



"To Promote & Preserve the KFPS Friesian Horse in North America"

Your Monthly News & Updates-December 2020

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2021 FHANA Membership

Renewal

It is time to start thinking about renewing your membership for 2021. While we are still learning how to operate around COVID-19, we look forward to some normalcy in 2021. Inspections, Judging Clinics, and the Mare Shows (East/West) are being planned along with several other educational opportunities. NEW for 2021 is our Youth program called **FUTURE FHANA**, see the website for details.

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Renew your Phryso Subscription

Subscriptions for the monthly KFPS publication Phryso are now being accepted. The cost is \$125 US per year. The magazine will be mailed directly from The Netherlands to you

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Livestreams 2021 Stallion

Inspection

The KFPS will be LIVE streaming the 2021 Central Examinations and Stallion Shows.

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FHANA Implements a "Special" 2020 Recreational Use Award

In response to the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic that has negatively impacted our performance members' opportunities to ride and drive competitively this year, Maddi's Friesian Ranch, supporting both riding and driving, will sponsor a special 2020 recreational use program for all FHANA members!

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New IBOP starting January 1st

A new IBOP Test will be introduced from 1 January 2021 onwards. This test is shorter and will be used for riding as well as driving. The make-up of this IBOP Test is such that the aptitude of the Friesian horse can be assessed to the max.

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Friesian breed finally recognized as sport horse by WBFSH

The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) has accepted the KFPS as their member. That is the official recognition of the Friesian horse as a sport horse. This was announced by the WBFSH on Tuesday the 13th of October.

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FHANA Board of Directors Highlights

The Board of Directors met on November 17th, 2020 for their monthly meeting. Here are some highlights from that meeting.

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Chapter News

To be included in the Chapter news, all Chapter submissions must be received by the FHANA office by the 25th of each month. Submissions can be sent to fhana@fhana.com

Alberta Friesian Horse Association

"Bonding time with FRIESIAN horses and THEIR people."

"Covid 19" during 2020: no horse events or clinics, no "keuring", shows or parades.....but a

group of AFHA members didn't sit around and wait it out.....

On July 6, a convoy of 7 trucks and horse trailers got on the road to ride and drive part of the Iron Horse Trail, located in East-Central Alberta, Canada.

The trail is 300 kilometers long and offers year-round adventures for horses, snowmobiles, hikers and bikers.

In the mid 1800's the trail was used for fur traders.

In the 1900's the route was used by CN.

In 1999 people from across the Lakeland came together to preserve this historic route.

In 2020 a group of Friesian horse owners from Central Alberta took advantage of everything this area has to offer!

In preparation of the trip one family did scout out the area: where to camp; where to find staging areas, water and space for the horses; checked out the challenges and the length of the trails; organized transportation after the morning moves etc. A job well done and a very important part of a multiple days group experience!

The adventure started in St.Paul, at the Iron Horse Trail

staging area. Upon arrival camp was

set up, horses turned out and fed in their individual pens, and the group got together (as we did

after every trail ride) for a relaxing happy hour, a nice meal and a fire followed by a good night of sleep.

Mornings came early: feed the horses, enjoy coffee and breakfast, get lunches and supplies ready to bring on the trail, clean up and then it was time for the guys to move the units to the next place, while the ladies kept an eye on the horses.

Every morning the volunteer drivers from the St.Paul/Elk Point community bus picked our drivers up from the new staging area and brought them back so we could finish hitching/saddling up the horses and get on our way.

From St.Paul the trail brought us to Elk Point (30 kilometers), from Elk Point to Lindbergh (17 kilometers) and from there to Heinsburg (18 kilometers).

We were impressed, sometimes almost overwhelmed while "exploring a new piece of the beautiful nature around the Iron Horse Trail".

It led us through the most amazing scenery! Although the trail is mostly a straight path, the views are spectacular! From trees and small lakes to farmland, the hills with the grazing beef herds, from resting railroad ties to a bear and a bald eagle. We finished the route passing the "Windsor" salt mine while the North Saskatchewan River quietly looked at us.....

And all those kilometers we were together with our Friesian horses, who pulled the carriages and carried their riders. These Friesian horses are super friends, always willing to work and always taking on the challenging situations on the trails without hesitation!

Besides increasing bonds with our horses we also grew closer to each other. We were a team

in every possible way. Summarizing it all, one of us worded it like this: "I had a fantastic time on a beautiful trip with great people who all came together because of the lovely Friesian horses!"

Submitted by Enny Van Aken.

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