

Big Sky Fox Trotter Association
Minutes for the April 5, 2008 meeting (draft version)
Jerry Christisons' house

Call to Order: President Bob Womack called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m., following lunch. Officers and board members attending the meeting were President Bob Womack, Vice President Mary Auger, Secretary Annette Padgett, Directors-at-Large Bill Free and Randy Olsen, Jerry Christison,. Others attending the meeting were Rick Padgett, Vonnie Campbell, Michael Hummert, Jack Womack, Mark Goss Bobbi Dyrud, Kristina Tracer, Karen Philips, Wlima Bassared, Sam Brassard, Josh Brassard, Cathy Olsen, Gale Moroy, Jerry Pohlman. Twenty members attended the meeting.

Minutes: Bill Free made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, and Mark Goss seconded it. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Goss presented the Treasurer's report for Donna Goss. The current balance as of April 4 is \$2800.78. Mark also gave out 2007 annual report, to the set up a budget. Karen wanted to know if we had done our audit for this year. Mark said no we have not done the audit. Bob is going to ask Candance Erickson, Pam Ridstad, and Thea Gervais to do the audit for this year. Karen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Jerry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: No correspondence at this time.

Memberships: Bob ask what the membership count was so far. The membership count is at 119 members so far. And Jerry Christison introduced a new member Jerry Pohlman to our club. All present gave a warm welcome to him.

Committee Reports:

Shows for the 2008 year:

Helena Show: Bob asked Jerry the Show Chairman about a report on the Helena show which will be held on May 9 & 10, 2008. Jerry informed the club, the judge will be Jim Johnson out of Harrisonville, MO. Posters is done, and Jerry asked if everyone if they could get them distributed out to the stores. Sponsorship he informed the club that he was, just getting started on, but will work really hard on it this week. Jerry said that he should get the same amount of funding as last year. Ava sent him the packet for the show. The ribbons are put together. Jerry had a question about trophies; he thought that he would just do the ribbons and 4 champion belt buckles. Bob told Jerry he had some trophies out in his car if he wanted them. All you would have to do is make a new name plate. Jerry presented to the club a picture of the belt buckles, but will have a few minor changes to them. The belt buckles will cost about \$70 a piece. Mary brought a Jacket to use for an award also. Programs are out mailed to those who don't have the internet, and also emailed to all members who do have email, and also the program is on our web site. Jerry left the program as is, and did not change any of the classes do to too many people in the process. Bill asked if there were any 2 gait classes. Jerry said that there were, but only in the Novice class. The show will start at 9 am. Bob asked Jerry if we will get done in time. Jerry said that we should. Mark said that we have 60 classes but if we get 20 people we should be fine. Jerry said if we run over he could move the poles and barrels to the next day. Bob asked if there were a coggins or health papers listed on the program. Jerry said that it was in the program about having health papers if the horse was out of state. Open will be point classes. Bob had called Ava to ask

about the Youth. Ava told Bob that when we send in the sheets that we need to separate the Youth by the age categories. We can run them together, but we need to separate them in the end. Gale will be the Show Secretary. Mary asked when we sent in the application for the Show. Jerry said he sent it in early. Mary noticed that it is not listed in the Journal. Mark & Bob said that the office is so far behind that a lot of things are not getting in the Journal. Mark is going to call Ava on Monday to make sure that both of our shows are listed in the approved show listing, and the events categories. The office lady in Ava stated that the person who took care of the Journal and the cards just up and quit. And they are in the process of re-organizing the office again. At the end of the class the Judge will let the contestants know how they can improve their performance. Karen suggested that we put up a sponsorship form on our web site to ask if any one would like to sponsor a class they could mail the sponsorship form to Jerry. Also Jerry wanted to know where to get the contestants numbers. Mark told Jerry he could go to Purina or a Feed Store to get the numbers. Mary asked if we still have the numbers for the cattle. Mark said that he had them. The cattle will be coming from Curt Pate ranch. Annette asked if the Novice Cow classes if they can use two hands no matter how old the horse is. Mark said that they could use both hands. Jerry still needs an announcer for the show. Bob hopes the Helena show goes really well. Vonnie is donating bridle bags and blankets for the show but needs measurements to make them. Vonnie asked what a Ring Stewart does. Mark explained how important a Ring Stewart is. Bob wanted to know if anyone knows if there is a person out there who would like to do it. Mary said that she might have a person in mind for the Helena show, maybe if we could pay for their gas and room that they might be willing to be Ring Stewart. Jerry asked if Mary could get in touch with the students in Billings to see if anyone would be interested. Jerry asked that if anyone who is getting a hotel room to get there room right a way or they will be gone.

