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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

National Silver Fox Rabbit Club

Board of Directors Meeting

May 22, 2024; 8pm eastern standard time; Facebook Messenger

Attendees: Margaret Funck, Hollie Kremer, Roxanna Dabney, Lisa Summey, Bill Brockman, Vernon Brown, Hannah Yost-Ramirez

- ❖ Hannah Yost-Ramirez called the meeting to order with a quorum of three officers and four directors
- ❖ Old Business
  - Motion to approve February 2024 meeting minutes by Margaret Funck
    - Seconded by Bill Brockman
    - 6 Ayes
    - Motion passed by unanimous vote
  - Motion to approve April 2024 current amounts of Checking \$28,630.49, Paypal \$110.93, Youth Scholarship savings \$4,516.02, Grand Total \$33,496.90 by Margaret Funck
    - Seconded by Bill Brockman
    - 6 Ayes
    - Motion passed by unanimous vote
  - Discussed Nationals
    - Motion National Profits be allocated to FoxCon Nationals 2025 by Roxanna Dabney
      - Seconded by Hollie Kremer
      - 6 Ayes
      - Motion passed by unanimous vote
    - If having a specialty along with Nationals, to also have awards for those specialties
    - Nationals and Specialty show went well
- ❖ New Business
  - Motion to move sweeps awards to the sweeps committee by Bill Brockman
    - Seconded by Lisa Summey
    - 6 Ayes
    - Motion passed by unanimous vote
  - Motion to approve use of Pirate Ship Web Application as official club shipping after USPS by Bill Brockman
    - Seconded Vernon Brown
    - 6 Ayes
    - Motion passed by unanimous vote
  - Motion to approve payment to Canton Fairgrounds for Fox Con 2025 on the condition that the other local club putting on open shows within the 150 mile grants us permission through ARBA by Hannah Yost-Ramirez
    - Seconded by Bill Brockman
    - 6 Ayes
    - Motion passed by unanimous vote
      - Note: Later found out if a National Club is having a stand alone Nationals, the 150 mile does not apply

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- Discussed Convention 2025
  - Lisa Summey and Darren DeHart have ideas to improve the rabbit auction
  - Daily page update was well received and would like to have that again
  - Silent auction was decided to move to a raffle
    - Need to set up a group to handle the raffle details
  - We will have a Youth Scholarship to award this year
    - Will have a Bio Poster about the Scholarship winner
- Other Discussions
  - National Club Flyer, QR code for website
    - Roxanna already set up a QR code that leads to website
    - If a club or person wants to create a flyer, as long as it's accurate representation of the club, they can create a flyer for their local shows
  - Logoed Merchandise on website
    - New website will have this option
    - Just have a few things and all will be print on demand
  - Selling NSFRC at "big" shows
    - Too much logistics of shipping merchandise and then shipping back
    - Also getting the money to the right people for deposit
    - New website will have merchandise for purchase
  - Fundraisers for FoxCon
    - All profits from 2024 Nationals will go towards FoxCon
    - Rabbit auction at Convention can also go towards FoxCon
    - Cookbook
  - Discussed Ideal Silvering votes
    - There was an overwhelming majority to change to the pictures versus the drawings
    - Learned that people have a very different idea of "ideal" silvering
- ❖ Motion to dismiss meeting by Bill Brockman
  - Seconded by Hollie Kremer
  - 6 Ayes
  - Motion passed by unanimous vote
  - Meeting was dismissed at 8:53pm
- ❖ Special Board Meeting votes by Facebook Messenger
  - May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Motion to replace Meara Collins with Gordon Williams as Standard Committee chair by Bill Brockman
    - Seconded by Margaret Funck
    - 8 Ayes
    - Motion approved unanimous
  - July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Motion to move our free email of 50 emails per hour to titan business email of unlimited outgoing emails for \$133.56 per year by Roxanna Dabney
    - Seconded by Vernon Brown
    - 6 Ayes
    - 1 Nay
    - Motion approved by majority vote

