

Indiana Fox Trotter Association  
Minutes  
February 20, 2021

The meeting was held via Zoom conference call and with the following members in attendance: Cheryl Gramling, Ginger Diedorf, Kathy Shafer, John Heldt, Carol Heingartner, Brenda Horvath, Terri Tucker, Cheryl Crowdson, and Sandy Fox.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order shortly after 11:00 a.m. by President Cheryl Gramling who requested any corrections to the January 23, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report with Membership Updates**

The January month-end balance was \$3,980.89 with one check disbursed to Godaddy (website expense).

It was noted that the Affiliate Report is due March 1, 2021. IFTA needs 20 members who are also MFTHBA members in order for IFTA to be designated as an affiliate.

The IFTA enrollment/renewal form was updated by Rita Shrader and Carol Heingartner and now includes the liability waiver as page 2 of the enrollment/renewal form.

Eventually, we would like all members to complete the updated form.

A motion was made to recognize any new memberships during the 4th quarter of a year to include the following year. The motion was seconded and passed.

Currently, eight (8) memberships are due for 2021 with renewal notices going out as soon as possible. These will be sent out electronically to email addresses on record.

It was noted that the MFTHBA requires membership in order to transfer registration papers.

**Donations**

While the Board previously directed the funds sent to the ITRA to be used for Salamonie expenses, it was agreed that the donation is to be directed to the efforts at Brown County State Park. Carol will follow up with the ITRA to request this change.

**2021 Clinic**

Details and plans for the April 10-11, 2021 Clinic have continued to progress. Mike Meizler will arrive around 5 p.m. with a meet and greet around 7 to 8 p.m. Friday evening (April 9). The clinic will begin Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Donuts will be brought in Saturday morning with a Pizza pitch-in Saturday evening. On Day 2, Beth Draper, Equine Massage and Chiropractor will be on site with individual therapy available. At this time, a farrier has not been located. Mike is interested in understanding what obstacles participants would like to work on during the clinic. Crown Haven reduced

the camping cost to \$25 for the weekend rather than \$25 per night. Cheryl Gramling, Carol Heingartner and John Heldt plan to arrive Friday evening. The required cost sharing forms have been submitted to the MFTHBA. The MFTHBA will cover the clinician cost if the IFTA has a minimum of 20 members who are also MFTHBA members. Cheryl Gramling will request assistance with flyer development from Sharon Serguta. It was noted that this is and all breed clinic. To ensure all participants have space during the clinic, there will be a maximum of 12 to 14 horses and a minimum of 10.

### **Newsletter**

We need others to submit bios for newspaper publication. Also, the newsletter would be a great place for members to include "For Sale" items related to equine activity. It was suggested that we place this message on Facebook.

### **Trail Rides 2021**

A question was asked regarding the need for more rides in the North part of the State. Cheryl noted those in the north will let members know via Facebook and email as camping and day riding is planned (possibly on the fly).

John completed development of the Deam Lake flyer for the National Trail Ride. Board member(s) will actively be placing this flyer on other Facebook pages. The flyer will also be posted on the IFTA Facebook page and sent via email to members. Saturday evening will be a fireplace gathering. Kathy Shafer will develop an itinerary for the weekend. Kathy may need some assistance during the weekend (signups, etc). John volunteered to be a trail guide as did Carol and Cheryl. Typically there is a shorter ride and a longer ride with one at a faster pace than the other. Carol suggested a drawing for various items including, mugs, tiles, and T shirts with categories established. John will work on a meal for Saturday night that may be catered.

For the Auction ride on June 4-6, 2021 at Hoosier Horse Camp, the Saturday evening meal will be at the restaurant with the Auction following at 7:00 p.m. A large number of donated items in good or new condition need to be donated to have a successful fundraiser. John is working on a flyer that will then be distributed via email and on the IFTA Facebook page.

For the Michigan ride July 9-11, participants should call Farmlane for reservations. There are some corrals at this location.

### **Hoosier Equine Council Event**

Cheryl has a form to complete to reserve a booth for IFTA at \$200 for the entire weekend. Camping is \$40 per night including electric. Cheryl is checking into whether or not there will be a breed demo. MFTHBA will pay one half of the booth expense.

### **Website Update**

Opportunities were identified as utilizing the website for electronic membership enrollment including collection of dues and utilizing PayPal to sell IFTA merchandise. Rita will follow up with Sharon for this discussion as there was not a highly technical person in attendance. In addition, we will explore the ability to establish an email account directed to the IFTA.

### **Facebook Discussion**

There was a discussion regarding management of the Facebook account for the IFTA. Currently, there are three administrators including Sharon Serguta, Kathy Shafer, and Karen Isom Case. There is not a list of current parameters for allowing people into the group. Questions are asked and answers are evaluated prior to approving a request.

### **Bylaws Review by Board Members**

Discussion tabled to the March meeting. Board members are requested to review the Bylaws that were sent to them via email and come to the meeting prepared to discuss any suggested changes or corrections.

### **Open Discussion/Unfinished Business**

Kathy suggested a white board be available for the upcoming clinic and could possibly be used at the trail rides as well.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2021 and will be held at the Crown Haven Center (location of upcoming clinic) assuming the location is available that date.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 EST.