



**Minutes – NPS Board Meeting**  
**Date: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**18 Freshwater Rd, 7:00 P.M.**

***In attendance:*** Cle, Pam, Sarah, Jim, Emily, Jessica, Cindy

- 1.) Errors or omissions in April minutes:** Correct spelling of “anecdote” in item #4
- 2.) Business arising:** None
- 3.) Adoption of minutes –** *Moved by Pam, seconded by Jim. CARRIED*
- 4.) Adoption of agenda –** *Moved by Emily, seconded by Sarah. CARRIED*

**Standing Reports:**

**President** – Cle is working on seeking final clarification regarding privacy legislation and the society’s obligations in relation to sharing the NPS member list. He is also working to arrange a meeting with Minister Vaughn Granter to discuss the Newfoundland Pony portfolio.

Additionally, with the assistance of Downhome Inc., Cle has been working on the distribution of promotional material to various tourism hubs across the province.

Cle updated council on the status of the upcoming Newfoundland Pony documentary; Christopher continues to work steadily on the film and is currently developing a trailer to present to investors. He has recently interviewed both Pam and Cle. The documentary should be finished by late July and will include information about the census project at the end of the film.

**Treasurer** - Pam has completed the massive undertaking of organizing and scanning the society’s archival material and will return it to storage in the near future.

Pam will carry out the name draw for the raffle painting from the Downhome Expo and contact the winner in short order.

*Pam moves the treasurer’s report, seconded by Emily.*

**Membership Secretary (Presented by Pam in Carolyn’s absence)** – Official numbers of new members/renewals to be obtained from Carolyn.

*Acceptance of new members moved by Pam, seconded by Emily. CARRIED.*

**Registrar** – 15 pending registrations, 4 part-bred registrations completed.

A recent increase in the wait time for DNA testing can be attributed to a backlog of 10-12 files at Maxxam Analytics.

In the interest of speeding up registrations, Mark is presently writing a program incorporating the CVS kit so that Cindy can handle that facet of the process instead of Maxxam. Additionally, Cindy and Sarah will develop a post regarding the importance of fully completing registration forms.

*Cindy moves the registrar's report, seconded by Sarah. **CARRIED.***

**ACTION: SARAH, CINDY**

#### **5.) Trailer**

-Jessica will speak with distributors and look into the possibility of having a horse trailer donated to the society.

**ACTION: JESSICA**

#### **6.) Registry Corrections**

- Cle and Cindy have sent letters outlining the registry errors and necessary corrections to affected pony owners and have received positive responses.

#### **7.) Fiddler's Green Stallions**

- The story of the two stallions on their journey from Michigan to Newfoundland/Nova Scotia has received national coverage and has generated an overwhelmingly positive response.

#### **8.) Consultant Report (Registry Database/Census Project)**

-Cle has received the consultant's report and has distributed the item to the census committee (Pam/Cindy). He will send the report to the rest of council in short order. The report outlines that development of the database will incur costs of ~\$55,000 while completion of the census will incur costs of ~\$40,000.

The final decision regarding these expenses will be deferred to a future meeting.

Cle will draft a proposal regarding funding.

Completion of the consultant's report incurred expenses of \$1800.

*Payment of \$1800 to consulting firm moved by Sarah, seconded by Pam. **CARRIED.***

#### **9.) Events**

- Jessica will work on organizing a "pony social" at a central NL location in the early fall. Pam will assist Jessica with this endeavor.

**ACTION: JESSICA, PAM**

#### **10.) "Grandfather Clause"**

Protocol regarding NPS's stand on "grandfathering" ponies into the registry must be developed.

*-Cindy moves that a preliminary committee is formed to draft a report for presentation, seconded by Pam. **CARRIED.***

**11.) Motion To Adjourn** – Pam moves to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah.