



Annual Election of Officers/BOD and General Membership Meeting

Saturday October 19, 2014

MINUTES

The Annual Election of Officers/BOD and General Membership Meeting of the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association was held on October 19, 2014 at the Golden Corral in Springfield IL. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Ann Horn at 2:07 p.m.

Officers Present:

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

Board Members Present:

Richard Black
Hal & Janet Burgener
Lula Robertson
Nora Washburn
Jennifer West

Members present:

Kimberly Hancock
Brenda & Darren Wilcoxon

Officers Absent:

Board Members Absent:

Tara Surratt

Visitors present:

Brian & Larissa Seward-Malott
J.D. Otey
Danielle Sill

Minutes of the August 16, 2014 meeting were prepared and read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary/Treasurer. Approval of the minutes was passed with a Motion from Nora Washburn and seconded by Lu Robertson. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report with a total of \$1,669.68 was read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary Treasurer. Lu Robertson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Tami Drake. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- 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.
 - Cheryl Crowdson sent an article to MFTHBA for the Journal stating the average class size and about the Youth class before the September/October deadline. It was not in that Journal. Hopefully it will be in the November/December one. 😊
 - Sage Surratt and Jennifer West also contributed by writing about their experience at the IL State Fair for the article.
- We paid for three events on our Insurance. What shall our third event be?
 - Discussion ensued
 - No decision made

New Business:

- BALLOTS opened . . . Results revealed - Larissa Seward-Malott opened envelopes and counted
 - The Officers remain the same
 - * Betty Ann Horn - President with 13 votes
 - * Tami Drake - Vice President with 13 votes
 - * Cheryl Crowdson - Secretary/Treasurer with 13 votes
 - Need TWO 3-Year Term Board Of Directors
 - * There were 3 candidates with write-in votes
 - Hal Burgener with 2 votes
 - Jeff Dehner with 1 vote
 - Stacy Bowman with 1 vote
 - * Jennifer West nominated Larissa Seward-Malott and she accepted. Brian Malott was also nominated from the floor and accepted.
 - * Motion by Lu Robertson; seconded by Nora Washburn to accept Brian and Larissa as 3-Year Term Board of Directors
 - * Richard Black will remain the President Ex-Officio since all Officers remained the same
- Discussion about our 3rd event for the year.
 - Nora Washburn nominated Jennifer West and Larissa Seward-Malott to plan a Christmas Party and let us know; Tami Drake seconded.

➤ **Member Directory**

- Cheryl Crowdson had a rough draft of the IFTHA Member Directory
- It was passed around and all agreed it was fine and the contact information Cheryl Crowdson had listed could be included. Lu Robertson updated her home address.
- Hal Burgener made a motion to have a Member Directory; Tami Drake seconded.
- There are places for ads. Several expressed interest in buying a spot. Cheryl Crowdson suggested \$20 for full page, \$10 for half page and \$5 for a business card.
- Nora Washburn made a motion to accept the prices Cheryl Crowdson suggested for ads in the Member Directory; Lu Robertson seconded.
- Cheryl would like to have the directory ready to hand out at the Illinois Horse Fair March 6-8, 2015. Please get her your ads and the appropriate fee by February 1, 2015. Thank You!

➤ **Missouri Fox Trotter Horse Breed Association Celebration Book Ad**

- Discussion about placing an ad.
- Hal Burgener made a motion to place a quarter page ad and Tami Drake seconded. The Ad will be \$135 minus a 10% discount which is \$121.50. Ad must be paid and sent to Ava before November 1st which is the deadline for the discount.
- Nora Washburn nominated Cheryl Crowdson to design the ad; Tami Drake seconded.
- We will include our logo, our website and Illinois Horse Fair and Illinois State Fair 2015 dates - keep it simple.

➤ **Land of Lincoln Purebred Breeder's Association dues**

- How many members? We pay \$2.00 per member/Pay \$60.00 again? YES
- Meeting Friday December 5, 2014 at 11 a.m. in the Northfield Inn in Springfield with lunch provided.
- All IFTHA members are invited. RSVP to Cheryl Crowdson by November 22nd if attending. She will turn in the number to Rusty Rinker. So far Betty Ann Horn, Cheryl Crowdson and Lu Robertson will attend.

➤ **Sam Gerhardt - wants us to co-sponsor the National Trail Ride in 2015.**

- Being a co-sponsor means we (IFTHA members) tell others and so promote it to other trail riding people. It doesn't cost anything.
- Cheryl Crowdson has put the information on our website.

- Jeff Dehner sent an email with suggestions which Betty Ann Horn read; noting he and Yvonne will not be at the meeting. He also left his phone number if we needed to call him.
 - It has been suggested that perhaps an evening meeting during the week or even at the end of the day on the weekend would be more convenient.
 - Someplace more centrally located for the meeting. Not sure where that would be (at our meeting, several thought Springfield was centrally located)
 - Ideas for more "fun" things to do

- Jennifer West and Larissa Seward-Malott said Youth Charity had 12 gaited horses. The Missouri Fox Trotters were well represented and won High Point and Reserve High Point in the gaited horse division - Way to go!!

- Next meeting will be announced and we'll have a Christmas party too!! Date, Time and Place will be sent to you via email and as always the information will be on our website - www.illinoisfoxtrotters.com

Nora Washburn made a motion to adjourn at 2:41 p.m.; Lu Robertson seconded. Motion carried.

UPDATES TO NOTE:

Don't forget to RSVP to Cheryl Crowdson by November 22nd if attending the Land of Lincoln meeting. She will turn in the number to Rusty Rinker.

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

Be sure to check the website often. There are pretty fall pictures to see and Youth Charity kids!!

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