

Indiana Fox Trotter Association
Minutes
December 5, 2020

The meeting was held at the Cafe of Hope, Huntington, Indiana, and also virtually via Zoom. Those in attendance, in person and via call, included Cheryl Gramling, Carol Heingartner, Rita Shrader, Sam Gerhardt, Vicki Hagerman, Terri Tucker, Kathy Shafer, John Heldt, Carol Rush, Sandy Fox, Katie Hochstetler, Cathleen Wilke, and Brenda Horvath. Diane Barton attended as guest.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order shortly after 11:00 a.m. by President Cheryl Gramling who reviewed the minutes from the January 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted and reviewed.

Treasurer Report with Membership Updates

Treasurer, Carol Heingartner, reported the IFTA balance as of October 2020 statement as \$4,068.51. In January, renewal letters are sent to members due to renew. Historically, a grace period has been provided. The current membership is 36. Details surrounding the Affiliate Annual Report were reviewed. 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.

2021 Fundraiser(s)

It was agreed the annual Tack Auction fundraiser will be held at Hoosier Horse Camp, Norman, Indiana, June 5 and 6. John Heldt will call to request camping sites be held for the IFTA. 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.

The IFTA also has a substantial number of items to sell, and discussed setting up a booth at the C Bar C Equine Roundup scheduled for April 29 through May 2.

Donations

Annually, the IFTA donates \$100 each to five 501c3 organizations. While final donation decisions will be made at the January meeting, some organizations discussed included ITRA, Fox Trotter Rescue, Magical Meadows, Love Way, Reins to Recovery, Reins of Life, Summit Equestrian Center, and Back Country Horsemen.

2021 Clinic Ideas

An April clinic with Mike Meizler at Rosebud Ranch was discussed with the group supportive of holding a clinic to include a farrier if possible. President Cheryl Gramling will reach out to Mike Meizler and Rosebud Ranch.

Newsletter

The goal(s) of the newsletter was discussed as well as ownership for production, frequency and content. Some of the newsletter topics suggested include meeting and ride information, breed education, and quarterly publication. Rita Shrader is willing to assist with content creation and editing. Newsletter production ownership will be discussed with others and reported at the January meeting. A suggestion was made to create a template to provide submitters with a guideline for their trail/camping stories.

Trail Rides 2021

Trail Ride locations and dates will be finalized at the January, 2021 meeting. Please let a board member know if you have a location suggestion or would like to host a ride (a great way to meet members).

Hoosier Equine Council Event

The Hoosier Equine Event will be hosted by C Bar C in Cloverdale, Indiana, April 19 through May 2, 2021. The IFTA is a group member of the Hoosier Equine Council. As discussed previously in the meeting, the IFTA will plan on having a booth there.

Website Update

We are currently looking for a new website solution as our website design software is outdated and cannot be upgraded. Sharon Serguta found that Godaddy (which is what we use now) has new design software. Sharon has tested the new version and plans to create a site with the new software and then transfer the IFTA account information over.

Open Discussion/Unfinished Business

- A discussion surrounding the format for future meetings, conference call and frequency took place with all in attendance supportive of an in-person/conference call format. It was noted that the Zoom format works well to reduce what would be substantial travel time for some members. It is hoped that attendance may increase with the Zoom format going forward.
- National Trail Ride - to be discussed in more detail at next meeting.
- It was noted that elections are next year.
- Bylaws should be reviewed (note: bylaws were delivered via email to the Board following the meeting).
- An in-person and/or Zoom meeting will be held January 23, 2021.
- The IFTA did participate in the most recent Celebration Book.
- Cheryl Gramling noted there is "A Good Foundation and Horse Show" to be held at the Hoosier Horse Park, 105 S Kern St, Nineveh, IN 46164, April 24-25, 2021.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.