



FJORD HORSE INTERNATIONAL

MINUTES of the board meeting in Osterburg / Krumke, Germany 4th August 2012

Participant board members:

Nils Ivar Dolvik, president – Maureen van Leeuwen – Berit Bergset – Michelle Delaurier – Jochen Nösinger

Attend after unanimous approval of the board:

Susanne Petersen, veterinary and judge for the IGF – Olav van Leeuwen, judge for the Netherlands' Fjord horse association.

1. Welcome

N.I.D. welcomes everybody and he thanks IGF for the invitation in Osterburg during the European Championship for Fjord Horses.

In this first meeting with the new board of FjHI, the participants present themselves and give a short comment of their connection with the Fjord Horse.

2. Economy of the FjHI

At the moment there are about 21.000 € (154.388 NOK) available. N.I.D. will receive soon the detail of the accounts and send it to the board members. The agreement with NFL (Norges Fjordhestlag) for the account keeping was cancelled due to the high remuneration. Berit Bergset proposes to take over the book keeping as a volunteer and to continue this volunteer work also after ending her function in the board. The board agrees and is grateful with this proposal.

3. Review over the last year

The minutes of the GA 2012 are published. The approved new statutes will be published soon. The future work of the actual board will consist in promotion of the Fjord horse breed, unite and stimulate cooperation between member associations.

4. International Register

Establish an international database will be a tool for the breed in the future. This project is started up by the Norwegian Horsecenter in co-operation with the FjHI association. N.I.D. is invited on a meeting with the Norwegian Agriculture Department to discuss the financial aspect of the project. Record of the data and future use of the database is technical possible but the system will need similar international judge procedures. This common register will unite Fjord horse people all over the world.

5. The FjHI website

B.B. gives a short review and informs new pages were created with Joomla because of the technical difficulties to manage the old website. In co-operation with M.D. basic informative pages are online.

Horse Dictionary: Due to a problem with the server, the program to active the Fjord Horse Dictionary could not be loaded into the page. This problem should be solved as soon as possible.

Contact: The personal email addresses of the board members will be added to open contact possibilities. Also a small presentation of each member association with electronic contact addresses of the president and secretary will be added.

International judges: The updated list will be published.

New membership: a form will be published to be filled in and send on. At the reception, an official invitation to regulate the membership will be forwarded by the board.

Updates and info: to be send to B.B. and/or M.D.

Sponsoring: this aspect will be discussed in a future meeting. First the website has to be updated, completed. We'll need hits (using facebook and other social sites) to expand the number of visitors.

6. Judge Conference

An international judge conference will be organized in May 2013 at Nordfjordeid, on occasion of the Norwegian stallion show and the General Assembly of the FjHI association. The conference will be reserved to Fjord horse judges and will cover several parts: speeches, 15 min presentations by each participating country with open discussion, looking to videos regarding the Norwegian mentality tests for horses, practical experience with horses in the arena. The goal is to look more how horses are placed in the world.

Speeches and presentations: M.vL. and J.N. will work out a proposal with six or seven topics.

Participants and invitations: will be decided in the next FjHI meeting.

Stud-book regulations: parallel to the presentation points during the judge conference, the actual applied breeding rules of each member stud-book will be studied.

7. Suggestions for further work

- *Investigations on Fjord horses:* N.I.D. will analyze the possibility to publish (on the website) research information concerning inbreeding and fertility topics.

- *European Championships for Fjord Horses:* the board of FjHI proposes to assure the future management of this event with announcement in due time of the regulations; unify the standard rules to the Norwegian Championship; application of the organizing country. J.N. will contact the German authorities to open the discussion with the right responsible persons.

8. Others

- The board decides unanimous to work as a group under chairmanship of N.I.D., without other director functions.

- Further board meetings:

* January 2013: a phone conference is proposed.

* May 2013: meeting in Nordfjordeid before the G.A.

N.I.D. closes the meeting and thanks all participants.

Minutes written by M.D.