



Annual report from Fjord Horse International 2019

During 2019 the board has had 9 board meeting, all held on Skype.

The General Assembly was held on Nordfjordeid on the 1st of May. We thank Nils Ivar Dolvik for his work for FjHI; 7 years as a President and before that 7 years as substitute in the board.

Our most important topics this year has been:

International meeting:

7th and 8th of June Fjord Horse International hosted a meeting in Brussels regarding an international register for fjord horses. The idea of a register is not new, but new technology makes it more achievable. Anyhow, funding of such a project is essential and we are currently working on this matter. The meeting in Brussels was held with representatives from France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, USA (also representing Canada), Denmark, Sweden, UK and Norway (Sweden and the UK followed the meeting on Skype). The meeting was spent looking at the current situation; how are horses registered, who owns the data, how can we unite data in one data base and how will it work. The answers will be put together in a full overview report on the international fjord horse, reflecting the current situation. This report will be crucial in the further work with funding the project.

European Championships:

The European Championships 2020 were granted to Denmark, Vilhelmsborg in August 2020. FjHI has worked along with the sports committee of Denmark to adapt the FjHI statutes to the coming event. The invitation is out, along with essential information regarding vaccines. We wish Denmark the very best of luck with the event!

International judge conference:

In conjunction with the European Championships FjHi and Norges Fjordhestlag will host an international judge conference. FjHI recognizes the great importance of judges getting together, learning from each other and exchanging their experiences. There is a group working on the program of the event. We are very much looking forward to this!

Website:

Our website needed maintenance and Christel Agramme from Belgium has taken on this mission. The board of FjHI recognizes the importance of a functional website and we very much appreciate her help.

Semen quality:

A scheme was sent out to the members countries in order to find out the status of semen quality and what is being done to monitor this. The results will be published on the web site when they are ready.

The red book:

The red book for judging has been a topic this year as we are out of copies. After discussions we decided not to make more copies, as it is a cost and the book is accessible online. The red book goes on as it is – a product of international cooperation – and remains unchanged for now.

Inbreeding:

Many are concerned with inbreeding and are requesting FjHI to take a leading part here. As the current situation is we do not have the tools to neither monitor nor regulate inbreeding. But, if we can make an international register a reality, inbreeding development and regulations are more achievable.

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