

#### **Board of Directors Minutes**

Dec. 19, 2017 1:30PM EDT via teleconference

### A. Welcome & Call to Order - Jack Vanderkooy, President

i. In attendance: Jack Vanderkooy, President, Dr. Rosanne Palermo, Vice President, Eric Smith, Secretary, Jennifer McClelland, Treasurer, Barb Renico, Director arrived later, Amy Austin, Director, Gerben Steenbeek, Director, Jason Tice, Executive Director

ii. Identify conflicts of interest: No conflicts were identified

### B. Secretary's Report - Eric Smith, Secretary

i. Mr. Smith presented the Minutes dated Nov. 21, 2017. **Motion made by Mr. Smith to accept the Nov. 2017 minutes. Motion seconded by Dr. Palermo.** Dr. Palermo requested a change to the Proposed Bylaw Amendment. Mr. Smith responded that he would review the recording and make the necessary changes if needed. **Motion Approved to accept the minutes tentatively based on the changes.** 

## C. Matters arising from the Minutes

i. No matters identified.

# D. Correspondence

i. Mr. Vanderkooy presented a letter from Sarah Seitz-FHANA Office Registrar.

# E. Treasurer's Report-Jennifer McClelland, Treasurer

i. Mr. Tice presented the financials for November 2017 per the direction from Ms. McClelland.

Balance Sheet:

Total Assets: \$406,970.99 Total Liabilities: \$3,621.61 Total Equity: \$403,349.38

Total Liabilities & Equity: \$406,970.99

November 2017 Profit & Loss: Total Income: \$32,586.19 Total Expense: \$(73,944.18) Net Income: \$(41,357.99) Year to Date Profit & Loss: Total Income: \$621,958.66 Total Expense: \$523,234.57

Net Income: \$98,724.09



Mr. Tice reported that the current membership level of 1635 is very comparable to 1668 in 2016. The loss for the month of November was expected based on the budget. Overall, year to date income is very favorable and expenses are slightly unfavorable. Mr. Vanderkooy requested clarification on the recap KFPS budget. Mr. Tice reported that there are more expenses budgeted in the month of December and the total KFPS budget is approximately \$147,000.00. Mr. Tice is in receipt of the final invoice for the year from the KFPS and this is approximately \$40,000.00 for judging fees. Total actual for the year is \$135,000 before the \$25,000 rebate. Mr. Tice reported that the membership renewals have been sent out. Dr. Palermo noted membership trend is increasing showing increasing trust in FHANA. Mr. Smith noted the ABFP expenses are over budget. Mr. Vanderkooy clarified the ABFP budget used the ABFP fees collected with foal registrations to balance the costs as the fund is intended. Mr. Smith also noted the 2017 financial success is due to adhering to the expense budgets. Motion made by Dr. Palermo to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Ms. Austin. Motion approved unanimously.

### F. Executive Director's Report – Jason

Mr. Tice reported he is still working on the DNA horse issue from the inspection. He feels he is getting closer with the final results being the owner brought the wrong horse that was newly imported. Sarah's review was conducted on 12.8.17 and she has received a favorable report, and new goals have been set for her to work towards over the next year. As her letter indicates she is very appreciative of the salary increase and bonus for the year. Her review was shared with Mr. Vanderkooy as this has always been the process in the past that it is shared with the President of FHANA as an f.y.i. As of this meeting, there is no news on the selected stallion. Mr. Tice reported he has received the report on the X-rays which seems to be positive but have not received any information on the semen analysis. The stallion is currently at DG Bar ranch waiting for the testing to begin. Mr. Tice reported this has always been a frustrating process not only for the FHANA office but for the membership. If things are not submitted by the due date of Oct. 31, it is next to impossible to get a response from the KFPS to start the testing in December. The KFPS does wish to change the procedure again in the future, so this should be the last time we deal with this delay. Mr. Tice reported the office will be closed Dec. 25th and again Monday Jan. 1 for the holidays. This is standard per the employee handbook. Both Sarah and Mr. Tice will have utilized all our vacation days per the employee handbook which is a use it or lose it policy. Mr. Tice will be taking his last day of vacation on Friday Dec. 22 per approval by Mr. Vanderkooy. Membership renewals are continuing to be sent out. The office has tried a new method and it seems to have no better results than just mailing the reminders out. Mr. Tice has transitioned the email notification to be less business like and more of a friendly reminder about half way through the process after some discussion with Mr. Vanderkooy and Dr. Palermo and giving it a little better thought. This was a new process sending it out by email and needs to be tweaked just a bit. Many of the renewals will come in the month of January. Mr. Tice previously sent out the employee vacation and holiday schedule and asked if there were any questions about the policy and the days of vacation he has used for the year. Mr. Vanderkooy reported that at the completion of the meeting, Mr. Tice will be excused from the meeting to discuss a potential bonus and job performance.



