

Will Bron Biography:

I immigrated from Holland to the United States in 1980 and I first lived in California before I moved to Washington State in 1988. Dairy cows were the reason I immigrated, and a chance to work and eventually own and run my own dairy business. In the late 1980s I bought a small dairy farm with a partner and in 1993 we split the partnership and I became the sole owner of the dairy. I bought my first Friesian horse in 1998 shortly before I met and married my wife Teresa. We started to raise Friesian horses as we were both horse owners and riders and we enjoyed our horses together. Our horse lifestyle eventually turned into a horse business. We started breeding, training, and competing our Friesians in Combined Driving Events. In 2015 we sold the dairy but kept our horse property where we now we spend the majority of our time training horses for ourselves and our clients and teach carriage driving as well as organizing driving clinics. We breed Friesian horses for ourselves as riding and driving horses and get a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction from our herd of Friesians and the horses we train. Driving horses is my true passion and I have successfully driven singles, pairs, and a unicorn, but tandem driving has been the highlight of my career in carriage driving so far. At this time, I am working on putting a four in hand together with my own Friesian horses that I have raised and trained.

Interestingly enough I was one of the runners at the first FHANA keuring in the early 1980s in Pomona, California and I have been involved with the Friesian horse and FHANA in some way since that time. Please don't ask me to run your horse now! Those were fun and exciting times and I am glad I was there of the beginning of FHANA.

It was a natural progression for me to get involved with the FHANA Board as a board member and I served two terms from 2009-2015. I gained a lot of experience about what was really happening within the membership of FHANA during that time. It was with the input, cooperation, and assistance from my fellow board members as we worked together and we accomplished many things for the membership. Many of the committees that are utilized today were started or revamped during that time. Committees for stallions, health, education, and chapters are some of the things we worked on and I am still interested in. We

started talking about strategic planning at that time and now it is working for FHANA.

After serving on the FHANA board I served on the KFPS Ledenraad council as a FHANA Representative from 2015 to 2022. One of the biggest accomplishments I felt that was made during that time while I was on the KFPS Ledenraad was the approval of adjusting the breeding goals for the KFPS. The health of the Friesian horse is now on the top spot for breeding goals of the Friesian horse. This was a huge accomplishment and it will serve the Friesian horse for years to come.

I am honored to once again be nominated to serve on the BOD of FHANA. There is always be work to be done, and my goal is to Protect and Promote the Health and Longevity of the KFPS Friesian Horse in North America, while representing the members and the future of our beautiful majestic Friesian Horses.

Please support me with your vote in the upcoming election.

Thank you,

Will Bron