



**Joe Stewart *for Director Region #9***

**I would like to take this opportunity to not just introduce myself and ask for your vote for Director Region #9 but to also explain why I am interested and dedicated to this position.**

**My wife and I own, Jennijoe Stables, in Springdale, Arkansas. My wife is a 25 year veteran of the Animal Health Industry and we are involved in several business and community interests in our area. We are an MFT Breeder, we raise and train several Missouri Foxtrotters a year. We are involved with all facets (disciplines) of the Missouri Foxtrotter. We have several horses that we take to shows for not only us but also for Professional trainers in the breed. We have had friends and family and some of the breeds upcoming youth, ride and show our horses. We also participate in Trail riding and training of *"Trail"* horses. In fact, within the last 12 months all but 2 of the horses that we have sold and trained have been *"Trail Partners"* for their new owners. We have sold and delivered these horses to California, South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, Colorado, and Texas. We have supported and enjoyed the Versatility expansion at Ava, MO and look forward to more ways to broaden the use of this horse. It has been an eye-opening experience for me personally to see the love and the desire to own a Missouri Foxtrotter, across this country. I believe the promotion of this breed is now only beginning. We must strive to create that National recognition of our horse. We can be a Nationally**

recognized breed along with having an admired association going forward with the right leadership. It is time for the Missouri Foxtrotting Horse to take its position as a desired horse to own by everyone across the nation, so that prospective new owners of this breed can be proud to say they now own a Foxtrotter.

This breed of horse as you all know “can do it all”, it is up to us, as an association and as owners of these versatile animals to promote and to help new owners know and recognize this as well. It is not a difficult task, but one that takes cooperation and understanding of all owners, regardless of how they use their horse, to accomplish.

My number #1 goal, if elected, is to be a true Director of a Region. This will mean direct communication with members within Region #9 as well as with any Member in the MFTHBA, and to take those ideas, concerns, wants, and discussions, to the Board Meetings to further the Growth and Direction of the MFTHBA.

This to me is a very important item in this election. Direct communication for all owners and members within this region, to understand their position on all things being presented to the Board of Directors. Regional Representation was set up to have someone from their respective Region to voice their concerns.

My slogan for this will be 3 P’s:

***Plan-----Prepare-----Promote***

The MFTHBA is now in a unique position of leadership. We have several board members, including President and Vice President, up for reelection. This is a chance to choose the direction that our association will go in the next crucial 2 -3 years. This association has been a victim of several things over last several terms due to lack of

**communication among leaders, disagreements over several items including Youth Development, the overall Promoting of our breed and our association, as well as the so called “Trail, Versatility, Performance, and Model arguments.” Now is the opportunity to select candidates that can change this and move our association forward.**

**I can make that commitment. I will invite all owners/members to contact me personally regarding their interests and concerns. I will commit to listening and supporting all aspects of the owners of these horses. This includes whether you attend shows for performance, ride versatility only, ride the trails, or just own one that is a pasture pet, I would be honored to be your Director and representation to the Board in Ava, MO.**

**I am a person that believes in proper communication between all people lead to a better outcome overall. It takes all kinds and all types to maintain, grow, and keep our association going.**