



MINUTES of the board meeting by telephone conference 4th of December 2013 – 8 pm

Participant board members:

Nils Ivar Dolvik, president – Inger Davidson – Maureen van Bon – Jochen Nösinger – Michelle Delaurier

1. Welcome by Nils Ivar. The agenda points for this meeting are settled.
2. Website and Facebook : Nils had the opportunity to discover the FjHI facebook page and also the other board members can look into it. The board decides to focus more on the FB page and continue with the actual website for economic reasons. All official information must be published on the homepage and a “join us on Facebook” link should appear on our website. This action will be asked to Berit. We got positive messages on the recent updates on the homepage. With FB we have to be careful and be aware of unwanted comments. The board members have to follow it up and notice incorrect info to the administrator(s) of the page.
3. Breeders Conference May 2014 - following topics will on the agenda :
 - Presentation of the Norwegian breeding plan and the new ideas about the stallion testing
 - Presentation of the tests used in the other countries (one speaker for each country)
 - International breeding development.
 - International breeding show

Regarding the breeding development, a form request for statistics is sent out to the different countries. Information about the number of registered foals, breeding mares, approved stallions, will be collected.

Considering the 40 years Jubilee of I.G.F. the idea to discuss the organization of an international breeding show came up.

Jochen and Michelle will make a proposal with time scale for the organization of the breeding conference. Speakers, the place, date and time have to be confirmed.

4. General Assembly 2014 : we have to think about the elections. Inger Davidson (Se) was elected in 2013 for 2 years. The mandates of all other board members terminate at the GA 2014. Also two substitutes have to be elected and the board should like to define a better contact with the substitutes and receive their input. Nils will prepare an e-mail asking for candidates to all the FHI member countries. The board members with ending mandates can run for re-election.
A second e-mail will be prepared by Nils to propose a membership to the countries who are not current member.

5. European Championships: we received the FEI regulations, set up in a document by Cassandra and Petra. The first impression is that these regulations are rather complex and professional for the fjord horse world. Before having a meeting together with Cassandra and Petra, we should think about alternatives. There must be a regulation but it cannot be too complicated and it should be fjord horse friendly. Maureen and Inger will look through it together with the competition committee of their countries and bring comments to the FHI board early January. In view of the next board meeting we have to think about the role and support of FHI in this event and also find out if the European Championships for fjord horses have compulsory to be organized under the FEI rules and supervision.

6. A next telephone conference will be organized on Wednesday 15th of January 2014 at 8 pm. If all the board members could open a Skype account, this formule could be used to avoid telephone costs.

7. The conference is closed at 9.15 pm. Thanks to the participants.

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