BSFTA Show: Bob mentioned to Cathy the Show Chairman that she might in touch with Sara Bonen, she offered to be Ring Stewart for the BSFTA Show. . Karen knows of a person for the Corvallis show. Cathy still needs a photographer for the Corvallis Show. We need to ask the photographer to sell a CD to the contestants for \$40 for all the show photos. Mark knows of a newspaper photographer Will Moss that would be the photographer for the Corvallis Show. Karen ask that we to make clear to the photographer to get all 1st and 2nd places, all the Champions, Reserve Champions, and all the Special Awards, and if we need releases to use the photos for the club. Mark will talk to Will about the club concerns. Cathy asked Jerry if Nichole will do the National Anthem. Jerry said is doesn't know if Nichole will be here. Mary asked if we have a recording of the National Anthem. Mark said that we do, but we can ask the same girl that done it last year, Bob said that he will ask the girl from last year to see if she would be willing to the National Anthem again this year. Cathy asked who had the ribbons left over from last year. Annette said she will look in her garage to see if she had them, if so she will give Cathy a count on how many ribbons are left. Sapphire asked if we wanted them to run the concession, or do we want to do it. Mark will talk to Cindy on Wednesday about the concession. Cathy said that all the Champions from the Championship classes will get belt buckles, and the Reserve Champions will get saddle pad bags with the logo on them. The Judge is charging \$250 per day and Thursday will be free. We will pay for his food, room and Rick is lending the judge the use of his car. Cathy wanted to know if anyone had a CD to play during the show. Bob said that he has one to use. Annette asked if the programs ready yet.

Cathy said that she is just getting together the class right now. Cathy asked if anyone would be interested in do a fun class on Friday night, where you would go down the line using water pistols and shoot at Kleenex and for every dry Kleenex you would get a 5 point penalty. Cathy will send the information for the Show program to Annette, and Annette will put it together. Mary asked if we could check with Cindy about the poles for the obstacles for the trail classes. Bob will get a group together to put up and take down for the trail classes.

Old Business:

BSFTA By-Laws: Karen asked if she could have an extension on the By-Laws. Karen was very sick and did not get the information out in time. Bob said that we will do this at the next meeting. Some suggestions that we sent were that any expense that is over \$50 needs to be approved by the board of directors. The next one is an amendment needs to be added to section 1 with an age restriction of 18 years old or older, to be able to vote. And in section 1, article 3, annual meeting of the hour of 2 pm needs to be eliminated. Article 4 section 6, it states a board majority, what is a majority? We have five directors and four officers, so we would need 5 for the majority. Needs to have a majority present or not? Bob will table this until the next meeting.

Big Horn Basin Show: Bob announced that the Big Horn Basin Club is hold their Point Show on Aug 8 & 9, 2008, and Bob has membership forms to join there club. Bob said this would be a good idea to join there club.

Utah Grand Show: The Utah Grand Show will be held on June 5 – 7, 2008, and the Great Western will be on July 16-18, 2008, and they both will held at Farmington, Utah

Karen wanted to know if we are going to have a meeting at the Spring Show. Bob said we will not hold a meeting at the Show. It will to much to try to hold a meeting.

Bob mentioned that Oregon, and Washington will be having there point show this year, but he does not know the dates as of yet. Bob will let us know when they will set there dates.

Cathy asked if we could get all Hall of Fame members to put on our web site. Karen will see if we have pictures to put on our web site.

New Business:

Ava: Bob said that we had already discussed the problems in Ava. And there is no need to talk about again.

Budget: Bob brought up that several members that we are at the point that we have several members and the finances are up that we need to have a planning session. For one year for the next year. On who can spend what? And what each committee can spend for that year. There was a suggestion that we have this planning session 2 to 3 hours before one of our meeting. Bob suggested that we have this meeting in the fall. Karen asked if this is budget planning is for the year of 2009. Bob said that is was. It was brought that we ask each committee who will be spending money to bring what they project what they will be spending for the year. And also will help the committees when they have this money what can I do with it? It will clarify a lot of problems. And we will let the membership know when this will happen. We will discuss this more at our June 28 meeting. Mark passed out all of last years finenesses to use as example to make a budget. As an example the Show Chairman can see what was is used last year, and go accordingly for the next year. At our next meeting will set a definite date for those who are interested and what the categories are, and start to put this together. Mary suggested that we have Candace Erickson at this meeting. Bob said that he will ask her. She will be a great one to help set up the budget. And also we need to have our Treasure there.

