

CFHA AGM MARCH 23, 2013

1. Present were Carol Boehm, president, and directors Linda Frye, Sheila Kyte, Leala Pomfret, Aja Johnson and Alison Bakken. Members present were Colin Perrault, Pat Wolfe, Gord Fulton, Geri McNeil, Uli Schable, Anna Middleton, Eunice Bosomworth, Sarah Ladd and secretary Andrea Thiel. Also present was newsletter editor Jane Beale.
2. Motion to approve the agenda. All in favour.
3. Motion to approve minutes of the AGM of 2012. Gord moved, seconded by Leala that the minutes be approved with the addition of the motion to set aside the requirement for whorls as identification which was passed in 2012 but not reflected in the minutes. All in favour.
4. 2012 audit was not completed in time because the auditor received the required information from the Treasurer a week before the AGM.
5. Treasurer's report was presented by Carol Boehm on behalf of Ron Black.
6. Proposed budget, which was sent to members previously, was presented by Carol Boehm. Alison Bakken moved to accept the budget, seconded by Colin Perrault. All in favour.
7. Committee reports were presented. The website has a new, improved look; the newsletter is growing in size, and the editor encourages everyone to submit their story ideas; the promotions committee isn't doing a farm booklet this year, and will cut back on events to attend because of a lack of volunteers. However other ways of promoting the Fjord will be considered and discussed by the board. Membership is stable.
8. The Board proposed changes to the fee schedule in a mailout to members. All in favour.

A number of proposed by-law amendments were discussed and voted on:

The current by-law (Section 19 D) states: Except in the case of a foal produced by artificial insemination, the Registrar will request DNA testing to verify parentage of every tenth application received for registration, costs to be paid by the CFHA.

1. **From Gord Fulton and Geri McNeil: Section 19 D): *Except in the case of a foal produced by artificial insemination, the Registrar will require DNA testing to verify parentage of every tenth application (geldings excluded) for registration, cost to be paid by the party requesting registration.***

Reasoning: First, to remove the DNA cost to CFHA, second to limit the cost to all members rather than a blanket DNA requirement.

The amendment did not receive the required 2/3 majority and therefore did not pass.

A similar proposed amendment presented by the Board, which would require all foals to be DNA'd as a requirement for registration, was withdrawn.

The third proposed amendment was also presented by the Board:

From the CFHA Board of Directors: add to Section 19: subsection H) Certificate of Service: *The certificate of service is to be completed by the stallion owner and given to the mare owner following stallion service. This certificate must accompany the application for registration of the foal unless the stallion, mare and foal are owned by the same person. For AI and ET breeding, completion of the AI/ET service section is required.*

Reasoning: this subsection was included in previous by-laws but omitted by accident from the last revision.

All in favour.

The fourth proposed amendment:

From the CFHA Board of Directors: remove Section 20 B) which reads:

All Norwegian Fjord Horses registered with the CFHA shall have the placement of hair whorls recorded on their registration papers as a means of identification.

Reasoning: this has proved to be too complicated to be cost-effective.

All in favour.

The fifth proposed amendment:

- 2. From the secretary: Section 7A) now reads: *Director's complete term of office is four years after which a Director must step down for a minimum of one term.***

The proposed change would add to this section the following: *Should an insufficient number of candidates stand for election, departing directors will be asked to consider staying, with preference given to those who have held their positions for the shortest period of time.*

Reasoning: This is a contingency plan should not enough members wish to make themselves available to the CFHA.

All in favour.

The meeting adjourned.