

MINUTES FOR CFHA DIRECTOR MEETING MAY 1/18

Meeting started at 7:05

Those in attendance were: Gordon, Amy, Mikayla, Cat, Alex and Dana

Greg was absent

Mikayla made a motion to accept the agenda and Amy seconded it and all were in favor

Amy made a motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting and Alex seconded it and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. E-motions- Alex made a motion to approve paying Jane Beall for sending the back copies of the newsletter and for the banner sent to Aja.
2. Registry Problem: a discussion around the problem we have with animals being registered that should not have qualified. We have decided to adopt a letter amended by David Trus to send out to all the members explaining the situation and explaining what would happen from now on.

A motion was made by Alex to rescind a motion made by Greg in the April meeting as this would not abide by our constitution. Cat seconded it and all were in favor and the motion was carried.

(Motion rescinded: Greg made a motion that the affected parties be contacted by mail and that they are being allowed to keep their animals registered but from now on all progeny must be registered according to the requisites effective No 1/13.)

A motion was made by Cat that although the animals in question will remain registered, their progeny will be held to a higher standard. There fore , the CFHA requires that for those animals not in compliance with the three generation rule, their progeny will require verification of no inbreeding within four(4) generations

instead of three. The CLRC will be informed and will require an additional generation to be checked for inbreeding on those particular animals before their foals can be registered. The motion was seconded by Mikayla and all were in favor and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Cat to mail out a letter explaining this to all members and also print it in the newsletter. Amy seconded the motion and all were in favor and the motion was carried. Dana will try to get them out this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gelding DNA- Gordon has been in discussion with the NFHR and they have had some problems with registering older geldings so he wanted to know if we felt we should DNA some older geldings to see if DNA matched papers. There was no interest in pursuing this at this time. Gordon did say that some of the wording on the CLRC site did not match ours so he will talk to them about getting this changed.
2. Merchandise options- Alex and Cat will work on coming up with some new merchandise options and present them to us at a future meeting.
3. Social Media opportunities-Alex will explore putting our associations out there on some social media sights such as Instagram and Snap Chat and see if we get interest in our association through them.

A motion was made by Amy to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 and Mikayla seconded it and all were in favor. Next meeting is June the 12th at 7:00 pm Alberta time



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NOTICE: TO ALL CFHA MEMBERS

SUBJECT: CFHA Registration Irregularity of Horses

In 2010 CFHA did a major rewrite of its constitution. One of the added bylaws was an inbreeding clause regarding the past three generations. The membership found that the bylaw was installed in too tight a timeline and with inadequate advertising. The membership decided to do a better advertising campaign using the website and newsletter. This bylaw affects any foal born after November 1, 2013.

The CFHA operates under the authority of the *Animal Pedigree Act*. All members are bound by the Act and the by-laws once approved by the Minister. It is the breeder's responsibility to know and follow the CFHA bylaws. The registrar is responsible for verifying that the by-laws are followed.

Our registrar Canadian Livestock Records Corporation created a computer program to check for inbreeding when the by-laws were changed, but neglected to activate the new verification on the effective date. In March of this year, we had a buyer asking questions about inbreeding which caused CFHA to check and subsequently found ten horses that members had improperly submitted and which were not caught by CLRC. The board of directors of CFHA has had serious and lengthy discussions of what to do with these horses. Deregistration was one of the options, but would create hardships due to the length of time this was unchecked plus the fact that most of these horses were sold to new owners.

As breeders, please be aware that our inbreeding bylaw means there will be no common ancestor in a group of animals known as parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. The computer program is now fully functional and the registrar will not accept any further inbred pedigrees. As a result of the oversight, however, several animals were registered contrary to the new by-law requirements. The Board has consulted with the Animal Registration Officer at Agriculture Canada to find a solution.

It is important that we respect the intent of the members to minimize inbreeding. Although the animals in question will remain registered, their progeny will be held to a higher standard. Therefore, the CFHA requires that for those animals not in compliance with the three generation rule, their progeny will require verification of no inbreeding within four (4) generations instead of three. The CLRC has been informed and will require one additional generation to be checked for inbreeding on those particular animals before their foals can be registered.

Sincerely,

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