**Frida Icelandic Riding Club (FIRC)**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 24, 2019, 7 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

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| **Board Member Attendance** | | **Guests Present** |
| *Present* | *Absent* |
| Suzi McGraw | none | Laura Strausser |
| Carrie Laurencot |  |  |
| Antje Freygang |  |  |
| Millie Angelino |  |  |
| Curt Pierce |  |  |
| Gray Strausser |  |  |

EXECUTIVE REPORT: – Suzi McGraw

1. Election of 2019 officers
   1. Suzi agreed to be President
   2. Antje agreed to be Vice-president
   3. Carrie agreed to be Secretary
   4. Millie agreed to be Treasurer
   5. Gray agreed to stay on as a member at large
   6. Curt agreed to stay on as a member at large
   7. Curt also agreed to serve as USIHC representative
      1. Involves lots of e-mails. Current topic includes insurance.
      2. Suzi moved to have Curt serve as USIHC representative, Millie seconded, all agreed.
2. Insurance for 2019 (Curt)
   1. The current insurance policy is in effect through March 13, 2019.
   2. Two different underwriters are looking at the application, and Curt hopes to hear back from them in a week or two.
   3. Directors and Officers policy (DNO) – Curt doesn’t think we need to have a DNO policy since the club has very few assets.
   4. Insurance policies are designed to protect the innocent bystanders. Participants sign a liability form.
   5. Need to name farms where club events occur: Montaire, ThorpeWood, Stony Brook Farm
   6. RUHL insurance – Antje uses this insurance which has a maximum of 6 events.
3. 2019 Kick-off Celebration at ThorpeWood, March 31, 2019, start time at noon.
   1. Mitchell Goldman has agreed to do a 30-40 minute presentation (with or without an honorarium).
   2. Will do a 50/50 funding raiser.
   3. Door prizes will be included.
   4. Club will supply a main course – Pork dish from Millie. If enough people are attending we will ask Pat Carballo if she would be willing to bring fried chicken. The club will also supply a cake, paper goods, and cutlery. Cost not to exceed $100.00.
4. Spring Events
   1. Possible clinic:
      1. Spring Clinic at Laura Strausser’s farm – Stony Brook Farm
         1. Millie agreed to do paperwork
         2. April 5-7, 2019
         3. Clinician – Hrafnhildur Gudmundsdottir from Iceland who is a Holar graduate; or Coralie Denamie from Colorado.
         4. Individual lessons, group lessons, sport competition, ground work
         5. Clinic would be private event hosted by Stony Brook Farm in which club members are invited.
         6. Millie and Gray will work on the details and get back to the board members.
         7. Should consider getting a grant from USIHC for the clinic. Millie would look into the requirements from USIHC.
   2. Trail rides – not discussed
   3. Schooling Show – on Sept 7th at Montaire.
      1. Nicole Kemp will be in attendance for the schooling show
      2. Nicole Kemp will be at Montaire from Oct 19-30, 2019

TREASURER’S REPORT: – Millie Angelino

1. Account Balance
   1. FIRC Saving’s account balance- no changes since the last meeting - $3,435.10
      1. There is also a small amount in the checking account and petty cash.
2. Membership Renewal Status
   1. 46 invoices sent out, and 16 renewals have been received.
   2. It was recommended that letters should be sent out for membership renewal.
   3. Membership renewal will be mentioned in Evite for kick-off meeting.

MINUTES: of *(previous board meeting January 13, 2019):* - Carrie Laurencot

Motion to accept the minutes made by Millie, seconded by Curt, all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sanctioned show - October 26-27, 2019.
   1. Not listed on NEIHC website (Millie) – not discussed
   2. Positions for show needed
      1. Volunteer coordinator
      2. Show Secretary – someone with experience
         1. Curt will write up a position description.
      3. Ice test electronic scoring software system – need some assistance for the show
2. Drill Team (Carrie) – not discussed
   1. Pat will make an announcement at the kick-off party
   2. Pat wants to commit to the Tuckahoe Year of the Horse event on Sept. 28th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Youth Cup –FIRC donation to this event (Millie)
   1. This decision will be deferred until the next meeting.
2. FIRC taxes
   1. Suggestion to pay for taxes to be prepared by a professional (Millie)
      1. Millie has a former colleague from DAL Accounting, Dominick Lopez, who will do the taxes at no cost, he is a former IRS agent.
         1. Motion made by Curt to have Dominick Lopez do the taxes, seconded by Millie, all approved.
3. Next board meeting will be on Sunday, March 24th at 7 PM.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn made by Carrie, seconded by Suzi, all approved.