PACIFIC NORTHWEST FJORD PROMOTIONAL GROUP

SPRING MEETING MINUTES

VIA CONFERENCE CALL THROUGH Freeconferencecall.com

MARCH 30, 2019 6:00PM

Dial-in number: **605-468-8786**

Access code: **485367**

Meeting called to order at 6:21

Present on the call: Sherrie Dayton, Linda Stevenson, Solveig Pedersen, Bonnie Morris, Michelle Noonan

**Approval or corrections of last meeting minutes:**

Minutes have been posted on the website since November 2018. Bonnie, proposed accepting the minutes as posted and waiving the reading, second by Michelle. Vote taken, all approved. Linda presented highlights of the minutes by way of reminder: 1) By-law changes are needed and are in process 2) newsletter editor needed – Bonnie volunteered 3) trailer & equipment storage issue 4) show committee new volunteers needed

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

* Chairperson-Sherrie Dayton: nothing to report
* Vice Chair: Barb Lynch: not on the call
* Treasurer-Solveig Pedersen: just took over the treasurer position and she is getting the account updated on the club computer on quickbooks – which is uploading all the QB updates before she can start. Accounts have been done by hand for the last several years. Solveig hasn’t had time to get any account info but she will look into that and email Linda with the info to add to the meeting minutes.
  + Information from Solveig:
    - 2019 Opening bank balance: $7896.70
    - Expenses since fall meeting total $1740.64 (no actual breakdown but this is primarily for Judge expenses & other expenses for this year’s show and insurance
    - Income $224.42
    - Ending balance as of March 31, 2019: $6380.48
* Secretary–Linda Stevenson:

We have 50 members currently, an additional 17 members whose membership has expired and others whose membership will expire during 2019. Please email Linda at [pnfpgsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:pnfpgsecretary@yahoo.com) to check on your membership status. We create a new decal at the beginning of the year and send it to those whose multi-year membership will be active through the current year. For 1 year memberships, they receive the decal for the year in which they joined or renewed, even if it is late in the year. That is the only way to track which decal I need to send them. Tracking memberships from the date of joining is problematic but is the fairest way for the members. We need to increase membership to keep ahead of costs. We have already cut back expenses as much as we can.

* Newsletter-Bonnie Morris: going to send out a flier in April. Linda will send calendar and Solveig will send something about the clinics. Linda needs to send the current address list. If she doesn’t get anything additional, she will put a lot of her own horse stuff in it. Bonnie will post reminder on Facebook.
* Report of show committee: Linda Stevenson

The show planning is pretty much complete except for scheduling volunteers for key positions. We still need an announcer, secretary, whipper-in, & ring crew boss. Laurie Merlo from Canada volunteered via Facebook to be ring steward but we have no contact information for her so cannot verify that. A volunteer form for all the other things we need help with will be in the show packet. We received an excellent volunteer response from that form last year which allowed me to email them instructions ahead of time. Too bad the show had to be cancelled.

We were able to reschedule the airline ticket from last year for Terri and use our fairgrounds deposit from last year. We had a lot of expenses from last year that we won’t have this year because things like ribbons and prizes will be carried over.

We will run an advertisement in the Co-Op Country magazine and the Daily Bee

We will be posting the show packet, probably in April and will mention it on Facebook when we do. We have a little extra time this year because there won’t be any multiples driving classes. We received very little feedback from the Facebook queries that Sherrie put out regarding class requests so we are just going with what we had planned for last year. It would be much better if members would speak up and let us know what they would like to see. This is their show. I can say that we are in the process of bringing the high point program back in line with what has been posted on the PNFPG website for some years and we will be looking for feedback on that as well as other things in the suggestion box at the show. We are planning a separate driven and ridden high point and a junior high point for which only junior classes will count unless a separate junior option was not available, then the comparable open or gender class will count. We need people to start thinking about what they can do to help facilitate the shows in the future, specifically volunteering for the show committee. It is not fair that the same people have to do it every year. Other members are perfectly capable to step in and bring their ideas so that the show stays current with member interests.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. By Law changes – Proposed By-law changes were mailed a month ago to every member.

A. Membership dues have already been changed to 1 yr from whenever paid.

B. Article 3 – nominations for officers – want to add that nominations can be accepted from the floor

C. Article 3, Section 2A&B – biographies of candidates not required. Proposed removing that whole section about officer candidate requirements.

D. Article III, Organization: Officer terms. Proposed adding verbiage that if there are no volunteers, a current officer can stay in the position if they want it and if the club votes to approve. Also eliminate section 2, A & B regarding candidate biographies and resumes. Adding that the nominating committee is the Vice Chair and that nominations can be taken during a meeting.

E. Article IV: - Meetings – proposed to change to one meeting per year during the horse show or whatever means are feasible (i.e. if the show were cancelled). Consensus was that the members wanted to also keep a spring meeting conference call but just send out more reminders to get people to participate such as a Facebook post saying PNFPG members, please check your emails for details about the upcoming conference call.

F. Article V: Process for changing the By-laws to simplify the process. Proposed to change the process by allowing proposed amendments to be made by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Amendments can then be presented at the next member meeting for comment and discussion by members present. Proposed changes and a ballot then mailed to the membership allowing 30 days for their response. Changes, if approved, would take place immediately after the 30 days and would then be posted to the website.

Motion to accept by Bonnie, 2nd by Solveig – all approved.

Changes will go into effect today. Sherrie will type up the new By-Laws and get Gretchen to post them on the website.

1. Trailer Storage - The trailer, barrels, and other assorted PNFPG equipment is still located at the Finnoe’s home. We were not able to arrange to remove them before winter as they had requested. We still need to find a place in Sandpoint to store them cheaply. It doesn’t make sense to pay the usual storage fee because the costs would quickly add up to more than the equipment is worth. Shirley said we could park it at her place but that is no more convenient then Athol. Also paying for a storage space would soon cost more than what we are storing

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Next meeting will be at the show in Sandpoint on Friday night July 26, 2019 at 6pm in the grandstands. There will be pizza beforehand.
* Regarding increasing membership - Bonnie suggested accessing pedigree search list by state from NFHR. Over 1000 fjords so quite a few owners. We should send a mailing to them as to the existence of the club and why they need to support the fjord club and also a membership application. Maybe say that gift memberships are available. Bonnie is thinking of creating the letter and mailing to the officers. For researching – get 4 people, each to research a state. Can click to alphabetize by owner. Linda-Idaho, Mandy&Michelle-Montana, Solveig- Oregon, Sherrie-Washington. Will try to have this idea put together and ready to go by middle of May. Everyone will email their state list to Linda and she and Sherrie will do the printing, stuffing, and mailing.

Meeting adjourned about 7:30