

Rocky Mountain Fjord Horse Club
Draft minutes of November 1, 2008 meeting

The first annual RMFHC meeting started at about 1:30 on November 1, 2008 during the Fjord Fun Day lunch break at Starfire Farm with approximately 50 people in attendance.

Beth Beymer summarized the history of the club, which started with gatherings of “local” fjord owners who participated in previous Fjord Fun Days, the Starfire Quadrille and other fjord activities. Beth Beymer and Sandy North are the editors of the Fjord Herald and Jeff Pederson is a member of NFHR Board.

The group discussed the purpose of the club: to hold fjord events, promote fjords and provide a network for fjord related activities. Those present were asked to identify any specific interests they had. The possibility of a fjord evaluation in 2009 was discussed, a show of hands indicated that those present had about 27 horses they would be interested in having evaluated. Many people expressed interest in fjord fun days, fun days to include driving obstacles, possibly shows, and clinics. Several people also expressed interest in trail riding.

The following people were selected by acclamation to serve as the initial officers of the club:

President: Jeanne Poirier – jeannepo@frii.com
Vice President: Nancy Newport -- nlnewport@gmail.com
Treasurer: Susan Cargill -- smc_two@yahoo.com
Secretary: Beth German -- bghome@hughes.net

In addition, the following people volunteered to work on organizing the following types of activities:

-trail rides: Silja Knoll, Jackie Sanderson and Dave Newport.

--ADT events (mini CDE): Sue Clarke-Sorger, Pat Kokora, Lisa Pederson

Sandy North and Beth German agreed to prepare initial incorporation documents, and will look into incorporating as a Colorado non profit corporation or organization. Susan Cargill will work with them on drafting initial bylaws.

Affiliation with NFHR was discussed and it was pointed out that NFHR is a breed registry, not an association at this time. However, if NFHR rules are followed for shows, it may be possible to obtain some financial assistance from NFHR for shows.

There was discussion about whether unregistered or part fjords would be allowed to participate in events. The consensus was that all fjords, and part fjords, should be

welcome although NFHR rules may limit participation of such horses in shows governed by NRHR rules or in NFHR awards programs.

The possibility of obtaining funding from the Fjord Foundation for educational events was also mentioned.

Beth Beymer mentioned that a logo for the club is in the works.

Sandy North will help provide information for a web site and will work with Jeanne Poirier on setting one up.

It was decided that initial dues for the organization would be \$20.00 per household. Jeanne brought forms for people to fill out and will post copies on the website as well. Susan Cargill collected dues from those who signed up at the meeting.

Diane Solomon suggested trying to organize a nationwide trail ride. She and Silja will work with Kathy Hibbard to look into this possibility.

Susan Felix reported on ongoing efforts to establish a Boulder County Horse Park by the end of 2010 and advised the group that the horse park organizers would like to know about breed organizations that might be interested in the park.

The meeting ended at about 2:15.

Secretary's note: the potluck was incredible and all those who helped organize the fun day, including Nancy Newport, Ann Arling, Jeanne Poirier, Sandy North and Beth Beymer should be commended!