# **G. Committee Reports**

i. Inspection Committee (Eric) Mr. Smith presented the minutes dated 11.14.17 and the minutes dated 12.11.17. Mr. Smith reported that there will be a motion at a future meeting in regard to changes to the Inspection Handbook. Mr. Smith reported the KFPS has requested some changes to the inspection schedule and the committee is working with these sites to make the necessary changes. A brief discussion took place regarding the recommended stallion testing procedures, category 16 and 17. This is a topic that will continue to be discussed and a part of the KFPS meeting. There was a member request to inspect two mares if the stallion testing occurs. Since the stallion jury is different than the linear scoring judges there will not be proper judging support and the request cannot be granted.

ii. AGM Committee (Jennifer) Ms. McClelland presented the minutes dated 11.29.17. Mr. Smith requested that more information be sent out to the membership for the event. Ms. Austin requested more travel information options. The website has additional information.

iii. Health/Education Committee (Rosanne) Dr. Palermo presented the minutes dated 12.6.17. The registry is looking for a simple way to understand the books. The committee is looking for an IBOP webinar. Mr. Vanderkooy reported that the 35th Anniversary Committee would like to suggest that a 2019 Education Week take place after the event. Dr. Palermo stated the 2018 Education Week will repeat the first class on the west coast and the 2019 session will be the follow-on second class. Mr. Vanderkooy requested the committee to remain open to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> first class in 2019 if the location is in a different area. Dr. Palermo will present this 2019 request to the committee.

iv. Marketing/Membership Committee (Jennifer) Ms. McClelland presented the minutes dated 12.4.17 along with the draft of the new proposed FHANA Booth Back Drop. A brief discussion took place. Ms. Austin felt the imagery was beautiful but did not represent the breed versatility. Mr. Steenbeek would like to see a presentation focusing on Sport to help draw potential members and engage them that the horse can do more than be a pretty horse. Ms. McClelland reported that she will take the suggestions back to the committee. Mr. Tice reported that the committee has been working on this since April, but the focus of the booth is supposed to sell the association and not necessarily the horse. It is also possible to renew the existing booth and image. Ms. Austin responded that at first look she did not get the feeling the picture was trying to sell the association but rather the horse. Mr. Vanderkoov believes it is important the booth needs to be renewed and refreshed rather than only renewing the existing. He suggested that Ms. McClelland take this back to the committee to review the comments, feedback and bring their final recommendation. This will also allow the board additional time to review the proposed booth. The board agreed with this action.

v. ABFP/Stallion Testing Committee (Rosanne) Dr. Palermo presented the minutes dated 12.5.17. She discussed the possibility to move the ABFP to the summer stating there are further pros and cons in doing so. The time slot should be considered by the committee in 2018. Mr. Vanderkooy thanked the committee for a successful ABFP.



vi. Finance Committee (Jennifer) Mr. Tice presented the 2018 budget for discussion and approval on behalf of Ms. McClelland. The committee has been very active and is confident the budget will be successful.

