**FIRC Board of Directors’ Meeting**

January 26, 2013 Upper Marlboro, MD

**Directors Present**: Tony Colicchio, Laura Colicchio, Pat Moore, Rich Moore, and Marcia Newman

**Directors Absent:** Sverrir Bjartmarz

**Members Present**: none

The meeting began at 2:00 pm and ended at 4:45 pm.

The board approved the minutes of the October 14, 2012 meeting with a correction of the balance from $4,654.62 to $4,451.62.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Opening balance:** $4,451.62(October, 2012)

*Income:* $1,659.97

 *Dues* $415.00

 *USIHC* $350.00 (reimbursement)

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 *Donation* $500.00

 *Auction* $252.00

*Expenses:* $1,868.34

 *PA Expo* $350.00

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 *Insurance* $629.00

 *KYIHS* $50.00

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 *ShowDeposit* $300.00

 *Show Flyers* $285.94

 *Show Postage* $60.40

**Current Balance:** $4,243.25

**Membership**

There were 44 individual and family memberships in the club at the end of December. So far in 2013, 17 members have sent in dues. Emails and letters will be sent to those who have not yet renewed their membership.

**Old Business**

**Trail Ride**

A ride in Upper Marlboro on November 9 was organized by Tony and Laura Colicchio. The ride went well.

**Insurance**

Tony Colicchio handled the renewal of the club insurance policy company.

**Drill Team**

The drill team has continued to practice monthly. The team did a breed demonstration at Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon, Virginia on December 3.

**Activities**

The club sponsored a class at the Kentucky Icelandic Horse Show in October. The club also gave a stipend of $50.00 to a member of the FIRC riding in the show for the first time on his own horse.

A club holiday party was held on December 15 at the home of Barbara Sollner-Webb in Laurel, Maryland. There was a silent auction at the party that raised $252.00 for the club show in May.

There will be a Horse Expo from February 21 to 24, 2013 in Harrisburg, PA. The club will have a booth on breed row and will do breed demonstrations. Tony Colicchio is the point of contact. Tony received $350 from the USIHC to help pay for the booth.

Laura Colicchio has organized a clinic with Gudmar Petursson from April 22 to 26 in Louisville, Kentucky. The clinic is full.

Rich Moore purchased a new public address system for the club to replace the old to support riding events.

**New Business**

**Elections**

Six members volunteered to serve on the club board for 2013. The board elected Tony Colicchio president, Laura Colicchio vice president, Marcia Newman treasurer, and Rich Moore secretary. Sverrir Bjartmarz and Pat Moore will serve as members at large. There is one vacant position on the board. The board would welcome another member.

**Activities**

The board voted to accept new members at the Pennsylvania Expo at a reduced price of $15 for a single membership and $20 for a family membership as opposed to the normal rate of $25 and $35. Payment for the special rate must be paid by cash or check during the expo. Tony will collect new membership forms and fees.

The board voted to pay $1,400 to the Fairfax County Park Authority to rent the indoor and outdoor arenas for two days during the FIRC Horse Show in May. The USIHC reimbursed the club $142.97 for flyers for the Spring Show in May, 2013.

The board voted to authorize the show committee to organize a schooling show to be held on September 7 at Frying Pan Farm Park in Hendon, Virginia and to pay $200 to the Fairfax County Park Authority to rent one of the outdoor arenas for the show. Pat Moore is the point of contact for this event.

The board voted for the following motion:

“The organizers of any specific activity such as the FIRC Spring Show or the club participation at the Pennsylvania Horse Expo shall be authorized to spend up to $250 prior to board approval and shall notify the board within seven days of the expenditure.”

The board discussed improving communication among club members. Rich Moore was asked to discuss improvements to the web page, share center, and associated emails with Suzi McGraw, the webmaster. Rich also will be sending a survey to members on activities along with a reminder to pay dues for 2013.

Pat Moore suggested that a quarterly newsletter be posted on the web page to better inform the club and visitors to the website of club activities. The board agreed that a different director would prepare the report quarter. Tony Colicchio volunteered to write the first newsletter.

The board voted to send copies of the agenda for board meetings to the membership one week before the meeting. Comments on the topics and attendance at the meeting will be welcome.

Laura Colicchio said she would organize trail rides on April 13 in Upper Marlboro, Maryland; on June 1 in Cockeysville, Maryland; and on November 2 in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Rich Moore is looking into hosting a conformation clinic with Barbara Frische in October in Catharpin, Virginia.

**Next Meeting Date and Location**

The next board meeting will be held at Rich and Pat Moore’s home in Catharpin, Virginia on April 14, 2013 at 1 pm.