

FHANA Member Council Minutes: 25 May 2022

Present:

Marq Laude – Mountain Time Friesian Chapter (Chairperson)
Lisa Baker – Friesian Horse Association of the Mid-East
Sharon Bechler - Central California Friesian Horse Club
Carrie Blair – Ohio Valley Friesian Horse Association
Lori Brock – North Michigan Friesian Club
Dan Dali Haber – New England Friesian Horse Club
Marvel Jeffcoat – South Central Friesian Horse Association
Scott Kelnhofer – Great Lakes Friesian Horse Association
Anna Osinga – Atlantic Canada Friesian Horse Association
Mark McGowan – Lone Star Friesian Horse Club
Klazien Sietsma - Alberta Friesian Horse Association
Jack Vanderkooy – Ontario Friesian Horse Association
Kay Veinotte – Pacific Friesian Horse Club
Janice VerMerris – Michigan Friesian Horse Club
Erin Miley – FHANA Board Liaison
Angie DePuydt - Administrator
Caron Osborn – Administrator

Absent:

Joe Michielle – Cascadia Friesian Horse Club
Beatrice Whiteley – Friesian Horse Club of Southern California

1. **Opening Remarks, Approval of Agenda.** Mr. Laude called the meeting to order at 8:02pm EDT.
2. **Approval of May 2022 Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Kelnhofer made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. VerMerris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **FHANA Board Updates.** Ms. Miley reported the FHANA Coloring Book has been completed. IBOP fees have been lowered to \$135. The Alberta Friesian Horse Association is having their 25th Anniversary Show on October 19th at 6:30pm. The board approved a new chapter, the Florida Friesian Horse Club. The FHANA Board agreed with the FMC's recommended changes to the FHANA Volunteer Duties Document and those changes will be incorporated into FHANA's Rules & Regulations.
4. **KFPS Member Council Highlights.** Ms. Miley reported that it was encouraging that many of KFPS Member Council's decisions are based the health and wellbeing of the Friesian horse. The four focus areas for breeding are low kinship, sustainability, welfare, and character. Ms. Miley discussed the decision to enforce the grooming rules for inspection and encouraged chapters to get this information out to their members prior to inspections. Ms. Miley reported on the decision to enforce penalties for risky matches between carrier mares and carrier stallions. For the first offense the mare owner will receive a warning and the second offense will incur a penalty of \$2,000 euros. Mr. Laude encouraged

each chapter to ensure they relay these items to their members, particularly the enforcement of the grooming rule.

5. **Task Update: FMC Description Document.** Mr. Kelnhofer reported the sub-committee had met to discuss the description document and they felt the best way to approach this task is to request FHANA create a tab on the website separate the FMC, which is not a committee, from FHANA committees. A separate tab would allow space where the FMC Bylaws could reside and the FMC minutes could be located. **Mr. Kelnhofer made a motion to request FHANA put a tab on the website where the FMC Bylaws can be located. Ms. Veinotte seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
6. **FHANA Committee Member Eligibility.** Mr. McGowan asked to table this item until Ms. Sharp is available to present this agenda item next month. Item tabled.
7. **Registration Fee for Foals Sired by Non-North American Stallions.** Ms. Osigna stated it is becoming increasingly more important to keep kinship low. FHANA members are currently paying an additional \$75 to register foals sired by stallions who do not reside in North America. It is her understanding this additional fee was initiated many years ago to encourage FHANA members to use North American stallions. She does not feel the fee is helping towards that purpose and in general, registration is very expensive compared to other breed organizations. Ms. DePuydt reported she did check with Mr. Tice to get the details on the difference in price for foal registration. Foal registration is \$225 for North American based stallions, \$300 for non-North American based stallions. Mr. Tice was clear this isn't a "surcharge fee". It's a fee the FHANA board put in place over 20 years ago to encourage FHANA members to use North American stallions. This price difference of \$75 goes to FHANA and no extra money is passed to the KFPS. **Ms. Osigna made a motion to request FHANA remove the additional \$75 fee to register foals sired by non-North American stallions. Mr. Kelnhofer seconded the motion.** Ms. Jeffcoat asked if anyone knows how many foals are sired by non-North American stallions and would this impact the budget. Mr. Kelnhofer felt that was a good question, but this fee is an old standard that should be done away with considering the importance of kinship in the North American population. Mr. Laude commented this fee is unfair to members who are trying to breed for lower kinship in the interest of health. **Motion passed.**
8. **ABFP/Stallion Testing Committee.** Mr. Kelnhofer reported this item comes from one of his constituents concerning about the process and cost of stallion testing in North America. Mr. Kelnhofer understands FHANA has discontinued the ABFP/Stallion Testing Committee until it is needed again. Mr. Kelnhofer recommended FHANA consider standing this committee up again and charge the committee with developing factual approximate figures for the cost of testing. Ms. Bechler commented she believes a Stallion Testing Committee is critical and it would benefit FHANA to make that committee active again with a larger group of members on the committee. She felt looking at the member costs involved in sending a stallion for testing as well as the issue of getting more stallions approved in North America is important. Ms. Brock commented a stallion she bred and sold went through the most recent testing and it was a fiasco and very expensive for the owner. Mr. Vanderkooy commented it makes sense from perspective of the FHANA board why there isn't a current committee due the length of time it will be before there is a need for ABFP testing again. However, he feels it would be interesting to understand the cost figures for North American stallion testing and compare them to the costs in the Netherlands. He commented some members in the Netherlands choose to do both the ABFP and the IBOP to increase the opportunity for a qualifying score and having no ABFP program in North American does put FHANA members at a bit of a disadvantage. Mr. Vanderkoy recommended the FMC support this idea and develop a comparison of numbers for North American

stallion testing. Mr. Kelnhofer discussed the idea of the Stallion Testing committee developing an “owner’s guide to stallion testing” to answer questions FHANA members have about the testing process. Ms. Brock commented she felt it was a good idea to give members a better understanding of the process, what it costs, the procedures and the timelines to give members more information to make an informed decision about participating in stallion testing. Ms. Bechler commented the other area that the Stallion Testing Committee could improve on is making information more concise and more easily accessible. Currently there is information on the KFPS website, and some information is on the FHANA website but this information could be expanded upon and consolidated. She felt there is a lot a Stallion Testing Committee could do to improve our processes, communication with owners and obtaining agreements with the KFPS. Ms. VerMerris commented its important if costs figures are developed that they also include the costs for ABFP testing that stallion owners will incur later on after their horse is approved as some stallion owners have been surprised there are fees for ABFP testing.

Mr. Kelnhofer made a motion to request the FHANA Board reinstitute the Stallion Testing Committee. Ms. Bechler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Round Table Discussion.** Ms. Veinotte asked if there were going to be inspections this year and when the judges would be announced. Mr. Laude commented FHANA is still working out the travel details and there is still every indication inspections are going to occur and hopefully the final details will be completed soon. Ms. Miley concurred inspections are moving forward as planned.
10. **Next Meeting Date.** Wednesday, June 29th, 2022
11. **Motion to Adjourn.** Mr. Kelnhofer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm EDT.

Minutes presented by Angie DePuydt.