Total Income: \$647,800.00 Total Expense: \$634,700.00 Net Income: \$13,100.00

Mr. Smith reported that he was happy with the balanced budget but was not as optimistic with the membership dues increase and the increase in the associate membership fees. He also felt the investments were understated. Mr. Smith wants to make sure that the board continues to display a strict effort to maintain the budget for 2018. Dr. Palermo noted the proposal is well thought out, balanced, and continues to be refined. Overall, the board had positive comments with the budget as presented. Motion made by Dr. Palermo to adopt the 2018 budget as presented along with the with the recommended fee increases for 2018. Mr. Steenbeek seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

vii. Rules & Regulations (Eric) Mr. Smith presented the revised appendices. Mr. Vanderkooy noted the inconsistency in Appendix P using US rather than North America. This reference will be changed. Ms. Austin inquired whether there should be a disclaimer for the stallion testing date reference in December. Dr. Palermo also whether the December date needed updating. The board agreed to leave the wording unchanged until there is further direction by the KFPS. Motion made by Mr. Smith to approve the following appendices C, D, J, K, and P from the Rules and Regulations Committee as changed. Motion seconded by Ms. Renico. Motion approved unanimously. Motion made by Mr. Smith to eliminate appendix B (FHANA Chapters), E (So You Want to Buy a Friesian Horse), H (Responsibilities of a Judging Coordinator), I (Judging in the Triangular Area), L (Reference Material), M (Emblems of FHANA and FPS), and N (Conformation of the Legs) from the list of appendices. Motion seconded by Ms. Renico. These appendices are nice to know, included in others areas of the website, and not truly rules and regulation. Motion approved unanimously. Mr. Vanderkooy thanked the committee for the work set forth in 2017.

#### H. Review Items

i. Board of Directors Elections (Jason) Mr. Tice reported that he has received all the bio's and Sharon Bechler has decided to withdraw from the election. Additionally, Tiffany Donnelley is not eligible to run for the election due to her membership status being an Associate member. A discussion took place regarding Ms. Donnelley, Mr. Tice reported that she is not a current horse owner. Mr. Tice reported that he is trying to work this out with her but now she is not eligible. Ms. Austin asked if the candidate should have to be a full member at the time of the nomination. She also thought it was in the association's best interest for a member to be a Full member for a year before they are nominated. Currently this is not in the bylaws, and if it is to be changed, it would be a bylaw change and would need to be presented to the membership.



ii. Chapter of the Year (Jason) Mr. Tice reported that we received 6 applications for the award and Mr. Tice worked with Caron Osborn from the FHANA Member Council to review the submissions. The award has since evolved over the course of the past few years and this is something the sub-committee will address in the future. Mr. Tice reported that based on the submissions, there is one clear winner. The winning chapter has been contacted and they will be at the FHANA AGM to accept the award. The other chapters will receive recognition. Mr. Tice will continue to work with the sub-committee to revise the award for the future.

#### I. Discussion Items

- i. Nominations for Volunteer of the Year (Jason) Mr. Tice presented a list of possible Volunteer of the Year candidates. The Volunteer of the Year is a person that the board identifies as a person who has gone above and beyond and volunteered a great deal of time to the association. This could have been done with their committee involvement or with their involvement in the association by going above and beyond. There were six nominations. Each board member commented on their choice and this determined who the winner of the award was for 2017. This person will receive their award during the 2018 FHANA Annual General Meeting.
- ii. KFPS Agenda/meeting (Jack)-Mr. Vanderkooy reported the KFPS has requested to cancel this meeting and a KFPS representative will meet with the FHANA board during the FHANA AGM. That representative will probably be Ids Hellinga. Mr. Vanderkooy asked if Board members who are attending the show might be available on Monday after the Stallion Show at the KFPS office. Dr. Palermo, Ms. Renico, and Ms. Austin all agreed to this time.

#### J. Board Round Table Discussion

Ms. Austin inquired about the \$60 fee being charged for B-book II registrations. Mr. Tice responded that there was a communication error with the KFPS and those members that we did charge the fee to have been reimbursed and they received a letter stating the reason why they were charged. All fees have been reimbursed.

The FHANA Board went into a closed session and Mr. Tice was asked to leave the call. That during closed session the Board unanimously agreed to provide the Executive Director a pretax bonus for the 2017 year of \$2000 in recognizing the favorable year end results and job performance.

