

Big Sky Fox Trotter Association
Minutes for the June 27, 2009 (draft version)
Jokers Wild, Missoula, MT

Call to Order: President Randy Olson called the meeting to order at 11:35 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, Bob Womack. Others attending the meeting were Rick Padgett, Karen Philips, Cathy Olsen, Bill Free, Mark Goss, Gail Hansen and Elmer Hansen. Thirteen members attended the meeting.

President note: Randy is very concerned about our future in our Youth program that we are not getting enough youth interested to take over in the future. Rand is also concerned about just a few members that do all of the work and they are starting to get tired. And that our club will be on a downward slope. Rand did get in touch with Sheri to be the Youth leader for our club and she said that she is not interested in doing this. Randy is asking for any suggestions and or any ideas to please let him know.

Correspondence: Pete Peterson sent on a email of a obituary on Les Mattfield into the Journal. Also ask if Mark Goss to look it over.

The DNA at Ava stayed the same with no changes on all breed stock.

Terrie Griffith sent out an email about the last National meeting at Ava. Annette had forward it onto our membership. Randy said that Terrie is doing a good job. Randy thanked Annette for being our Liaison for our club.

Minutes: Mark made a motion to accept the Meeting minutes as received. Bob seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Goss presented the Treasurer's report. The current balance as of June 27, 2009, 5,806.23 this amount includes the \$2,500 from Univar Corporation donation for our BSFTA show, and to help the Bitterroot Therapeutic Riding Karen Philips just gave Donna \$2195.00 in sponsor checks. Out going checks will be for the Awards for our show \$1346.00, and Annette for the cost of mailing the ribbons \$40.30. Donna put the money from Univar as a contribution. Bob said that a good portion will go to help out with the expenses of our show. Annette made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Bob seconded the motion, Motion pssed.

Committee Reports:

BSFTA 2009 Show: Bob gave the report on the Show since Jack is out of town. Bob said that we have a donation from Univar Corporation of \$2,500.00 out of that we will give the Therapeutic Riding club \$500 and the rest will go for the expenses of the show. Bob talked to Linda Olsen about the Therapeutic Riding will only going to be doing 2 classes, which will take place on Friday night at the same time as our dinner which we could watch time. They will have between 12 to 15 competitors. There was a discussion on purchasing concert tickets for the next night. Bill made a motion to give \$500 to the Therapeutic Riding club and also to purchase the concert tickets for the competitors and the Judge up to 15 people. Karen 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Bobbi said that the Therapeutic Riding club would need help with the set up of the courses and to help put the competitors on their horses. Bob said that he will do this. Joan Snodgrass said that she is will to help out with the publicity. Bob will get in touch with her to get in touch with Linda. Bob asked Mark on the update on the cows. Mark said that he will get 30 head of cows. Kristina gave the report on the Trail ride. The Memorial Trail ride is all set up at Lost Horse conversion Dam in Hamilton. The trail ride will start at 9:30am, and lunch will be at 12:30pm. The menu for

the lunch will be brisket & herb roasted chicken breast, cold slaw & baked beans, & brownies. Mark and Donna will do the faster ride and Kristina and Karen will do the slower ride. Directions to the Memorial Trail ride will be on our web site. Also we will need a sign up sheet at the show on Thursday to get a head count. Bitterroot Therapeutic riding club has their own insurance. Mark and Donna will bring their table and chairs. Ring Stewart: Jack will bring his friend Pete, Bobbi Dyrud, and his brother. Randy will bring his computer and printer for the show. Pete Peterson will be the photographer. Karen said that we need to ask Pete for a copy of the show pictures on a CD for use for the club. Karen has a friend that would be available to help out with the show. Karen asked if the club would pay her for her time. There was a discussion on hiring a person to input the competitors into the computer. It would be up to the Show Secretary if she would need any help. Karen said that she will take care of the cost for her friend.