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## ❖ Reports

- Sweeps Committee– Michael Peterson-Sweeps data entered through February, March entry in progress. Jonmarc Truesdale and Clyde Green are in the process of auditing July through January results.
- Guidebook Committee-Michael Peterson- All chapters are converted into Word from the 2021 edition. Recommend updating "History of the Blues" and "Development of the Chocolate Silver Fox" and of course the C&BLs section. Are there any other sections that require updating?
- Scholarship Committee-Bill Brockman-After waiting for possible late entries for the scholarship applications. I am proud to say we will have our first ever scholarship award for Convention this year. We only received 1 application, Kaitlin Konnick from Florida. Kaitlin has been very active in Silver Fox for several years and has been actively involved in mentoring youth in her home state. Kaitlin is also on the Board of Directors for the Southeast Silver Fox Rabbit Breeders. Kaitlin is currently attending Florida State College in Jacksonville, Florida, working towards a degree in Animal Nutrition and Biotechnology.
- Marketing Committee- Lisa Summey-Many thanks to our members who supported the club through purchasing merchandise created for the 2024 National Show in Decatur, IL. The marketing committee has been working towards offering a variety of items to our members. Our product offerings for the national show were well received by the members and the total units sold exceeded the previous year. Our goal is quality items while keeping prices reasonable for members. We feel that we achieved that while making a profit of almost four hundred dollars for NSFRC.  
One goal that our national club discussed this last year was to work towards having our awards for big shows be in line with our merchandise offerings in that they would share a common theme or design. We made an excellent start towards that goal with this past national show. We used the marketing committee's design on several of the awards. Both the marketing and awards committees were well pleased with the results and we hope that our members were too.  
Now that the national show is behind us, our thoughts and creative efforts have turned towards two future goals. The first is to choose new products with the national club's logo to offer our members. The second is planning for the 101st ARBA Convention coming up this fall in Louisville, KY. The theme of the 101st convention is, "The Greatest Show of the Century" and we look forward to creating a wonderful design for our Silver Fox Family. If you have suggestions for merchandise you would like to see offered either with the club logo or for the 101st ARBA convention, please feel free to reach out to [marketing@NSFRC.com](mailto:marketing@NSFRC.com)
- Awards Committee-Heather Kaiser-The awards committee has been working with the sweeps committee to get the plaques and remaining medallions for the 22-23 sweeps sent out. The awards have been ordered and made, as well

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as sent out. We are sorry for the delay and thank the club members for their patience and understanding.

For the 2024 national show there were 77 awards excluding any 1-6 placement ribbons. The total spent for awards was \$1120.36. The BOB, BOSB and the best of group variety awards were made by Still Waters Designs. Ribbons for best of the best and 1st place ribbons for classes were ordered through Stineman Ribbon Company. Blankets for the best display were created and ordered through VistaPrint. The grooming bags and decals were ordered through Amazon and Ninja transfers. The BOV & BOSV were obtained by Nancy with embroidery donated by JW Everts. With the marketing committees help we were able to make a coherent theme with both the awards and merchandise offered at the show. Both committees will continue working together moving forward.

If you have any feedback for awards or suggestions please feel free to reach out. You may send an email to [awards@nsfrc.com](mailto:awards@nsfrc.com)



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- Youth Committee-Jo Mladjenovich-The Youth Committee is happy to report that one dozen “Goody Bags” were delivered to the NSFR Nationals for our youth members. The bags contained snacks, a craft project, and some supplies the recipients can use at Rabbit Shows. The members of the Youth Committee would love to hear what our youth members are up to! Please let us know about your placements, experiences, and even your academic achievements. We’d like to include them in our youth report. My messenger handle is Jo Mladjenovich, and you can contact me any time!
- Election Committee- We are about to become very active in the next months with the election of the following positions: President, Secretary, and 3 Board Members.

Important dates for the 2024 election are:

Call for Petition June 1 to July 1

Ballots are to be sent out: August 1

Ballots are to be returned: August 31

Ballots are to be Counted: September

Results are to be reported to membership by the end of September.

Discussion of who on the Election Committee might be running for election for the next term. Hollie Kremer said she was thinking of not running due to family commitments, Karen Waldrop said she might run but was still looking to see how crazy her work schedule may be next year. Suzel Bozada-Deas and Roxanna Dabney both stated that they would be able to serve on the committee with no problem. (Latter addition: Hollie Kremer will not be

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running for re-election but would like to continue to serve on the Election Committee.

## The 2024 Election

The committee was informed by Roxanna that NSFRC is not ready for an online election this year. Then the committee discussed how to run the election better. First it was discussed how to take the mystery out of the election by explaining the process; especially, how to put together a petition. (This discussion was prompted by some of the responses on follow-up survey given at Convention 2023.) We also discussed petitions to run for office. It was agreed that a list of questions might help potential candidates. Here are some suggestions the election committee would like to see addressed in the petitions:

### All persons running for office

- Any information membership needs to know about you (and possibly your family)
- Your skills and qualifications
- Contact information
- Your vision of Silver Fox and stewardship of the breed for the future
- What projects you have worked on to support the club? Or other similar experience that might be an asset to NSFRC
- What project(s) you hope to work on during a potential term?

### Items we think would be good for those who have previously served on the board:

- What were your major contributions and duties to NSFRC while in office?
- How do you feel about those contributions?
- What contributions do you see yourself making in another term?

## Future Online Election Discussions

The committee discussed potential issues that need to be addressed to facilitate online voting. There was discussion about whether online voting should be done by household or each voting member should be able to vote separately. The committee noticed that household are not voting the same. This was also true for the poll regarding Foxcon. Generally, households did vote similarly for the SOP changes. It was decided to see how ARBA handles online voting.

## Actions since the Election Committee last met

Newsletter articles have been written and submitted to Victoria Lanter. Supplies and postage (postage is going up again) have been ordered by

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Roxanna for the next election so that Suzel Bozada-Deas has more assistance assembling the voting packets. The committee is continually reviewing the by-laws to make sure we are in better compliance.

Please address any comments, suggestions, or complaints to Suzel Bozada-Deas, the NSFRC Election Committee Chair at 213-215-6457 or [election@nsfrc.com](mailto:election@nsfrc.com)