



**MINUTES of the board meeting by telephone conference
23rd October 2013 – 8 pm**

Participant board members:

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

Maureen van Bon is abroad and could not take part in this meeting. Her email and notes to NID are taken into consideration.

1. Nils is welcoming us to this meeting, organized in order to progress the FHI work.
2. Fjord Horse Register: A new application is introduced and NID should have contact with the Norwegian Agriculture Department within some weeks. Nils will keep us informed.
3. Website: Regular news must be sent for the homepage, not only about big events but also messages after small activities. Inger will ask the Swedish webmaster to send material, Nils will ask in Norway for news to get in. We also should think about improvement of the site and its provider. Germany and Belgium are working on renewal of their website. Both Jochen and Michelle will analyze and forward technical info, the different options and their prices. Nils will talk to Berit who created the actual website with Joomla.
4. Norwegian breeding plan translation to be published on the web: Mrs Susan Hellum accepted to do this and the work should be finished around end of this year. Costs have to be stipulated.

NID informs that Norway is planning to take away the 5 weeks stallion's test and to take in a new strategy for tests. Final decision is not made yet. We all agree that it is important and interesting for the international breeding associations to be informed about these changes. Nils will keep us informed and bring translation of a document drawn up in Norway which contents "why" – "how" and "suggestions" relative to the change and what to take into the future tests. This document could be published on the FHI website.

5. European Championships: We received today from Petra and Cassandra, two documents to study. Statutes for FHI European Championship and General Regulations, based on FEI regulations. The adaptations in this last document are not clear and sometimes overwritten. A better document is needed before studying it. We agree FHI cannot carry economic responsibilities in the E.C. In a next meeting we will discuss how FHI will stand in this event. Inger remarks the next Nordic championship will be organized in Sweden in 2015. It should be better not to organize the E.C. in the same year. The Nordic championship is open for other countries but a foreigner cannot be awarded as champion, even if he is winner. E.C. : Cassandra and Petra will be invited in a personal board meeting next spring.

6. General Assembly 2014: The date is to confirm.
Today's meeting decides to organize an International Breeder's Conference. On the agenda: the new testing system for stallions in Norway; what can be done to stop the important decline of number of foals and breeding mares. We have to think about other agenda topics. Nils will contact the Norsk Fjordhestsenter as place to be.

7. Regular phone calls: we need a regular contact and a next phone conference will be organized on Wednesday 4th of December. We have to analyze and prepare following items for the meeting of 04.12: Website – European championships – Agenda breeder's conference – New stallion's testing method in Norway.
A personal meeting shall be organized during next spring and Jochen will consider the possibilities to have it in Kiel.

8. The meeting is closed at 9.15 pm.

Wishing good evening and thanks to all for this conference.

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