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## **Ft. Leavenworth Hunt Annual Meeting (2025)**

**Date:** March 22, 2026

**Time:** 1200hrs.

**Location:** *Ft. Leavenworth Hunt Lodge – Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.*

### **In Attendance:**

#### **Masters:**

- Jim Fain
- Teresa Griffith

#### **Members:**

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| ➤ Holly Barret      | ➤ Jessamyn Jempson |
| ➤ John Blankenship  | ➤ Kay Johnson      |
| ➤ Sayer Buchanan    | ➤ Grace Moe        |
| ➤ Jill Cook         | ➤ Carrie Przeliski |
| ➤ Sarah Day         | ➤ Miriam Raymond   |
| ➤ Joyce DiMarco     | ➤ Nick Redman      |
| ➤ Jennifer Donnelly | ➤ Gayle Rue        |
| ➤ Angela Fain       | ➤ Verona Chaffin   |
| ➤ Jim Fain          | ➤ Mel Sadler       |
| ➤ Mark French       | ➤ Dawn Staver      |
| ➤ Simon Gardner     | ➤ Ted Staver       |
| ➤ Tammy Hane        | ➤ Robbin Wilson    |
| ➤ Jason Hill        | ➤ Pat Wolf         |
| ➤ Lucy Hirsch       |                    |

**\*\*Meeting called to order at 1415hrs. by Jim Fain (MFH)\*\***

Note: Please see accompanying meeting agenda, which was handed out and followed as the format for this meeting.



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## **Recapping the activities of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:**

In recapping, Jim Fain covered the following:

- Welcome Reception was held on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Frontier Army Museum. This included cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a Buffalo Soldier Presentation.
  - 50+ participants attended.
- A historic trail ride around Ft. Leavenworth took place on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. This included formal pictures, a wreath laying ceremony, and a history themed lunch at the Hunt Lodge.
  - 50 riders attended.
  - 70 total participants attended.
- Closing Hunt took place on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at Foxhunt Country (Lucy and Mel's land).
  - 40+ riders participated.
- Hunt Ball took place that evening (Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>) at the Frontier conference center.
  - 90 participants attended Hunt Ball.

At Hunt Ball, the following members received their FLH Colors:

- Ruth Hensleigh
- Kay Johnson
- Grace Moe

## **State of the Hunt Membership Numbers Review (as of 3/18/26):**

Jim Fain presented the following number:

- Military Members (including retirees): 23
- Retired Military/Civilian Member: 25
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hunt Members: 2
- Junior Members: 2
- Social Members: 11

Total Members: 63

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- ❖ In response to the question of how these numbers stack up, Jim responded that our “high water mark” over the past three years was 80 members. So, we are down in membership.



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## **State of the Hunt Financials (as of 3/18/26):**

Jim Fain presented the following financial numbers:

- AY26 Income to date (From collecting dues): *\$13,835.00*
- AY26 Income to date (From capping fees and donations): *\$2,223.00*
  - This includes *\$1,000.00* from the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities)
- AY26 Total Income to date: *\$16,058.00*
- AY26 Total Expenses to date: *\$14,773.54*
- We currently have a *\$1,284.46* budget surplus.

## **Hunting of the Hounds:**

Teresa Griffith presented the following information regarding the FLH pack:

- FLH went out with our hounds 30 times.
- We are currently at 15 hounds in kennels.
  - 8 females.
  - 7males.
- There are anticipated retirements.
  - We need 12 couple to maintain MFHA recognition as a live hunt.
  - We need 6 couple to maintain MFHA recognition as a drag hunt.
- Teresa was asked if there is a plan to reorganize the hunt with MFHA. Teresa deferred that decision to the incoming Joint Masters.
- Juniors are needed to show hounds at the upcoming hound show.
- Progress was made on fixture acquisition and development, but continued expansion, development, and new acquisitions must be priorities.
- Current fixture options are Settler's Acre, Hensleigh's, Staver's, Gardner's, and Lucy and Mel's
- Jim Fain stepped in to explain: We failed to gain access to Bureau of Prisons Land east of the MO River. A proposal was offered by FLH and FMWR, which was considered and supported locally by BOP. The proposal was eventually rejected by BOP's Regional Legal Review Team.
- We've Identified property just north of Dearborn, MO. (source was Anne Deguchi) that has promise. FLH members have ridden the country. Additional engagement with the landowner will be necessary to secure final permission. This country is well suited for drag hunting . Jim mentioned a restaurant in town that has agreed to let FLH use their upstairs space as a post-hunt meeting place.



