

Indiana Fox Trotter Association  
Minutes  
January 23, 2021

The meeting was held via Zoom conference call with the following members in attendance: Cheryl Gramling, Brenda Horvath, Vicki Hagerman, Katie Hochstetler, John Heldt, Betty Horn, Sandy Fox, Cheryl Crowdson, Carol Heingartner and Rita Shrader.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order shortly after 11:00 a.m. by President Cheryl Gramling who asked for any corrections to the December 5, 2020 meeting minutes. Rita Shrader noted the following correction as an addition to the minutes: "Carol Heingartner made a motion and it was seconded to reimburse Cheryl Gramling for membership card expenses and meeting room expense. The motion was approved unanimously" The December 2020 minutes were then approved as corrected.

### **Treasurer Report with Membership Updates**

Treasurer, Carol Heingartner, reported the IFTA account balance as of the December 31, 2020 statement as \$4,160.70 including two deposits for membership renewals and two checks for expenses.

The format for membership cards utilized by the MFTHBA was discussed noting that the card is actually included in an email. The electronic membership card can then be cut out and laminated by the recipient. Going forward, IFTA will try this approach for membership cards.

John Heldt and Carol Heingartner both noted they have some mugs for new members.

### **2021 Fundraiser(s)**

The Tack Auction Fundraiser will be held at Hoosier Horse Camp, Norman, Indiana, June 5 and 6. John Heldt confirmed that Hoosier Horse Camp is holding sites for the IFTA for the nights of June 4 and June 5. Hoosier Horse Camp encouraged the IFTA to make reservations quickly as the demand for campsites in 2021 is high. Typically, HHC will hold sites for a limited amount of time and will remind the IFTA prior to releasing sites. This year, a substantial amount of nice, used and/or new tack will need to be donated to assist in fundraising efforts since this fundraiser did not take place in 2020.

This year, rather than a pitch in on Saturday evening, the IFTA plans to have a meal at the Hoosier Horse Camp restaurant to support the HHC (Covid guidelines allowing).

The IFTA also has a substantial number of items to sell including items from the Hoosier Horse Fair, and hopes to set up a booth at the C Bar C Equine Roundup scheduled for April 29 through May 2. (Note following the meeting, C Bar C changed the date for the Roundup to June 24-27.)

### **Donations**

Donations were finalized as \$100 each to the following organizations:

ITRA (directed to Salamonie trails)  
Missouri Fox Trotter Rescue

Image of Hope  
Reins to Recovery  
Hoosier Back Country Horsemen

John Heldt moved to approve the donations, motion was seconded and passed.

## **2021 Clinic**

In the December meeting, Rosebud Ranch was discussed as the location for an April 10-11, 2021 clinic. With Rosebud unavailable, we found that Crown Haven has availability. While the cost of \$300 for the arena for two days was approved by the Board, Rita Shrader will reach out to Crown Haven to determine if the costs for stalls, pasture boarding, trailer parking and trail rides can be reduced by \$5 each. Carol Heingartner will send payment for the arena to Crown Haven. The cost of the clinic will be \$125 for members and \$150 for non-members with a maximum of 12 attendees.

With Mike Meizler as the clinician, his wife Joy also participates with him as an additional clinician. The MFTHBA provides financial support for this clinic. The IFTA will also pay for the clinicians' hotel.

John Heldt plans to reach out to an equine chiropractor for day two with Cheryl Gramling and Carol Heingartner reaching out to farriers.

While mounted shooting was discussed, it was decided this would be a stand alone event. There was also some discussion regarding an obstacle course

On Saturday morning of the clinic, there will be donuts and Saturday evening a pizza supper from a local pizzeria.

Cheryl Gramling will follow up with Sharon Serguta regarding the flyer for the clinic.

## **Newsletter**

Sharon Serguta will be producing the newsletter. A story template was submitted and will be shared in the next newsletter.

## **Trail Rides 2021**

The 2021 trail rides were established as follows.

National Trail Ride - Deam Lake- May 14, 15, and 16, Kathy Shafer hosting  
Tack Auction - Fund Raiser - June 4-6, 2021, John Heldt hosting  
Waterloo, Farmlane, Michigan - July 9-11, Cheryl Gramling and Carol Heingartner hosting  
Brown County State Park - September 17-19, Kathy and Eric Shafer hosting  
O'Bannon Woods - October 1-3, John Heldt hosting  
Lost Bridge, Salamonie, day ride, October 9, Kathy Shafer hosting (note: this was added shortly after meeting)

Please reach out to a Board member if you are interested in hosting an IFTA ride.

MFTBHA Celebration week is September 5-11, 2021. John commented it is a great opportunity to learn more about the Missouri Fox Trotter, attend with or without your horse, and meet new friends.

### **Equine Roundup Event**

The date for the Equine Roundup at C Bar C was changed to June 24-27. Note that this is not a Hoosier Equine Council Event. It is an event sponsored by C Bar C and held at the C Bar C location in Cloverdale, Indiana. The IFTA would like to participate with a booth and sell items in inventory from the previous Hoosier Horse Fair. Cheryl Gramling plans to reach out to C Bar C.

### **Website Update**

The website is being updated with Godaddy (our current provider) as it was determined there is no need to purchase new software.

### **Open Discuss son/Unfinished Business**

- Cheryl Gramling made a motion for Board members to review the bylaws and send suggested changes to Board members prior to the next meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.
- We may need another Facebook admin if Sharon Serguta leaves Facebook. Katie Hochstetler is willing to take on an admin role if needed. Current admins are Kathy Shafer and Sharon Serguta.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is Saturday, February 20, 2021, via Zoom conference call at 11:00 a.m. EST.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.