**FIRC Board of Directors’ Meeting**

October 13, 2013 Stephens City, VA

**Highlights:**

The club bank balance is $4,793.23.

There are 68 members of the club an increase of four since the end of June.

The schooling show in September went well, attracted 15 riders, and showed a profit of $96.

The drill team performed before over 100 people at the Icelandic Association picnic.

There will be trail rides in Maryland in October and November.

The club holiday party will be on December 14 in Maryland.

The directors planned activities for 2014 such as clinics, trail rides, socials, shows, an expo, and drill team.

The directors approved a budget for 2014 (attached).

Candidates to the board of directors are needed.

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

**Directors Absent:** none

**Members Present**: none

The meeting began at 12:54 pm and ended at 3:35 pm.

The minutes of the July 14, 2013 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Opening balance:** $4,548.00 (June 28, 2013)

*Income:* $1,603.51

*Shows*  $1,533.51

*Dues* $70.00

*Expenses:* $1,358.28

*Shows* $1,308.28

*NEIHC class* $50.00

**Closing Balance:** $4,793.23 (September 30, 2013)

**Membership**

The club has 68 members. There are 34 single members. There are 17 family memberships with 34 family members. This is an increase of four members since July.

**Old Business**

**Picnic and Tack Swap.** The event was held on August 10 at Rich and Pat’s farm in Catharpin, VA. About 12 club members attended. A total of $120.00 worth of goods was sold. The club earned $12 from the proceeds.

**Show.** A **s**chooling show was held on September 7 at Frying Pan Farm Park. There were 15 rider/horse combinations. Katrin Sheehan was the judge and clinician and did a great job. The event earned $1,353.00 had a cost of $1,257.06 for a profit of $95.94.

**Drill Team.** The team performed a demo at Icelandic Association picnic on September 15 at Rich and Pat’s farm in Catharpin, VA. The event attracted over 100 spectators including the ambassador of Iceland to the United States. The demo went well. Many children a few adults were given pony rides after the demo.

**Trail Ride.** Laura Colicchio will be leading trail rides on October 19 in Cockeysville, MD and November 2 in MD.

**Holiday Party.** The event will be held on December 14 from 1 to 5 pm at Barbara Sollner-Webb’s home in Laurel, MD. There also will be a silent auction with proceeds going to the club.

**New Business**

**Election of Directors.** The election of up to seven directors for 2014 will be conducted in December if necessary. All six present directors agreed to continue to serve. All would be willing to step aside if there are club members who would be willing to be on the board. The directors will be canvassing the club to find candidates. Laura Colicchio will be sending out a notice. The directors passed a motion proposed by Pat Moore that “Any candidate for the FIRC board of directors commits to attend in person at least two meetings of the directors in each calendar year.” The vote was five in favor (Tony Colicchio, Laura Colicchio, Marcia Newman, and Sverrir Bjartmarz) and one opposed (Rich Moore).

**Activities in 2014.** The directors discussed potential club activities in 2014.

**Clinics.** A drill team clinic will be offered at the end of March. Rich Moore will lead the clinic. There will be a clinic in Louisville, KY with Gudmar and possibly Carrie from April 23 to 27. Laura Colicchio will be organizing the clinic. If there is interest, there will be a one-day dressage clinic in early June in Maryland probably at Tony and Laura Colicchio’s home.

**Trail Rides**. There will be four club trail rides in 2014. Two will be held in Maryland one in June and the other October in Hunt Valley, MD, one in Pennsylvania, and one in Virginia.

**Social**. There will be kick-off party in March, a picnic and tack swap in August in Virginia, and a holiday party in December in Maryland.

**Shows.** There will be a sanctioned show from May 17 to 18 and a schooling show on September 6 at Frying Pan Farm Park in Virginia.

* **Expo**. Tony Colicchio will be working with the organizers of the Pennsylvania Horse Expo in February, 2014 so the FIRC will have booth and Icelandic horses will be in the breed demos.
* **Drill Team.** The drill team will continue to hold monthly practices. Club members will be invited to join the team or to take lessons in formation riding.

**2014 Budget.** The directors unanimously approved a budget for 2014 (attached).

**Other Business**

A member suggested that the club website and homepage be revised. Pat Moore will discuss the issue with Suzi McGraw the webmaster. Pat Moore raised the question if the FIRC should seek non-profit tax status. She will be looking into reporting requirements.

**Next Meeting Date and Location**

The next board meeting will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2014 in Upper Marlboro, MD.