

Dear MFTHBA Members and Friends,

After encouragement from many MFTHBA members, I am honored to have been nominated as a candidate for Region 4 Director by long time friend, MFTHBA member, and Hall of Fame recipient, Donald Cunningham.

I am a lifetime MFTHBA member with 32 years of trail riding; showing and breeding MFTs, and have a lengthy history of actively and successfully working to promote our breed. Among my volunteer efforts:

3 terms as KCRFTHA, the Kansas City affiliate, President, also served as treasurer, BOD member and newsletter editor, 2 time co-chair of annual show, 3 time chairman of spring show, and various other committees

Served on the following MFTHBA committees: Ethics, Judges, and Rulebook (currently and past chair)

President of Mid America FTHA (two year term), also served as BOD member and Futurity Treasurer

Past MFTHBA judge

My higher education was acquired at St. Mary University, augmented by an extensive data networking services program at MIT after being employed by AT&T.

Prior to retiring I was a sales manager for AT&T, where my responsibilities included formulating an annual business plan and marketing data networking solutions to a multi state territory. I was responsible for maintaining and growing a large base of business clients and attaining an aggressive annual quota. I would like to apply this extensive business experience to helping our breed succeed and continue to grow.

Among initial changes I would like to promote:

I would like to see more transparency between the assn and our members. I would suggest implementation of a detailed agenda posted prior to each BOD meeting so that members with interest in a particular topic will be able to participate in the discussion of that topic, either directly or via their Director.

I would like to see the published BOD minutes be more specific and detailed, so that members will be better informed on what business was actually transacted at any meeting.

I am a strong proponent of role call voting. Members should know exactly how their Director voted on any issue. I would make myself available to members to explain why decisions were made as they were and why I voted as I did, and will proactively communicate with Region 4 members via social media and email. I may be contacted at tmurray.foxtrot@gmail.com or at 816-505-9980.

I would encourage members to forward suggestions to improve ALL areas of member participation. We can all work together to enhance the programs desired by the membership. I am always open to input from the membership and if elected I will consider all ideas and suggestions presented to me and will make every effort to promote positive change and cohesiveness within the MFTHBA with an emphasis on inclusion of ALL members in ALL disciplines of our breed – breeding, showing, versatility and ranch, western dressage, trail riding, and any other opportunities available to our members and lovers of our exciting, versatile breed.

Above all else, I believe in ALL members adhering to the rules that have been established by the MFTHBA, and in instances where those rules need to be changed, adhering to the established rules and procedures for changing them. I also feel strongly that these rules need to be applied fairly and equally to all members.

My ultimate goal is to help the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association. I have no agenda other than to help our breed be “the best that it can be”. I am currently retired, and so have the time required to address the business and attend the meetings of the MFTHBA.

With your support, I look forward to contributing my knowledge and experience to the forward movement of the MFTHBA. I see an opportunity to make a significant contribution and with the cooperation of other BOD members, to make ongoing improvements.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me at tmurray.foxtrot@gmail.com or 816-505-9980.

Thank you for your consideration.

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