

Big Sky Fox Trotter Association
Minutes for the June 28, 2008 meeting (draft version)
Jokers Wild, Missoula, MT

Call to Order: President Bob Womack called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m., following lunch. Officers and board members attending the meeting were President Bob Womack, Vice President Mary Auger, Secretary Annette Padgett, Treasurer Donna Goss, Directors-at-Large Bill Free and Randy Olsen, Kristina Tracer. Others attending the meeting were Rick Padgett, Mark Goss, Karen Philips, Cathy Olsen, Gale Hansen, Elmer Hansen. Thirteen members attended the meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report: Donna Goss presented the Treasurer's report. The current balance as of June 28 is \$11,739.33. Of that Camp-Mak-a-Dream balance is \$6,929.95. So our checking account balance is \$4,809.38. Helena Show report is total income is \$4,197.00, out of that the sponsorships were \$1,615.00. The Entrants monies were \$2,582.00. The Expenses were \$3,708.52, so the total profit was \$488.48. As to date the Sapphire Show Sponsors is \$3,560.00, and Membership dues for 2008 are \$1,785.00.

What we have done for Camp-Mak-A-Dream the donations are \$7,750.00. The cost for Ken Overcast is \$1,500.00, then tickets were printed \$117, Concert Poster that was printed \$163.75, then mailing out the tickets \$78.12, envelopes \$11.18. Donna has reported that she is getting money plus the tickets back in the return envelopes. Donna said that the club will donate the tickets to people that don't have the money to purchase the tickets, like senior citizens. Donna also reported that about half of the tickets are coming back without money. And she is keeping this separate from the tickets that are coming back with money. Bob ask if there were any questions to the treasurer's report. Bob asked about the Audit. Annette mentioned that he was to get in touch with Candance, Pam, and Thea to do the audit. Bob said that he will do this. Randy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Mark Goss seconded it. Motion passed.

Correspondence: No correspondence at this time.

Committee Reports:

Sponsorships: Karen gave a report that there are some sponsors that not sponsoring this year. Bob asked who they were and Karen said some of them where the construction is going on, on 93. And Karen felt that she did not want to put them about the sponsorships. Mark said that Karen is a good sponsorship person. Karen said that this is a tough economic times for people and they might not have the money at this time. Bob thanked Karen for the good job that she doing. Karen said that she still has two classes that she need to fill, but she thinks that this will not be a problem to fill. Cow Poke Ranch supply gave us a membership and was very surprised how low our cost for the sponsorship is. Karen said that we drop one sponsorship and then we add another one. So we are always fluctuating on this. Karen is working on the catering for the Memorial Trail Ride. Catering by Monique in Victor, she also has a little Cabrera. Mark made a mention that the Cabrera would not be a good idea since we might be liable if they were in an accident or got hurt. Karen gave a price of \$10 to \$15 per person. No one has called her back yet. So nothing is set. The trail ride is at Coyote Coulie trail. There are two loops for everyone the large loop is about 8 miles and should take about 2 to 3 hours to finish. Bob asked if there were 2 horses for the Judge and his girlfriend. Karen said that we would have to ask Thea if she had any horses for them. Cathy said that she had e mailed her, but Thea has not yet responded to her yet. Kristina said if

Thea does not have the horses that she has one horse that the Judge can use. Bob asked if there were any questions to the trail ride or the sponsorships. Gale gave the club information on the Fall Gather Ride. The Fall Gather Ride will be on August 16 & 17 at Elkhorn Hot Springs. Gale will try to put the information in the Journal. Gale will send this information to Lauren to put on our web site. Karen said that the trail ride the week before, Aug 8 & 9, our Fall Gather Ride that Mary Greene was putting together is canceled. The campground is all torn up from the fire last year, and the forest service is currently trying to fix it. This was the same weekend as the Powell Show. Annette said that she emailed the club members about the cancelation. Mary asked Annette if she could make sure that all the trail rides would be listed under the trail rides. Mary saw that it was listed under the calendar of events but not under the trail rides. The Bozeman Trial ride/BSFTA meeting will be on July 26.

Karen brought a poster that we could see that we are sending to all the sponsors. Everyone thought that is turned out very nice.