#### K. Good of the Order

- i. Next Meeting January 23rd, 2017 at 1:30PM EST\*\*\*This is not our normal date
- ii. Future Meeting February 13, 2018 at 1:30PM EST
- iii. Future Meeting February 22, 2017 at 1:30PM EST in Michigan

# L. Adjourn

Motion made by Dr. Palermo to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Steenbeek.



# Rules & Regulations

### KFPS register

veulenboek - Foal Book for foals, or any older horse not in an adult, or Studbook, registry

ruinenboek - geldings book, Studbook for Geldings

merrienboek - mares book, Studbook for Mares

Bijboek - B-book, Subsidiary Register

geslacht - gender

*hengst* for male horses (gender is not changed on the certificate after castration)

merrie for fbale female horses

registratienummer - registration number

a number which will be a permanent designation for the specific horse. The first four digits indicate the year of birth and the final digit indicates gender: "0" for fbales female and "1" for males.

tongcode - tongue code

the unique code tattooed by the KFPS on the tongue of horses entering the Foal Book prior to 1997.

# Chipnummer – chip number

the unique code of the microchip implanted in the neck of horses entering the Foal Book in 1997 and later. Some older horses have also received an electronic identification chip and in that case both the tongue code and chip number are shown on the certificate.

geboortedatum - birth date

birth date in European sequence of day-month-year



*inteeltcoefficient* - inbreeding coefficient

the percentage of inbreeding (refer to Section 2.2.2.1.) geregistreerde naam - registered name kleur - color zwart for black aftekening - markings geen for none brandmerk - brand

location and mark of the horse's brand, if any

schofthoogte - height at withers

height in centimeters, on the date entered in the Studbook; (cm  $\times$  .3937 = inches)

prbie premie - prbium premium

prbium(s) premium(s) awarded prior to issuance of the current Certificate (refer to Section 5.5). New Certificates are not issued each time a problem premium is awarded, but prbiums premiums are updated when new Certificates are issued (i.e. entry into Studbook, upgrading to Star register).

fokker - breeder



first owner of the horse

eigenaar - owner

owner of record at the time the Certificate was issued. The current owner is often shown on the back of the Certificate if ownership was transferred in North America.

staat van overdracht - record of transfer details of ownership transfers, if any.



# Rules & Regulations

The appearance of Registration Certificates vary according to the birth year and registry of the horse.

#### **Horses Foaled Before 1989**

The registration certificate for horses registered before 1989 is on white, unlaminated paper. One side of the paper contains the KFPS logo and the name "Het Friesch Paarden-Stamboek", a photo of Friesian horses and space to record ownership transfers. The opposite side of the certificate shows name and other specifications about the horse, a three-generation pedigree and a box for recording premiums, upgrades, tongue number and brand marks. Since these certificates can easily be copied, carefully examine the certificate to be satisfied it is an original. If you have any question, contact FHANA office to verify the details against office records.

#### Main Foal Book/Studbook Horses Foaled 1989 and Later

The registration certificate for horses registered in 1989 and after through 2014 is yellow-green and yellow striped with a light gray horse, plastic laminated and contains an embossed seal of the KFPS. The back side of the certificate is yellow-green and contains a large insignia of the KFPS above the name, "Koninklijke Vereniging Het Friesch Paarden Stamboek." The colors are yellow/green, dark blue as of 1-1-2015. The face of the document contains the information described elsewhere in the Appendix as *Registration Certificate-Explanation*.

#### B-Book Horses Foaled 1989 to 1992

These horses received yellow-green and yellow striped certificates as described above. B-Book horses' certificates simply had an annotation in Dutch that the horse was only registered in the *bijboek*—other than that the B-Book certificate was just like the main Foal Book/Studbook certificates.



#### **B-Book I Horses**

Beginning in 1993, the B-Book was separated into B-Books I and II. The B-Book I horses receive orange-brown and gold laminated certificates with a light bluegray horse prior to 2015. Colors are brown, black & gray as of 1-1-2015.

#### **B-Book II Horses**

B-Book II horses receive blue and pastel red laminated certificates with a light blue-gray horse prior to 2015. Colors are black & gray as of 1-1-2015.