NILE Expo: The Nile Trade will be held in Billings. Bob asked Mary to give the information on that Show. She asked if anyone would be interested in doing the Stallion row. A few years ago Bill brought his Stallion Das a Vue to that Trade show. The cost will be 500 dollars; you get a booth a table and a couple of chairs, and are able to be in the Stallion parade. And this show will

be a three day show. Mary asked the club if anyone would be interested in helping out working at the trade show. The Trade show will be held the third week in October.

There is over 40,000 people go through in a week. If you are interested in selling a Fox Trotter this would be a good place to go. Mark said that they did not get that many people to see the Stallion. Mark suggested that we get the member that live near Dillon to organize it. Karen suggested that maybe we could get Sara Bohnen to organize it. There was a suggestion to have the person that would like to bring there Stallion to the trade show pay for the stallion fee. Bill said that he did not get any breeding from the Trade show. Bob said that we will discuss this more at our next meeting.

Corvallis Horse Expo: Annette asked for more help at the Expo. Which is going too held next week. Karen was the only one that replied to the email that was sent out for help. We need members to help run the booth. We still have all the pictures from last year and Mark has the board to put them on. We have the promotional tape from Ava to play. And Ava is going to send us the banner and promotional hand outs. Bob and Jack said that they will help out. We will have about 30 minutes for our demonstration for both days. Admission is free this year at the Expo. Bill said that he will help out to set up the booth.

Bozeman Meeting: Karen mentioned the August 2 meeting in Bozeman. Linda Henne is working on it. Karen wanted to know if this date was still okay: We will meet at the trail head and after the meeting will be a trail ride. And the person to talk to is Linda Henne. Bob said this date was okay to keep it on that date.

Gate Clinics: Bill and Jack would like to put on a couple of Gait clinics this spring. The dates will be on Sunday afternoon around 2 pm to 4 pm. April 20 will be at Mark Goss's Arena, May 4th will be at Bear Mouth. The clinic will be for 2 hours and the cost will be \$30.

Ken Overcast Concert: Mark and Bob presented to the members on Saturday night of our BSFTA Show at 8 pm will be hosting a Cowboy Concert with Ken Overcast. Open to the public concert. The profits will go to Camp-Mak-a-Dream. Mark passed out information on Camp-Mak-a-Dream. This is a Camp for children to young adults who suffer with cancer. This is the only camp in the country that is currently undergoing treatment for cancer that can attend this camp. They have an Oncologist and Nurses on staff at all times. To take care of them at all times. We had to guarantee to have a certain amount of money so we would not come out of pocket. Mark and Bob made some inquires to different companies. Mark presented the club with a check from Univar foundation; chemical distribution around the world, which has 7900 employees, with 200 distribution centers around the world, the check is for \$5000.00. Bob had a phone call from another company that pledged a check for \$1000 to \$1500. Bob said that we are on our way to make this a great event. Mark this is a great event that is out side of the horse industry. And it will raise awareness to our club. We don't know of any other Equine Club that has done any kind of fund raising on this level. Or something out side the Equine industry. How we are doing this is we are raising money and investing the money from the sponsors and paying it with the cost of the concert. Then we let the outside public that does not belong to our club come in and pay their money for a ticket to come to the concert. The cost of the ticket will be \$15. Ken Overcast draws about 400 to 500 people to his concerts, he has recorded 13 Albums, has written 3 books, has radio show on 64 stations. He is very well known as a Cowboy musician and poet. Mark asked for the club if you know anyone that is separate from our show sponsors to ask for a donation. We will be able to give a lot of money to Camp-Mak-a-Dream. Mark has a BSFTA Camp-Mak-a-Dream Sponsorship form for you to take with you. Mark gave an Overview of the Sponsorship letter. Camp-Mak-a-Dream is helping with the promotion with the Concert. Karen asked that we make sure that we have T. V. coverage for this. This year will lay a foundation for next year to

step up our show, and then it will be recognized as an event. So when we go to our sponsors next year we can show them the T. V. and radio coverage we had last year and the next year show will be better. Bob said we will hold off on the posters until the first of May. The Concert will be festival seating. Mary asked who she needs to get the information to get the sponsorships. Mark will send out an email for this. People will get behind this, when they watch the DVD, they will send the money.

Other business: Mary present to the club that she check out at Perce R V in billings about possibly getting a trailer that has restrooms and showers for our BSFTA Show. They would need to hook ups to a water source. Mary does not know if it need to be hooked up to a septic or if it is self contained. She wanted to know if there was an R V business in Missoula that would have something like this that would be rented out.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on June 28, 2008 at Jokers Wild at 11 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Annette Padgett
Secretary