

Big Sky Fox Trotter Association

Minutes for the April 11, 2009 meeting (draft version)
Whitehall, MT

Call to Order: President Randy Olson called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m., following lunch. Officers and board members attending the meeting were President Randy Olson, Vice President Bobbi Dyrud, Secretary Annette Padgett, Treasurer Donna Goss, Directors-at-Large Kristina Tracer, Jerry Christison, Bob Womack, and Pete Peterson. Others attending the meeting were Rick Padgett, Jack Womack, Karen Philips, Cathy Olsen, Penny Peterson, Bill Free, and Linda Johnson. Fifteen members attended the meeting.

President note: Randy thanked Pete and Penny for arranging the meeting place here at Whitehall. Randy made mention on motions being made and that are not follow up on. Also on Committees that there are not records kept and who is head of these Committees. Randy also mentioned about no one is stepping up to help out our club. Pretty soon there will be no one who will keep this club going. Randy thanked Jack Womack for coming up through the Youth division and being the Youth Director, and now being the Show Chairman for this year's show.

Correspondence: Randy sent on about our motion on the DNA problem onto Terri Griffith, and also Mickey Fournier in CA. Randy said that the MFTHA table it to the May meeting to discuss the DNA problem and possibly making it voluntary. Randy encourage all members to write a letter in support of doing the DNA, by May 16, 2009. Randy sent out a Thank you note to Dr. Flynn and Mrs. Sherick. The club thanked Annette for all the hard work that she has done on the banquet and all the other things she has done. Randy presented her with a card of thanks. Randy asked if the club has any information to the appropriate committees. And, Randy asked for our member to use our web site for the information. Karen is the liaison for the web site information to send to Lauren. So please send the information to Karen. Also Karen asked for all BOD to please send an updated picture in for the Web site for the officer page. Mark Goss has a lot of hat to wear. Randy asked if Mark could send out a Newsletter bi-monthly. Bob, Bill said that Mark is doing a Great job on the Newsletter. Cathy asked for the club members to pass on to Mark stories or other articles that he could use for the Newsletter, Donna said he would greatly appreciate this.

Minutes: Jerry Christison made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, and Donna Goss seconded it. Motion passed. Karen wanted to know if the meeting minutes would be put in the Newsletter. Annette said that she does forward the meeting minutes to Mark.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Goss presented the Treasurer's report. The current balance as of April 9 is \$5,373.82. Donna also gave the Profit and Loss report from January 1 through April 9, 2009, Donna said that we got our first sponsorship from Judy Matifield, and our sponsorships are at \$1290. Randy said that he counted our members and we are at 100 members at this point. Donna asked if there are any questions on the refunding of the banquet money. There was none. Bob made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Kristina seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

BSFTA 2009 Show: Randy asked Jack the Show Chairman about a report on the BSFTA show which will be held on July 9 -11, 2009. Semi Show Schedule which will be out shortly. Jack is still working on a Judge. Jack is in touch with Jim Krane, and Jack has sent out our clubs contract to him for review for our Show. If Jim accepts the contract we will not have to pay for the air fare or a car rental. We will be driving from Utah. So we will be saving on this expense. Jack still can

not find a Show Secretary. Jack asked the club if we could pay for a hotel for the duration of the show, and \$35 per day for food allowance. There was a discussion on the Show Secretary. Jerry made a motion to pay the show secretary \$300 for all three days. Karen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jack is looking into a program to run the show and he will have more information at the next meeting.

Youth: Randy thanked Jack for all his hard work in the past for being the Youth director. Jack would step down as being the Youth director. Randy is going to contact Ciara Zacha to see if she would consider being the Youth Director for our club. Annette mentioned to Randy to ask if she would like to become a member of our club.

Sponsorships: Randy asked Karen to give a report on sponsorships. Karen said that we have more classes than last year. Karen said that we really need to think about our awards for this year due to so many classes. Jack said that he has cut down the number of belt buckles. Jack asked for some suggestions. Kristina suggested cooler sheets, Bobbi suggested gift certificates. Randy said that we have a reputation out there that we give out the Belt Buckles. Donna said that we have more than enough money to cover the cost of the Belt Buckles. Karen said Annette forward the sponsorship form out to all members, and if the members that patronize a business to please give them a sponsorship form to see if they will sponsor our show. Karen also asked for the club to patronize those businesses that sponsor our show. Karen passed around a sample thank you card to the club with pictures of our youth. Karen said that Earl is donating the envelopes for the thank you notes. And Karen passed around a sample of the poster, but Karen still needs the final information to finish the poster.

Bylaws: Randy said that Karen send out some information on the Bylaws, on the recommendations. Karen passed out the bylaws with the recommendations that her and Mary worked on. Karen asked for the members to look it over. Randy said that the board member will review the bylaws. Then at the next meeting will finalize this.

Newsletter: Mark is absent for this meeting.