Youth: Randy was not successful on getting our next new Youth Leader. Randy is asking for and suggestions on this. Randy said that if anyone knows of a youth that would like to show that he has a horse that they could ride. Bob asked about a youth and a Novice trail rider could ride the same horse. Cathy said that the club did vote on this, and it is in place. There was a discussion on the trail class. It was decided to let the Show Chairman Jack Womack decide about the novice and youth competitors.

Sponsorships: Randy thanked Karen for all of her hard work on Sponsorships, and asked Karen to give a progress report on sponsorships. Karen said that we still have a lot of classes that have no sponsorships yet, but is still working on this. Karen asked if the club members know of anyone who would like to sponsor to let her know. Also Karen is starting to send out the Show Programs. Karen made a suggestion that the Club should look into a bigger corporate sponsorships. Karen has not gotten any sponsorship for any of the Ranch Horse classes she wants to focus on the regular classes. Karen asked that we do not do the Junior or Senior Showmanship awards this year; this will help her out on the sponsorships. Jack will let Karen know about the showmanship awards.

Bylaws: Randy tabled the Bylaws until the next meeting. Karen said that we should get this done so Annette can put the revised Bylaws in with the elections for the next year.

Newsletter: Mark is currently working on the newsletter. Mark would like to have any stories that you have to put in the newsletter.

Versatility: Mark gave a report on the versatility committee. Mark said that the Versatility Committee put together the Versatility and the Ranch horse rules together and have been approved and will not go into effect until the Celebration. Mark said that the new Versatility rules are very well done. There are changes in the equipment, changes in the championship classes, changes definitions. Randy asked Mark if he had any input with the help with the rule changes. Mark did say that he did, but that he did not have much influence. Randy talked about the Versatility Circuit at our show all the classes that we put in there are going to be in the Intermountain Versatility Circuit and they have been defined. Also there has been idea of an Over All Ranch Horse Champion, but this has not been determined yet. Randy encouraged member to go to all three show to participate in the Intermountain Versatility Circuit.

Trail: Thea is absent for this meeting, Randy asked if any of our members know of any Trail rides that will be set up. None as of yet

National Trail Ride: Randy asked about the National Trail Ride. Cathy said the Fall Gather Trail ride in Wyoming is not a National Trail ride because there are to Trail Rides on the same date and the other one put it in before the Fall Gather Ride and they did not get the okay. But the earlier one is a National Trail Ride. But the Fall Trail Ride is an approved Trail Ride. There was a discussion on this. Cathy said that she could not find the other National Trail listed in the Journal. Randy will look into this.

Old Business: Randy asked about the All Around were set and implemented into the show program. And they have been imputed in the show rules. There was a mention of a computer for Jack to use. Randy said that he will bring his laptop and printer.

Cathy Hanson said that the logo will be table until later possibly next year. Bobbi said that it got to late in the year and she was riding. Bobbi asked about the day the Therapeutic riding she said in the program it said Friday night. The Therapeutic riding will be on Thursday night instead. There were a few minor changes since the program came out.

Karen said that everyone should check out the new BSFTA web site. We now have a new look! Bob asked about a Novice Versatility Champion? There is not a Novice Versatility Champion. Karen said that was on the registration form. Annette apologized for the error in the program. Annette said that she will take care of this.

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 said that we do need a fundraiser. Randy has idea is that we could approach people to be in the Official Saddle Club of the BSFTA for a yearly fee we would post there banners at our shows and events, list there names on our web site. Randy said that we would approach the people who support us first. There was a discussion on this. Karen made a motion to pursue the concept of procuring official providers of services and goods. Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed. Randy asked if Kent and Charleen Krone would be in favor of doing a Trail Ride for us.

Karen said that they will be here next summer.

Mark said that we need a more Trail Rides because the majority of our membership is trail riders. And maybe we need a new Trail Ride Committee person. And we need to have a schedule set the first of the year for the trail ride season. There was a discussion on this.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on September 26, 2009.

Jerry will host the next meeting at his house in Helena. And will set up a trial ride also.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Annette Padgett
Secretary