### **Tongue Tattoos**

Horses entered in the Foal Book through 1996 received tattoos on the lower left side of the tongue. The tongue tattoo code is shown on the horse's registration certificate. In some rare cases older horses did not receive a tongue tattoo.

Some horses foaled in North America also received an *interim tongue tattoo* for identification until they could be tattooed by the KFPS. This was usually done in cases where the foal was weaned before judging by the KFPS. The interim tattoos were placed on the lower right side of the tongue. These horses have two tongue tattoos.

The tongue tattoo can be read by grasping the horse's tongue and pulling it to the left side of the mouth.

### **Electronic Identification (Microchips)**

Horses entered in the Foal Book in 1997 and later received electronic identification codes. The electronic chip was implanted in the horse's upper left neck approximately mid way between the withers and poll. The electronic ID code is shown on the horse's registration certificate.

An electronic reading device is required to "read" the implanted chip. Many veterinarians have the reader devices or the device can be rented from the FHANA office.

ID chips that were implanted in Europe use a different electronic format than chips implanted in North America. European-implanted chips cannot be read by the reader devices commonly used in North America and will probably require the use of a FHANA reader. The FHANA readers can read chips in both the North American and European format.

#### **Brands**

Friesian horses entered in the adult studbooks usually have received brands. The brand mark, if any, is shown on the horse's registration certificate. The KFPS expects to has discontinued branding. in the near future.

Horses that have been branded will have brands located on the upper left neck. It can be difficult to read some horse's brands, particularly if the hair coat is long. It may be necessary to wet or shave the hair in order to clearly see a brand.



These are the brands of the Friesian Horse Studbook:

**F** Adult mare, gelding or Approved Stallion registered in the main Studbook or in B-Book I

FS Studbook or B-Book I mare or gelding who has been designated as Star FSM Studbook Star mare who has been designated as Model crown Mare or Approved Stallion who has been designated as Preferent // Mare entered in the Auxiliary Studbook for Mares (Hulp Studbook)

### **Blood Type Testing**

Beginning in 1992 all fillies foaled in North America had to be blood type tested in order to be registered. Beginning in 1993 the fillies' dams also had to be blood type tested. Blood type testing was discontinued in 1997 and DNA testing was adopted on a random+ basis.

Blood typing test results are maintained in storage at FHANA. In some cases testable blood samples are still in storage at the laboratory. This would be useful in the event DNA testing were needed for a deceased horse.

### **DNA Testing**

Blood type testing was discontinued in 1997 and DNA testing was adopted. DNA test results are maintained at FHANA.



Each calendar year foal names must begin with specific letters of the alphabet as designated by the KFPS. Names should be relatively simple, ideally consisting of a single word. Farm names or initials are not allowed to precede a name, but may follow the name if approved by the KFPS. Names do not have to be Dutch.

FHANA / KFPS-Het Friese Paarden Stamboak Naming System The naming system using designated letters each year has been in place for many years. By using letters for each year, it is easier to identify when the horse was born. The names often are Dutch in origin, and can be a single word or even include farm initials or names, only after the given name of the foal. 2029 P, Q, R, S 2028 M, N, O 2027 J, K, L 2026 G, H, I 2025 D, E, F 2024 A, B, C 2023 W, X, Y, Z 2022 T, U, V 2021 P, Q, R, S 2020 M, N, O 2019 J, K, L 2018 G, H, I 2017 D, E, F 2016 A, B, C 2015 W, X, Y, Z

Duplication of Names - Names of fillies cannot be duplicated exactly in the same year, although duplications are permitted on the names of colts. In most cases the KFPS will attempt to use the filly name as specified by the owner. However, initials or additional names may follow the desired name. For example, Mrs. Smith's mare, Lady, has had a filly and Mrs. Smith has selected the name "Amanda" for the filly. Unfortunately another filly has already been named Amanda. In this case the KFPS would name Mrs. Smith's filly "Amanda S." (for "Smith"). If there was already an Amanda S., the filly's name might include the name of her dam, in this case making her name "Amanda Lady". Owners who don't want to leave the naming options up to the KFPS should list a second choice name on the Birth Announcement form.

