**FIRC Board of Directors’ Meeting**

February 11, 2012 Flying Change Ranch, West Virginia

**Directors Present**: Sam Castleman (by phone), Laura Colicchio, Tony Colicchio, Suzi McGraw, Rich Moore, Charlotte Riley

**Members Present**: Pat Moore, Sandy Newkirk

**Directors Not Present**: Marcia Newman

**Quorum Achieved**: Six directors were present.

The meeting opened at 2:00 pm and ended at 4:20 pm.

Minutes were approved from the previous meeting in October, 2011.

**Treasurer’s Report** (prepared by Marcia Newman)

**Summary of 2011: Income and Expenses**

Beginning Balance 01/01/2011: $2,632.87

Deposits: $1,325.00

Expenses: $1,284.12

Ending Balance 12/31/2011: $2,673.75

**Income and Expenses in 2012:**

Current Checking Acct. Balance: $ 4,785.75

Expenses to Date: $ 40.00

Income: $ 2,152.00

 Dues & Misc.: $ 662.00

 Show: $ 1490.00

 Silent Auction: $ 490.00

 Individual Contributions to Support the Show:

 Tony Colicchio: $ 500

 Sally Thorpe: $ 500

**Old Business**

**Demonstrations**

Club members demonstrated their Icelandic horses at Mt. Airy, Maryland in November, 2011 and at Frying Pan Farm Park in Herdon, Virginia in December, 2011.

The club annual post-holiday party was held in January at Barbara Sollner-Webb’s home in Maryland. A silent auction was held at the party that raised $490. The funds will be used to help support the club show in May, 2012.

**New Business**

**Election of Officers:**
President - Tony Colicchio
Vice-president - Laura Colicchio
Secretary - Rich Moore
Treasurer - Marcia Newman

Members-at-large - Sam Castleman
 Suzi McGraw

 Charlotte Reilly

Sam Castleman will remain in the position of FIRC Representative to the USIHC Board.

The FIRC youth representative to the USIHC Board has not yet been finalized.

The club website will be maintained by Suzi McGraw.

**Activities**

The board is working on the details of the 2012 Activity Calendar. The following events have been scheduled:

**Party**

A kickoff event for the 2012 riding season is being considered for March.

**Clinics**

Sandy Newkirk March MD (being considered)

Gudmar Petursson May 7-11 KY

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**Trail Rides**

Laura and Tony Colicchio plan a Wisteria Ride in Rosaryville, Maryland on April 21 and a Halloween Ride in October.

**Sanctioned Show**

The club will sponsor its first sanctioned show on May 19 and 20 at Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon, Virginia. Pat Moore, the show manager, made a presentation to the board. Sverrir Bjartmarz and Sali Peterson are members of the show committee. Information on the show has been placed on the club website.

Sandy Newkirk offered an original painting on an Icelandic horse theme to used in a raffle for the sanctioned show.

**Drill Team**

A group of eight riders have formed a drill team and have been practicing monthly at Rich and Pat Moore’s farm in Catharpin, Virginia. On April 15, 2012 at 10:30 am, the team will be doing a demonstration of Icelandic horses at the Warren County 4-H Expo near Front Royal, Virginia. The board discussed opening this activity to more riders perhaps by organizing a group under the direction of Sandy Newkirk. This group would learn the same pattern and join the existingteam at some events. The board discussed how the activities of the drill team could be covered by the club’s insurance or would affect the insurance. Sam Castleman volunteered to look into the overall issue of insurance coverage.

**Pleasure Riding Program**

Suzi demonstrated a simplified page on the Sharing Center to keep track of equine activities.

**Next Meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting for the Board of Directors will be announced in the near future.