois State Fair
  - ❖ Men's class
  - ❖ Stick horse or other Youth classes - Model

- Jeff Dehner wants to promote the MFT
  - ❖ All MFTs in same barn and decorate like we do at the IL Horse Fair
  - ❖ Invite others to the barn and have food to get them here. Then talk about MFTs and get them to join. We need new people with new ideas in our club.
  
- Trail Ride will be Saturday, September 26, 2015 not the 19th which is the Shelbyville Open Buckle Horse Show

Motion to adjourn at 11:50 am by Larissa Sward-Malott, seconded by Jennifer West.

**Next Meeting - Annual Election meeting to be held Sunday October 4, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Monical's in Decatur**

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