Stallion Names and Numbers – When stallions are selected for breeding and become Approved Stallions they are renamed. The owners are given a list of Friesian names that have never been used for an Approved Stallion in the past. The stallion's new registered name is selected from the list and he will henceforth be known by his new name, even if he subsequently loses his breeding approval. At the time the stallion is entered into the Studbook for Stallions he is also assigned the next consecutive Studbook number. That number becomes part of his identification, for example Hearke 254, and is not the same as his registration number.

Farm Names - Some owners like to have the name of their farm follow their horses' names. If an owner wants to have the exclusive right to use a specific farm name in registering their horses, the name can be reserved by paying a fee



to FHANA. However, the farm name applies only to naming horses and does not provide any other exclusive rights to the use of the name.

Name Changes - Once a name is processed by the KFPS, it cannot be changed. Subsequent owners who are unhappy with a horse's name are free to call the horse something else, although the registered name has to remain unchanged.



# KFPS/ FHANA Approved Stallion Process

The Stallion inspection is part of the breeding program of the KFPS. During the stallion inspection, foalbook stallions are presented in judging rounds; on the basis of the results of this judging, these stallions can be referred to the Central Examinations. During the selection process, the stallions are subject to minimum requirements, some of which are non-subjective and others of which are subjective in nature. At the end of the selection process, the collected information and assessment is used to decide whether a stallion will be entered in the studbook register. The selection criteria are pedigree, degree of relationship to the population, exterior, movement, capacity for equestrian sport, quality of legs based on X-ray assessment, semen quality and other veterinary aspects. The Stallion Inspection Jury advises the Governing Board in regard to the registration of stallions in the studbook register. The stallion inspection also involves the inspection of stallions already in the studbook register.

# **Participants**

1. All foalbook stallions that were 3 years of age before 1 July of the year in which the first round of judging takes place.(Since inspections are only held once a year, in fall in the US, and CP CE Testing Starts in December of the same year, Stallions must be three (3) to be considered for CP CE.

Eligibility Based on Physical Appearance - To be eligible for consideration as a candidate for the Central Stallion Proving stallions must:

- 1. Be at least 1.58 meters (15.2 hands) at age 3 and at least 1.60 meters (15.3 hands) at age 4;
- 2. The permissible (white) markings noted in the regulations on stallions eligible for being entered in the studbook register are highly undesirable. In addition to the permissible markings on the head, stallions will also be checked for white markings on the soles of their hooves during the clinical examination conducted during the first round of judging. The presence of white markings on the sole can be reason for not permitting a stallion to participate in the second round. The owner will be informed of this within three workdays. In exceptional cases, when a stallion exhibits extremely high quality with reference to the selection criteria, such a stallion can be admitted to the second round even though it displays a permissible



marking. If such a stallion is ultimately entered in the studbook register, mention of the marking will be included in the assessment report. Markings on genitalia are judged less severely.

3. Demonstrate to the inspection jury that their movement and conformation is of sufficiently exceptional quality to warrant consideration as a Studbook Stallion.

Eligibility Based on Pedigree and Dam - There are strict requirements for the pedigrees and dams of prospective Studbook Stallions:

- 1. The pedigree of the stallion may not contain any mares registered in the B-Books for four generations.
- 2. The registration certificate of the stallion may not contain any Foal Book parents or grandparents.
- 3. White on the legs will not be allowed within the first three generations of the pedigree of the stallion. A white hoof or hoof sole is also undesirable.
- 4. The mother, grandmother and great-grandmother must all be star or star quality mares.
- 5. The dam line (female ancestors on the bottom line of the pedigree) of Studbook Stallions should be fertile and of consistent high quality, as shown by the presence of Preferential ancestors.
- 6. The dams of Studbook Stallions may not have any leg defects. In case of doubt, a veterinary exam will be required.
- 7. The sporting and IBOP results of the dam and offspring of the dam line will be considered in the evaluation for Studbook Stallion.
- 8. The disposition of the dam will be considered in the evaluation for Studbook Stallion.
- 9. Dams of Studbook Stallions must not have over or under bites; navel hernias and stable vices are also undesirable.
- 10. The dams and possibly other horses related to a stallion referred to the Central Examination will be assessed by the KFPS Inspection Team. The findings will be included as factors in arriving at the decision as to whether to enter a stallion in the studbook register after the Central Examination has been conducted.

