**Frida Icelandic Riding Club (FIRC)**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 19, 2019, 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

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| **Board Member Attendance** | | **Guests Present** |
| *Present* | *Absent* |
| Suzi McGraw | Gray Strausser | none |
| Carrie Laurencot |  |  |
| Antje Freygang |  |  |
| Millie Angelino |  |  |
| Curtis Pierce |  |  |
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EXECUTIVE REPORT: – Suzi McGraw

No updates

TREASURER’S REPORT: – Millie Angelino

The balance in the FIRC accounts are as follows: checking account, - $323.38, savings account - $4,000.93 petty cash – $438.39 for a total of $4762.70

Some of the increase in funds since the last meeting is due to membership renewals, new memberships, proceeds from the 50/50 raffle at Annual meeting, and donations from riding lessons.

IRS STATUS: - Millie Angelino

Suzi thanked Millie for all her efforts on getting the IRS status completed. Millie has received a letter from the IRS, and as of August 14th, FIRC is exempt from paying federal taxes. FIRC is now designated as not-for-profit in the state of PA. FIRC must remain compliant with tax laws and file tax returns. Millie will consult with a lawyer to determine the requirements of FIRC for not-for-profit status.

MINUTES: of *March 24, 2019 board meeting:* - Carrie Laurencot

Minutes were approved via email in March.

MEMBERSHP: - Millie Angelino

Six new members have joined since the last meeting.

Membership renewal – the board discussed that if dues are paid on or after Dec 1st of the year, the dues will apply to the following calendar year also.

Motion made by Millie to pass this membership renewal policy, and seconded by Curtis, all agreed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fair Hill Trail Ride – Sat. Oct.5 -Carrie Laurencot
   1. Seven members have indicated that they are interested in this ride. An e-mail update was sent to club members.
2. Sanctioned Show – CurtisPierce and Antje Freygang Oct. 26-27, 2019
   1. Laura Benson is doing a clinic on the Wed and Thursday prior to the show.
      1. Clinic is full, Curtis is compiling a waiting list
   2. Nicole Kempf is arriving on October 17-28th, and individual lessons or horse work are being offered. Horses should arrive on Oct 17-18th, and full board will be provided. There are 8 slots, and 6 slots are already taken.
   3. Have ordered port-o-potties, portable stalls, tents, heaters, tables, chairs, etc.
      1. On Oct 21st – toilets, dumpsters, stalls will arrive
      2. On Oct 22nd – horses arrive
   4. Inverter-Generators will be available for trailers for those that do not have them.
   5. Have 2 entries and 5 horses so far. Many more have expressed interest.
   6. Food vendors are being set up for breakfast and lunch. Free dinners will be offered by Antje on Wed-Friday.
   7. Saturday night dinner: will include a DJ provided by Montaire.
   8. Montaire is being opened up to the public with brochures and announcements for bulletin boards at horse venues. Focus is to promote FIRC.
   9. Friday is a day for riders to work with horses on their own or with their instructor/trainer.
   10. Some vendors will be present at the show (Southern states, Butterfly, and others). Discussion – vendors (other than food) should be charged a fee of $50. This will not be club income but will be used to offset the expenses of Montaire.
   11. Ribbons are on order and will arrive on or before October 21st.
   12. Ice test is up and running. Need to do a test run.
   13. WiFi will not be available at the show. Curtis will notify show participants of the lack of WiFi at the show.
   14. Silent auction – Suzi is exploring have an on-line auction site which will take a percentage (7%) of profit. Another option is to host the auction on the FIRC website, but this has some limitations. If possible, some items will be offered prior to the show. The other items will be part of the silent auction at the show. Please contact Curtis Pierce if you have an item(s) you wish to donate.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Holiday Party – Suzi McGraw
   1. Proposed date Dec 7th at Pat Carballo’s house
   2. Board agreed with this date and place
2. New logo – Millie talked to Cindy Dunn who has offered to do the new FIRC logo for free. She is a graphic artist. Millie has sent her the old FIRC logo, and Cindy will send us some ideas. Need to find a way for this logo to honor the image of Frida.
3. Advertisements for Frida
   1. Antje wants to put ads in magazines for Frida.
      1. Such as the Icelandic Quarterly. The club should pay for part of this.
      2. Working with other magazines too.
      3. Board members indicated that they would like to review and approve FIRC advertisements prior to publication.
4. New board members
   1. Looking for additional board members and new board members for next year.
      1. Suzi will announce this in next communication.
5. Items for the Icelandic Quarterly
   1. Items for the Icelandic Quarterly are due by October 1st.
   2. Suzy will put something together for the Icelandic Quarterly.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Curtis, seconded by Millie, all approved.