



General Membership Meeting

Saturday November 22, 2014

MINUTES

The General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party of the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association were held on November 22, 2014 at the Hickory River Smokehouse in Springfield IL. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Ann Horn at 2:20 p.m.

Officers Present:

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

Board Members Present:

Janet Burgener
Brian Malott
Larissa Seward-Malott
Jennifer West

Jeff & Yvonne Dehner
JD Otey
Andrea Pletzke

Visitors present: Linda & Roger West

Minutes of the October 18, 2014 meeting were prepared and read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary/Treasurer. Approval of the minutes was passed with a Motion from Jeff Dehner and seconded by Tami Drake. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report with a total of \$1,688.18 was read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary Treasurer. Tami Drake made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Janet Burgener. Motion carried.

Old Business:

➤ Member Directory

- ❖ 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. Motion carried.

- ❖ Cheryl Crowdson 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!
- **Land of Lincoln Purebred Breeder's Association dues**
 - ❖ 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.
- 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.
 - ❖ Somewhere 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
- 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

New Business:

- Jeff Dehner mentioned the Land of Lincoln Purebred Livestock Breeder's Association is where the payout money for the Illinois State Fair Society Horse Show Land of Lincoln classes comes from.
 - ❖ A Lifetime Membership is only \$25.00 and a good donation.
 - ❖ The form to join is online
- Budget for 2015

❖ Horsemen's Council of Illinois dues	\$ 50.00
❖ Insurance for 3 Events	\$ 404.00 (2014 figure)
❖ Illinois Horse Fair ad	\$ 225.00
▪ Full page b/w last year	\$ 250.00 (2014 figure)
▪ IHF package	\$ 275.00 (2014 figure)
(in 2014 reimbursed half from Ava)	
▪ IHF sponsor Queen/Princess	\$ 50.00
▪ Member Directory professionally printed?	\$????

▪ Notepads/business cards (things to hand out at IHF)	\$????
❖ May Fun Show Grounds Rent/Judge fee	\$	350.00 (2014 figure)
❖ Trail ride or Christmas party dinner	\$	100.00
❖ Land of Lincoln Purebred Livestock Breeder's Assoc. dues	\$	60.00 Already paid
❖ Secretary of State fee	\$	10.00 Already paid
TOTAL		<u>\$ 1,774.00</u>

❖ No Motion to approve Budget; need to get cost for several items

➤ Illinois Horse Fair

❖ Demo horses

- Jennifer West, Jeff Dehner volunteered to bring horses
- J.D. Otey can bring his barrel horse that does spins and other versatility moves
- Larissa Seward-Malott said she's bringing her 2 stallions if we need to use one of them
- Mary Sartori will check with Ron Jones about bringing his buckskin
- Larissa Seward-Malott made a motion to pay for 5 stalls (4 for horses and 1 tack stall) \$325.00 and Tami Drake seconded. Motion carried
- Jeff Dehner suggested letting people take a picture with the breed demo horses using their own phone for a donation. OR Mary Sartori suggested we take a digital picture and email it to them and include a membership form
- Jeff Dehner wanted to be sure someone was at the booth at all times. There should be except maybe during the breed demos

❖ Queen pageant candidate

- Danielle Sill volunteered
- Jennifer West made a motion to sponsor Danielle for \$50.00 and Tami Drake seconded. Motion carried
- Tami Drake's business will also sponsor Danielle
- Jeff and Yvonne Dehner will provide the sash with Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association on it

❖ Need cost for Ad in Illinois Horse Fair program

❖ Need cost for printing the Membership Directory

➤ May Open Fun All Breed Horse Show

- ❖ We need a centrally located location
- ❖ Betty Ann Horn will check on Macon County Fairgrounds
- ❖ Jennifer West will check with Shelbyville fairgrounds
- ❖ Jeff Dehner mentioned Monroe county fairgrounds has a nice arena with bleachers
- ❖ All the above arenas only have outdoor arenas; we'll need a rain date
- ❖ Jennifer West mentioned the weekend of Mother's Day is not good for some; could we pick a different date? It was discussed and June is a busy month with the Spring Show at Ava, then July and August are hot and have horse shows most weekends.
- How many events need insurance coverage?
 - ❖ IL Horse Fair and Horse Show
 - ❖ Trail rides don't need it unless have clinic
 - ❖ We will pay for 3 Events
- December Newsletter - articles needed please
 - ❖ Mary Sartori will write an article about the Christmas party
 - ❖ Kimberly Hancock, Certified Equine Sports Massage Therapist, has submitted an article already
 - ❖ Larissa Seward-Malott and Brian Malott will be in our member spotlight article
- Land of Lincoln Purebred Breeder's Association luncheon/meeting - need RSVPs TODAY please. Call Betty Ann Horn or Cheryl Crowdson if want to attend.
- Cheryl Crowdson will be at Wolf Creek to trail ride in April and Kimberly Hancock will do Equine Massage demo
 - ❖ Jeff mentioned we could do a swap meet and the club could get commission for a way to make money. 5% charge on your honor
 - ❖ Anyone else want to sponsor a trail ride or clinic near them for June, July, August, September or October?

Jennifer West made a motion to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.; Tami Drake 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.

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