Judging for Candidacy for the Central Stallion Proving Stallion Central Examination can be conducted annually at the judging sites throughout North America. Re-evaluation is permitted in subsequent years. Candidates for the Central Stallion Proving Stallion Central Examination must meet all KFPS requirements for judging presentation. If a stallion qualifies for consideration for



the Central Stallion Proving Stallion Central Examination, a video of the stallion will be reviewed by the KFPS in The Netherlands. If the stallion's candidacy is approved, he will be invited to the Central Stallion Proving Stallion Central Examination, subject to the pre-evaluations noted below.

Please use this form when completing the stallion selection process. This form can be given directly to your veterinarian and it will give them a step by step process of everything that needs to be completed and turned in.

# Stallion Testing Checklist

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RADIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF THE KFPS STALLIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION IN THE BREEDING PROGRAM (2009-2010).

# X-Ray Requirements

- 1. A complete set of radiographs for the review of the veterinary classification committee comprises 22 radiographs of excellent radio-technical quality according to projection and exposure.
- (Projections according: A standardized nomenclature for radiographic projections used in veterinary medicine. James E. Smallwood et al. Veterinary Radiology, Vol.26, No. 1, 1985; pp 2-9)
- Name of the horse, registration number, chip number, date of X-ray examination and the indication of the legs have to be printed on the radiographs.
- 4. Prints of the X-rays are required. Maximal size of the prints 25 x 30 cm (9.8 11.8 inches).

(Complete information on the x-rays requirements can be obtained through the FHANA office by request.)

# **Sperm Quality Evaluation**

(Forms available through FHANA office)



Navicular Disease	Class 0-1-2 (acceptable)
Sesamoiditis	No Selection
Arthritis, pastern/fetlock	Class 0-1-2-3 (acceptable)
Spavin	Class 0-1-2 (acceptable)
Osteochondrosis, hock	Negative
Osteochondrosis, knee	Negative

# Stallions foaled on January 1, 2007 or thereafter

Navicular disease	Class 0-1-2 (acceptable)
Sesamoiditis	No Selection
Arthritis, pastern/fetlock	Class 0-1-2-3 (acceptable)
Spavin	Class 0-1-2 (acceptable)



Osteochondrosis, hock	Class A-B-C
Osteochondrosis, knee	Class A-B-C

The secondary findings revealed during X-ray testing such as ringbones, sidebones and calcification of the processus extensorius, etc. will be considered in the Stallion Inspection Jury's decision-making process but will not essentially impede participation in the judging.

Findings from the semen analysis will be assessed only if this testing was conducted at an agency selected for this purpose by the KFPS.

Stallions being tested must be unshod. The owner is responsible for any risks during stabling, semen collection and transport. The owner must present the stallion's registration certificate. The findings of the semen testing will be determined on the basis of two collections taken about one hour apart.

The finding of semen testing are valid only if the testing was conducted within 12 months previous to the second round of judging. Stallions that participated previously in a second round of judging will thus have to undergo semen testing again.

(Any stallions that underwent semen testing in a foreign country and have been referred to the Central Examination will have to undergo another testing in the Netherlands before participating in the Central Examination).

The findings of the semen testing will be assessed by a committee assigned by the KFPS for this purpose. This committee can recommend that the testing be repeated.

The findings of the semen testing have to be made available to the KFPS by a date established by the KFPS. If the findings do not reach the KFPS by this date, the stallion will be excluded from participation in the second round of judging.

# Semen Analysis:

To continue participation the stallions will have to satisfy the following norms.