Old Business:

Camp-Mak-A-Dream Concert: Mark gave a report that things are moving along. We have a lot of money donated. We will be using some of the donated money on radio advertising here in the valley and in Missoula. Mark talked KOYQ 1240 AM. 30 second commercials for \$5 a piece. They will run the commercials during the PSA times also. Ken Overcast will do the commercial for us. KISS and 101 is \$20, for 30 second commercials. Mark did the Monty show a month ago, also Mark has done the radio station in Hamilton yesterday, and will do it Friday before the show. This coming Monday will be on Channel 8 in Missoula. Karen asked what time they will run on Monday. Mark said that he did not know at this time. Karen also wanted to know if we could get a tape of this for future advertising. Mark said that he will find out about this. Ken Overcast will be here on Friday July, 11. Mark invited for him to come to our dinner on Friday night. Ken will also have a book signing at Bit and Spur on Saturday during the day, and this should draw some people to our show. Mark said Ken wife said don't worry about the ticket sales. This will happen the last week of the Concert. Bob had an idea to send all member two tickets. Mark said that he is getting about 30% returns on the tickets. Someone asked about folding chairs, as of yet we do not have any. Mark is trying to get some chairs. But as of right now it is to bring your own chairs to sit on. Mark had a phone call from a man who lives in Victor, Grenfield which he is a musician. He said that he would do this for free. Mark said that he would get back in touch with him. Mark wants to ask Ken Overcast first if this would be okay for him to do this. The caterer will be there on Saturday night to do the popcorn and pop, candy. Donna made a suggestion to have 2 meats choices, then a couple vegetable choices. The price for the dinner will be \$7.00 per person. Donna will have a sign up at the beginning of the show to pay ahead for the dinner, that way we will have a head count. Donna will give the Caterer the price per person and then put together a menu for everyone.

BSFTA Show: Cathy thanked everyone that has been helping her on the show. Karen you have been amazing, Mary for getting the Judge and the airplane tickets, Annette you have so much work, thank you, Rick for letting the Judge use your car, Donna and Mark thank you for all your help. Bob what did you do?, Gale thank you for getting the belt buckles. Bob asked about the ring stewards. Right now we have Joan Snodgrass, and Bobbi Dyrud. Cathy said that she has the National Anthem for the show. Gale said that she will get a Judges gift. Annette has a bottle of wine that the name of the wine is the Gate Keeper which Annette will give as a gift for the gate keeper. Mark will do the measurements for the barrel racing and the pole bending. General after the show we take the Judge and the gate keeper out to Dinner after the show but since we have the concert we will not be able to do this, this year. So we will give the Judge and the gate Keeper tickets to the concert.

Mark will make sure to get the event center booked again for next year, for the second weekend in July of 09. For Pole bending Mark will see if the event center has the poles, if they do not Mark will make some. Mary made a suggestion to check the rule book to make sure what type of piping that we can use. Bob asked if we were using the gait to go into the Arena for the trail classes. Cathy wanted to know if she could set up the Trail course that the competitors will use, and what about the In-hand trail class. Mary said that she could set up the course, then let the In-hand trail competitors do only what is on their paper they do not have to do the whole course. So Cathy does not have to go back and redo the Trail course for every level. Bob said that the weather should be very nice. Cathy is going to give out the ribbons for the Championship classes, then give out the buckles on Saturday. Karen asked Donna if she can do the trail ride sign up when the competitors sign in. Donna said that she will do this, and also will have sign ups for Friday nights dinner. The Trail ride will start at 9:30 am and lunch will be at 11 am. Rick will make sure that the Judge will be there on time for his plane which will take off at 3:30 pm.

BSFTA By-Laws: Bob asked if everyone could bring their concerns to the next meeting.

Ava: Bob asked the club if anything is going on in Ava. Cathy said that Ava gave \$2,500 to Missouri State Fair. Bob asked Mark if he knew anything. Mark heard about the regional elections that are coming up this Fall. He heard the Linda Furst took over Donna Watson position. Linda will be doing the Journal. Ava is very behind in there paper work. Mark could not put one of his horses because he never received the papers. Mark said that Ava does not have the money and he could not believe that they donated \$2,500 dollars to the State Fair. And this will only benefit only a very few people. Mark said to watch out for doing away with the regional representation. Cathy said in the last meeting minutes that Suzanne Scott stated that the regional directors will not be in name only, but will have all the rights as a board member. Bob said that they are a real board member. Bob asked if anyone would be interested in running for a regional representation. The club member thought it would who would run would be Brent Strong. Idaho is not in the region that Montana is in.

New Business:

Strategic Planning Session: Bob wanted to know when the fall meeting will be held. Bob would like to have all the BOD and officers like to have the Strategic planning session before the meeting. Annette found out the date for the fall meeting it will on September 27 in Missoula. Karen asked if it will be here at Jokers Wild at 11 am, and bring in all the committees with all their expenses, what we need to do is sit down and work out a ruff easement of what the annual expenses would be, and a goal for each of these areas. Karen agreed with Bob and said that we need a budget. Karen made a suggestion that we have the budget meeting after the general meeting. Everyone will be here already. Bob said that we will do the budget meeting after the general meeting.

Election of Officers: Bob reminded the club to think about next year's officers and BOD. Karen read off in our by laws stated that the nominations will be taken in the August meeting. Karen said that this will have to be changed do to that this has never happened. Bob said to keep this in mind and we will bring this up at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Karen mentioned the July 26 meeting starting at 10 am in Bozeman. Linda Henne is working on it. 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Annette Padgett
Secretary