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### **Hunting of the Hounds (Continued):**

- FLH received significant support from the Mission Valley Hunt (MVH). MVH invited FLH members to participate in live hunting on their fixtures throughout the 2025-2026 season.
- FLH Masters thanking MVH masters and members for their support. A decent number of FLH members showed up to support MVH's Hunt Ball.
- Additionally, FLH hosted a post-hunt breakfast for MVH, which was well received.
- Jennifer Donnelly mentioned upcoming MVH events to attend, including their Closing Hunt and Hunter Pace.

### **Upcoming Issues for Consideration:**

- Jim discussed dues increases. It was at this time that we discussed the accompanying "Understanding Organizational Relationships" document.
- Jim discussed the profitability expectations for FMWR.
  - There are three classifications of FMWR activities (Class A, Class B, and Class C.)
  - FLH is a Class C Activity.
  - FMWR is expected to profit 8% on Class C activities. This has always been a driving factor in FMWR's assessment of our dues.
- The document summarizes the dues expectation for FLH, pointing out that we are much cheaper than what the annual rate of \$2,160.00 should be.
- Jim then discussed the communication expectation with FMWR. Only a Master of FLH should be communicating directly with FMWR. Members are not to reach out to FMWR at their own discretion.
- It was briefly covered that the document explains the relationship between FLH and FMWR, as well as the relationship between LFA and FMWR (which is non-existent, by design). Neither the Joint Masters of FLH nor FMWR have operational authority over LFA. LFA comments or complaints will not be fielded by FMWR.



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### **Upcoming Issues for Consideration (Continued):**

- Jim reiterated that a plan for the pack, be it live or drag hunting, would need to be in place. Jim deferred these decisions to the incoming Joint Masters.

**At this time, election of new  
\*\*\*\*\* FLH Joint Masters of Foxhounds\*\*\*\*\*  
was conducted.**

### **2026 Master Elections Committee:**

- John Blankenship.
- Jason Hill

### **2026 Master Slate(s):**

- Slate #1:
  - Simon Gardner
  - Jessamyn Jempson
  - Jennifer Donnelly

The members of this slate were allowed to introduce themselves (though they were already well known), and offer some thoughts.

### **Important Election Notes:**

As defined by our bylaws, a quorum of 15 or more votes must be present in order to conduct the election.

- 27 members were present.
- 23 member votes were present
  - (only one vote is permitted per family unit, per our bylaws).
- 6 Proxy votes were being carried as well.

### **Elections Results:**

- 29 votes in favor of Slate #1 (Gardner, Jempson, and Donnelly).
- 0 votes opposed to Slate #1 (Gardner, Jempson, and Donnelly).

**Election results were deemed official.**



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## **Following the Election:**

- The newly elected Masters presented gifts and awards, as a thank you, to the following FLH members that are leaving a volunteer post:
  - Jason Hill (Honorary Secretary)
  - Teresa Griffith (Joint Master of Foxhounds)
  - Jim Fain (Joint Master of Foxhounds)
- The newly elected Joint Master then handed out and discussed the following fliers:
  - Their comprehensive plan for the future of FLH. (this was presented to FMWR as well.
  - “Save the Dates” calendar of upcoming events (from April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026).
  - A Calendar of summer ride dates.
- A few questions were then asked to the new Joint Masters, such as who do you plan to have hunt the hounds and will FLH be live hunting or drag hunting.
  - Simon Gardner then explained the current process of having Lucy continue to hunt the hounds, with Ruth acting as “1<sup>st</sup> Whip”.
  - Simon explained that we will likely have to continue to drag hunt until larger fixtures are developed.
- Lucy then talked about her current role in hunting the hounds. She explained that she is learning, growing, and willing to do whatever it takes to support the hounds and the hunt.
- Lucy then talked about the participation opportunities for whips in the coming years.
- Lucy also reiterated the need for Juniors to participate in hound shows.
- A question was asked about changes to the bylaws, which the newly elected Masters mentioned as an upcoming discussion.
- Simon Gardner spoke one more time about conducting quarterly meetings with the membership and forming a committee of former Joint Masters, to continue to ask for their support of the hunt.

The current Masters, Jim Fain and Teresa Griffith, expressed their gratitude for continuous support over the last three years.

**Jim Fain (MFH) wrapped up the meeting and closed it out at  
1526hrs.**