Stallions that are 3 years of age during the calendar year in which the second round of judging is held

- 600 x 106 TNB, Morphology: at least 50.0%, motility: at least 50%
- 800 x 106 TNB, Morphology: at least 45.0%, motility: at least 50%

Stallions that are 4 years of age or older during the calendar year in which the second round of judging is held:

- 1000 x 106 TNB, morphology: at least 50.0%, motility: at least 50%
- 1200 x 106 TNB, Morphology: at least 45.0%, motility: at least 50%

Stallions with incorrect genitals are barred from continuing on with the judging. FHANA has learned in the selection of previous approved stallions in North America that the demands made on North American stallions are very different than those of The Netherlands. Specifically the ability of the semen to maintain substantial progressive motility for extended periods of time, 24 to 48 hours. We therefore strongly encourage Prospective Stallion Candidates to, after selection for testing but prior to arrival at the 70 day testing facility, perform a series of collections on the candidate and attempt to develop a protocal that best suits your horse's semen. This protocol will create an environment in which the semen will remain viable under the typical shipping conditions experienced in North America. In doing this you will insure that your horse, if selected, will be capable of servicing the North American market. This testing and information will remain confidential and is not a requirement either by FHANA or the KFPS, only a suggestion to insure that your stallion, if selected, will be capable of servicing this specific market.

# **DNA Testing**

The results of DNA testing for undesirable characteristics will play a greater role in the selection of young stallions. The results of all DNA testing will be included in the selection criteria, but will not be cause to eliminate a stallion in advance from participating in the Central Examination.

For participation in the Central Examination stallions must have been tested for the single recessive characteristics chestnut color, dwarfism and hydrocephaly. Carrier status does not rule out participation in the Central Examination or acceptance for Studbook registration. Publishing of test results only applies to stallions that are registered in the Studbook. Publishing of test results is also included in the registration report. Taking samples is carried out during the veterinary inspection as part of the Second Viewing or after inspection.



#### **Chestnut Factor**

The DNA test for the chestnut factor will be conducted between the referral to the Central Examination and the beginning of the Central Examination. Carriers of the chestnut factor foaled on or after January 1, 2007 will not be eliminated in advance from participating in the Central Examination. Carrier-ship will be included, however, in the final assessment made during the Central Examination. Stallions foaled before January 1, 2007 should have been tested negative for the chestnut factor to be eligible to participate in the Central Examination.

KFPS/FHANA requires an experienced Veterinary hospital that is familiar with the stallion approval process conducts this testing. You will need to get approval for X-Ray clinicians from the KFPS.

- The cost for this portion of the testing can reach as high as \$5,000.00
- All X-Rays and Semen testing needs to be complete and sent directly to the FHANA (address below.)
- Please check and double check all of your information again to make sure it is complete so as to not incur any additional costs.

X-ray films can be assessed only if they were made by one of the clinics approved by the KFPS. For the Netherlands, these are the "inspection veterinarians". For other countries, the choice of such a veterinarian must be made in consultation with the KFPS. The films must be made according to the protocol for this procedure.

When tested, the stallions must be at least 26 months old.

Before the X-ray films are made, the owner of the stallion or the clinic where the films are to be made will have to request an X-ray Examination number from the FHANA. This number will have to appear on the films. Without such a number, the films cannot be assessed. The owner is responsible for any risks involved during the stallion's stay at the clinic for testing purposes.

The X-ray films are assessed by a committee appointed by the KFPS.

The original X-ray films will remain the property of the KFPS for further research.

Unless the criteria will be changed by the KFPS, the findings of the X-ray testing will apply within the framework of stallion selection throughout the life of the stallion.



An appeal against the findings of the X-ray testing can be submitted to the KFPS no later than two weeks after the assessment date. The reassessment will be conducted by a reassessment committee, the owner being responsible for the costs involved. The appeal procedure involves two elements:

- 1. A reassessment of the existing films.
- 2. A first assessment of the new films. The first set of films is also included in this assessment.

The findings of the X-ray testing have to be made available to the FHANA by no later than October 31, 2018 in the year the stallion is referred to the jury. Where they will then be sent to KFPS (Utrecht) for review. If the X-Rays and semen results are not available by this date, the stallion will be excluded from participation in the second round of judging. The University of Utrecht makes all final decisions from X-rays & Semen testing. No other veterinarian hospital recommendation will be considered. The cost to have your X-Rays viewed is \$125.00.

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