Versatility: Mark is absent for this meeting. Randy said that MFTHBA is going to have a discussion at the next meeting about the Versatility about their proposals on the Ava show. That some of Cattle classes will not be included in the Over All Versatility Championships. Randy said is his disappointed to see this, and he said that they are focusing on English riding instead. They will only have One Cow Class. Some of the members were complaining that they do not have access to cows, and they wanted to win. So they watered it down so they would have a chance to winning. Randy will keep the club posted on this. Annette said that it seems that MFTHBA is pushing the Cow and Ranch classes out again.

Trail: Thea is absent for this meeting, and Kristina gave the information for Thea. The Fall Gather Ride will be on August 20-22, 2009, and Gary Becker is hosting it at the Big Horn Mtn. Suzanne Nebecker is hosting a Gaiting Clinic on May 16, 9 to 4, at the Natural Horse Arena in Florence. Randy asked if Thea forward this Clinic on to Mark, since Mark is the Clinic Committee. Annette asked for the members to please give the information to the proper committee people. And if they want to send it to me then I will forward it on to them to get the okay to send out the membership. The Memorial Trial Ride Kristina and Karen is putting it on at Lost Horse, the food will be catered by Home Stead Catering. Donna asked if we could separate the groups into slower and faster riders. Kristina said that would not be a problem. Randy asked to please contact Thea if you would like to host a trial ride.

National Trail Ride: Randy asked Donna to let Mark know to please bring the information to the next meeting on the National Trail Ride.

Old Business: Randy looked back a couple of meeting minutes, and he found that there some things that needed to be brought up the first was a suggestion on having the Model classes on Wednesday night, Randy talked to Jack on this, and the schedule is already set up. So that is done. Also Randy brought up about setting up permanent All Around Classes. There was a discussion on this. Randy motioned to set the Model Class, 3 gait performance, Speed event, Barrel Class, 3 gait Trail Class, and either Western or English Class they may do both and the best score will taken, Pete made the motion, Jack seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jerry said that he would host a gaiting clinic at his Arena any time in May if there would be any interest. Jack said any time would be okay after May 15. No date has been set as of yet for this Gaiting Clinic. Randy asked to get in touch with Mark about this.

Randy brought up about in the past meeting minutes about a computer? Donna said that she uses Marks for her Treasurer information. And Annette said that she uses hers for the Secretary information. Jack said that he could look into a less expensive computer for the club if the members want this. Randy said that we will wait on this to see if we need this.

Randy brought up about Annette on the internet modem. Annette said that she purchased the modem to check the clubs information, in the past she used dial up and this was not sufficient to retrieve the information, because dial up would take way to long to down load it. Annette looked into cable and other alternatives. And found that at that time the modem was the cheapest way to go. There was a discussion on if they want to pay for part of the cost of the monthly payments of the modem use. The cost will be \$40 per month, and pay on a quarterly basis, starting retro active Starting in January 2009. Jerry made the motion. Karen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Randy brought up about the January minutes about pay pal. Karen, Annette, and Donna were going to discuss it. We are not going that route. Donna said that she does not want to do it, but, maybe in the future.

Randy asked Bob about the Fund raiser for this year. Bob said in the works with Unvair, and Bitterroot Therapeutic Riding. Bob said he sent out the letter to them and should receive a response soon. Then the Bitterroot Therapeutic Riding will be a part of our show with special classes, and use their own horses.

Regional Shows for 2009: Randy the Powell show will be in August the date is not yet available, Moses Lake show will be May 22-24 this will not be a point show, but a schooling show. Our Show will be July 9-11, The Utah show will be in June, and the last weekend in July.

New Business:

Randy asked Bobbi about Catherine Hansen she volunteered to do some art work of a new logo or a drawing. Bobbi said that Catherine would donate a drawing that we could use on clothing or caps. Donna suggested that we take orders instead of purchasing a lot of clothing and not be able to sell them. Randy asked Bobbi to get in touch with her about this. Bobbi asked what type of logo we would like. Randy said for her to use her own talent on this. Bill asked to make sure that we show a horse foxtrotting

Versatility Circuit Randy brought up about to be in this circuit. The cost will be a belt buckle. We will be in with Utah and Powell. Randy said that we hope to gain revenue on being in the Circuit. There was a discussion about this. Cathy and Mary volunteered to be a liaison to them. The cost will be \$150, for the belt buckle. Randy said that he will grantee the cost if the contestants do not

come out for this. Karen made a motion that we participate in the versatility circuit with the two other clubs. Kristina seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Fallen comrades: Randy asked some one to get this information to Ava to announce in the Show. Pete said he will do this for Les Mattifield. Also Karen asked some one to write a story to put in the Journal. Karen asked Donna if Mark could do this since he did a great job for our newsletter. Randy asked to put the Committees on the Web site and in the Newsletter. Cathy asked Annette if she changed the rules in the show program yet. Annette said she has not, but will do when she does the revamping of the 2009 show program.

There was a discussion on the Slaughter House if you are in favor of this, then please contact your congress men.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on June 27, 2009 at Jokers Wild at 11 am. Bob will call and set up the meeting.

Jerry said that the following meeting he will host at his house in Helena. And will set up a trial ride also. September 26, 2009 is the date of this meeting.

Annette motion for the meeting to be adjourned, Jerry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Annette Padgett
Secretary