

Big Sky Fox Trotter Association
Minutes for the January 16, 2010 meeting
Missoula Country Club, Missoula, MT
(Corrected)

Call to Order: President Randy Olsen called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm., Officers and board members attending the meeting were President, Randy Olson, Secretary Annette Padgett, Treasurer Donna Goss, Directors-at-Large Bill Free and Bob Womack, Western Director Kristina Tracer, Central Director Jerry Christison. Others attending the meeting were Mark Goss, Karen Philips, Cathy Olson, Thea Gervais, Rick Padgett, Harriet Free, C J Johansson, Lauren Johansson, Diane Shriner, Jerry Shriner, Chad Miller and Gale Mowry. Nineteen members attended the meeting. Introductions were made.

Elections: Randy asked if any member that have not voted, that they may do so now. Also Randy said that Bob Womack stepped down from the elections for Director at Large. With no response for any member Randy asked for Cathy and Mark if they will count the ballots. Annette handed the ballots to Cathy and Mark to count the ballots.

Randy read the results.

President: Randy Olson

Vice President: Bobbi Dyrud

Secretary: Annette Padgett

Treasurer: Gale Morwy

Western Director: Kristina Tracer

Central Director: Jerry Christison

Eastern Director: Lauren Johansson

Directors at Large: Pete Peterson, Chad Miller

Randy thanked all past BOD members for their service to the club.

Randy thanked Mary Auger and Karen Philips for all there help with the by-law revisions.

The By-law revision passed.

Correspondence: Randy asked if any members received any correspondence. No member in attendance said they did.

Minutes: Jerry Christisen made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes as printed on the e-mail, and on the BSFTA web site, Kristina Tracer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Goss presented the Treasurer's report. The current balance as of January 10, 2010 is \$5350.64. Donna did a profit and loss for 2009, and the balance December 31, 2009 is \$5,755.29. Randy thanked Donna for her 4 years of service to the club.

Karen informed the club that we use Quick Books for keeping our records and this is a very transparent program, and very easy to check our books.

Audit: Leslie Womack did the audit for this year. Everything was in order.

Annette motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as read, Cathy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Annette will e-mail a copy of the meeting minutes to 1st Security Bank in order for Gale Mowry to get the signature card for her.

2010 New Board: Randy thanked the New Board for accepting their positions.

Committee Reports: Randy asked the BOD and BSFTA members to chair committees, and try to be more involved. With the help of Bob Chad, Becie, Paton, and Mason will take on the Youth Program. Chad said that he is working on a point youth system. Also he mentioned about the use of other members horses for the youth to ride that do not have horses. There was a discussion on this about the liability on the youth riding other member horses. Some members said that it should be up to the horse owner and the parents of the youth member to ride that horse or not. Chad will look into this.

Budget Committee: Randy asked if there are any members to help on the Budget committee. Donna said that she will help out, but does not want to chair the committee; Karen, Gale and Mary will also help out on the Budget Committee. Donna made a suggestion if a Committee member goes over a \$100 then it should go to the President for approval. Randy said that this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Trail Ride Committee: Mark will Chair, with the help of Kristina, and Jerry. Each Board member is asked to sponsor a Trail Ride in their location. The National Trail Ride will be the 2nd or 3rd weekend in August. And this year is our turn to host the National Trail Ride. We share the National Trail Ride with Wyoming. Kristina will look into Lost Horse in Hamilton to have the National Trail Ride. Mark said that he and Thea worked it out with Ava that we can have a total of three National Trail rides, this would be one hosting with Wyoming, and then with us, then one with BSFTA and Wyoming.

Clinic Committee: Thea will be our new Chair for this committee. Thea ask for input from the members on what type of Clinics they would like to see. Cathy made a suggestion on how to be a hold back rider when doing cow work.

Rules Committee: Randy said that he does not think we would need a committee for this. We can discuss the rules at our BOD meetings.

Sponsorship Committee: Karen will Chair this committee again for this year. Karen said that it is a little harder this year and she could use all the help she can get, due to the economy.

Banquet Committee: Randy said that he did not know that the banquet needed a committee, but with a call from a few people things that needed to get done for this year's banquet. Randy thanked the help of Karen, Mark and Bob to get this accomplished for this year's Banquet. Mark would like to see the Banquet end of September or the beginning of October. Randy did say the reason we have the banquet in January was to have our 1st annual meeting along with the banquet to save members the gas expense. Randy said that we will discuss this at the next meeting. Hall of Famer's: it will be up to the BOD to vote for a member into the Hall of Fame. But, any member may nominate a member past or present. Randy has the criteria for this when it was first started. Randy read off the criteria for this. Randy will give the criteria list to Annette so she can get this posted on the Web Site & the Newsletter. Those who were the very first inducted in the Hall of Fame are: Larry Connor, Bill Free, Neil Peterson, Penny Peterson, and Char Steelman. Randy said that the BOD decided that this should be an award when they start to step down. Mark said that there are a lot of members that should be in the Hall of Fame but, are not ready yet.

BSFTA Show: Randy thanked Jerry Christison for all of his hard work on trying to get us a different venue in Helena to host our show. But, Randy said that our show will be held at the Sapphire again for this year. The Dates for the Show will be July 8-10, 2010 and the Memorial Trail ride will be on July 11, 2010. The place for the Trail ride will be announced at a later date. Bob and Jack have been in touch with Cindy at the Sapphire negotiating the contract, especially

the cost of the stalls. Randy said there were a few things that the BOD made the decision on having the BSFTA Show at the Sapphire again this year. Randy said that if we went to Helena for the Show Karen would lose a lot of sponsorships. Thea asked the Show Chair that we get a Judge that does not know anyone personally. Randy said that we do have a Judge for our 2010 Show. Mary had talked to the Judge Karen Graddy. There was a discussion about the Judge for versatility, and that we have a competent Judge for Ranch classes. Randy will ask our Judge Karen if she thinks she is qualified to Judge the Ranch/Cow classes at our show, if not then he will asked Karen if it will be okay to get Judge that is competent to Judge the Ranch Classes/Cow classes. Mark will check into getting us a Judge to do the Ranch/Cow classes. The deposit has been paid to hold our dates for the show. Bob is working on getting the grant for the Bitterroot Therapeutic Riding and for our show again for this year. Cathy will be our Show Secretary for this years show. Randy will have more information about the show at our next meeting.

Old Business:

BSFTA By-Laws: Randy thanked Mary and Karen for all of there hard work going over and finding what needed to be changed on the By-Laws. The By-Laws changes pass by the BSFTA members.

Mary purchased a DVD on Ranch competition if you are interested about this DVD, please contact Mary Auger.

New Business:

Skpe Web connection: Randy said Lauren would like to attend the meeting through Skpe Web connection. Annette will look into the Skpe web and download this, so BSFTA members who live a distance away can connect through Skpe, so our BSFTA members attended the meetings this way.

Other new business: Gale asked if we could make a flyer to give new owners our information about our club, Along with a membership form. Some of the member said that they pay for their membership as a thank you for purchasing a Fox Trotter. Lauren and Annette will work on getting the club a flyer.

Next meeting will be on April 17, 2010 in Helena. At 10:30 am. Then a trail ride will follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Annette Padgett
BSFTA Secretary