

MEETING MINUTES

To: Flugnir Icelandic Horse Association of the Midwest Board
From: Nick Cook - Secretary
Date: July 20, 2013 – Part II
RE: Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kevin Draeger, Ron Rose, Wade Elmsblad, Lori Cretney, Nick Cook

- Meeting called to order at 3:30 P.M. CST.

Secretary's Report – Nick Cook

Last week's minutes were briefly reviewed. Kevin motioned to approve. Ron issues a second.

Treasurer's Report - Lori Cretney

Financials: Current Flugnir account balance is \$13,916.78.

We received reimbursements from USIHC for Midwest Horse Fair.

Terri Ingram has requested reimbursement for Minnesota Horse Expo and receipts have been provided.

Vorkeppni made \$705.25 on concessions. Special thanks to Roger and Kathleen Haab, Dan and Barb Riva, Ron and Robbie Rose, Sharon Cretney, and Judy Strehler for making this happen.

Financial for the Laura Benson clinic are not yet complete. Receipts are still pending (to be mailed Monday) and two participants have not yet paid in full.

Minnesota Horse Expo and Midwest Horse Fair Expenses:

These events were a success as usual. A few more expenses will still be issued, such as decorations from Minnesota Expo.

Reports from Standing Committees/Events

Flugnirkeppni 2013 September 7 - 8:

Class/show bill updates were made as discussed.

Kevin has submitted a proposal for a \$1000 grant to the USIHC for the event. Congress has expressed pleasure with the proposal, and things are progressing through the proper channels.

The money will go to sponsor youth classes, and Kevin will follow-up after the show with the USIHC.

Promotion for the event needs to start ASAP.

We also need to book judges flights. Lori agreed to get the judge info from Kevin and book the flights using the debit card for Flugnir.

Barb has offered up use of old rewards that could be re-purposed for the show. Wade is taking ownership of this item.

The early registration price for Flugnirkeppni will be a boobie (shimed saddle pad from Flying-C) pad.

Lori will order.

New Business

Re-scaling of Flugnir Constitution and By-Laws 2013: Several items concerning amendments to the Flugnir constitution need to be discussed and/or voted upon at a member meeting. These items are as follows:

Hold-Harmless Clause: This clause holds the board harmless as a group and as individuals related to liability at Flugnir-Sponsored events. Everyone generally agreed that this is a good idea.

Electronic Communications: This clause would include making electronic mechanisms binding whether they are via the web, online surveys, email, etc.

Role of Treasury Updated: This would impose a limit on the amount a treasurer could issue out of Flugnir's funds without board approval. We would still need to determine how many approvals would be required to discern a final approval.

Update to Board Member Inclusions: This would change the constitution to state that the board should always consist of seven members. We would also eliminate the current statement that denotes a former treasurer or secretary remains on the board upon being replaced.

****An official motion was made by Wade to put out a call for nominations on a seventh board member. Lori issued a second.****

Disillusion of Flugnir: The constitution currently states that any remaining funds upon disillusionment go to "An Icelandic Horse Charity." We need to amend this to denote something more specific and tangible, such as the USIHC Youth Fund.

Membership Confirmation: We need a means to confirm event participants as members of Flugnir for liability purposes. This could include an invited, or sponsored membership that has a nominal (\$1) fee just for legal binding purposes.

Website and Social Media: Wade suggested moving the Flugnir website to Wordpress and expressed several cosmetic and administrative reasons for doing so. Nick agreed that this was a good idea and it will move forward. Kevin is taking on a twitter feed on behalf of Flugnir in order to step up communications with the membership. It was generally agreed upon that the board should make an official "Communications Coordinator" board position, for which Kevin would be an outstanding fit.

As an aside, for the sake of our members at-large, we will not publish Nick's Twitter feed, as it is loaded with content about professional wrestling and little else.

Ongoing Business

Education Fund:

A brief discussion was held about the education fund. Today, the youth fund is only supported only via concessions at various events. There are concerns about how well this could be supported financially.

Youth Marketing Fund:

Kids Camps! Nick and Kevin would volunteer to co-host/instruct youth camps at Tolthaven and/or Winterhorse next year, and we would actively attempt to recruit new kids into the organization at Midwest Horse Fair and the MN Expo. Much more to come about this.

Youth Fund Reporting and Opportunities for Growth: New ideas for encouragement of youth were discussed. We suggested eliminating fees for youth memberships and cutting the price or eliminating fees for youth classes.

**Wade moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:45P.M. CST. Second by Ron.