



Minutes – NPS Board Meeting
Date: February 10th, 2015
18 Freshwater Rd, 7:00 P.M.

In attendance: Cle, Jack, Pam, Sarah, Jim, Emily, Carolyn, Jessica, Cindy

- 1.) Errors or omissions in January minutes/Business arising:** None
- 2.) Adoption of minutes –** *Moved by Jack, seconded by Pam. CARRIED*
- 3.) Adoption of agenda –** *Moved by Emily, seconded by Cindy. CARRIED*

Standing Reports:

President – Cle has met with Ian Froude, Executive Assistant to Minister Dalley, Natural Resources, to discuss a number of matters regarding the Newfoundland Pony. He has confirmed that the Government will be taking no further action to pursue the inclusion of the Newfoundland pony under the Animal Pedigree Act as is, and the status quo will remain.

Cle also spoke with Dr. Hugh Whitney for clarification regarding the status of the Animal Health and Protection Act. Although the Newfoundland Pony is the ONLY officially designated heritage animal for Newfoundland & Labrador, it is exempt from various sections of the act which would have a great impact on the stability of the breed. Cle has made Mr. Froude aware of this.

Treasurer – *Pam moves that NPS continue to use John Morgan and Associates for its accounting purposes in 2015, seconded by Jim. CARRIED*

Secretary – Sarah updated council that all DNA samples she has collected from various ponies (acting as an agent of the owner) have been sent to Maxxam Analytics for testing.

Registrar – Cindy is presently cluing up 10 registrations and is working on drafting both long and short breed descriptions, which will be presented to council in the near future. The registrar also noted the importance of developing a “DNA fund” to assist owners with the cost of DNA testing in special, individual cases.

ACTION: CINDY

Membership secretary – There are 12 new members, and Carolyn will be sending out requests for renewals in the near future.

Acceptance of new members and the membership secretary’s report moved by Carolyn, seconded by Pam. CARRIED

ACTION: CAROLYN

4.) The MARE Network

-The MARE Network has officially obtained non-profit status. Jessica continues working with Maud to help bring the services of the MARE Network to Newfoundland and Labrador, and a “foster drive” is in the works.

5.) Conservation fund/Summer event planning

*-Cle moves that discussion regarding the conservation fund and summer event planning be postponed until the next meeting, seconded by Sarah. **MOVED***

6.) Adjournment – *Emily moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cindy.*