

FHANA Member Council Minutes: December 14th, 2022

Present:

Marq Laude – Mountain Time Friesian Chapter (Chairman)
Scott Kelnhofer – Great Lakes Friesian Horse Association (Vice Chairman)
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
Marvel Jeffcoat – South Central 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:

Dan Dali Haber – New England Friesian Horse Club
Joe Michielli – Cascadia Friesian Horse Club
Beatrice Whiteley – Friesian Horse Club of Southern California
Danielle Barrasso - Friesian Horse Association of New England
Pam Groom - Florida Friesian Horse Club

1. Opening Remarks. Mr. Laude called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm EDT.

2. Approval of November 2022 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Kelnhofer made a motion to accept the November 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Vanderkooy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Discussions took place about the minutes, but no corrections or changes were made due to these discussions. Mr. Vanderkooy noted that regarding his comment in Item # 3, holding a central mare show in Canada would be challenging; he later learned that the possible event would be in western Canada. He suggested that Ms. Miley reference western Canada for clarity when referring to the possible mare show. Mr. Laude stated that the Inspection Committee would include this in the narrative when they presented the information on the mare show.

Mr. Vanderkooy noted that he was told that a recording of the special presentation on health and genetics from the KFPS/FHANA Regional Meeting was available and inquired if anyone knew of a way to view that presentation. Mr. Kelnhofer brought up the difficulty of viewing this presentation since it was in Dutch, and attendees had to try to follow the slides while also reading the English subtitles. He inquired whether it would be possible to get the presentation and do a voice-over in English for

viewing. Ms. DePuydt posted a link in the chat box to the recorded video of the special presentation. Ms. Osinga also noted that the special presentation was posted on Facebook.

3. FHANA Board Updates. Ms. Miley noted that there had not been a FHANA Board meeting since the last FMC meeting due to the timing change of the FMC meetings. The Town Hall meeting for the four candidates running for the FHANA Board will take place on December 15 at 7:00 pm EST. Viewing requires pre-registration, and Ms. Miley encouraged the members to sign up if they were interested. Chapter renewals are in progress, and Ms. Miley encouraged all chapters renewing to get their paperwork submitted to FHANA. FHANA is working on the 2023 Budget.

4. New Chapter Application for Friesian Horse Association of Oklahoma. Mr. Laude noted that a revision to this Chapter application was distributed to the FMC members earlier today, deleting the geographical areas and adding inspections to possible activities. This morning's distribution supersedes the copy sent to members earlier this week. Mr. Laude inquired if there were any questions about the application. **Ms. Osinga motioned to approve the chapter application for the Friesian Horse Association of Oklahoma. Mr. Kelnhofer seconded the motion.** Ms. Jeffcoat commented that the document might be adjusted so that voting members for matters concerning FHANA would include Full and Recreational members in good standing, respectively. Mr. Vanderkooy inquired if a representative for the proposed chapter was attending the meeting. Per Mr. Laude, the current Bylaws don't allow attendance until approved chapter status. Mr. Kelnhofer stated that he was comfortable endorsing this chapter based on his knowledge of Ms. Spaeth, who completed the application. Ms. Jeffcoat also supported two other individuals on the application. Mr. Vanderkooy appreciated the references from Mr. Kelnhofer and Ms. Jeffcoat in light of no representative being present. **The motion to accept the application was unanimously approved.** Ms. Jeffcoat will reach out to the applicant with the suggested administrative changes to the Bylaws

5. Recap of the KFPS Member Council Meeting. Mr. Vanderkooy noted that the council approved the 2023 budget for the KFPS. This includes a 3.5% increase in foal registrations, no increase in membership renewals, and a 12% increase in all other items to adjust for inflation. The council also approved a 245,000 euro investment over four years for DNA research. They are targeting 3,500 foals in the first year, and the project will begin in 2023. These funds will come from KFPS reserves. Mr. Vanderkooy stated that the current reserves for the KFPS are in the 4,000,000 euro range.

It was also decided that all foals will be DNA tested beginning in 2023. Regarding DNA testing, the KFPS will switch from the STR method (identifying approximately 21 markers) to the SNP method (identifying about 80,000 markers). An extra fee will be included in the foal registration to cover the additional cost of the new DNA test method. FHANA has been asked to join in using the SNP method. This is currently under discussion since the University of Kentucky doesn't currently provide the SNP method. Mr. Vanderkooy noted that two new council members were introduced and voted in to replace two members whose terms had ended. Ms. Veinotte commented that she was unaware that the foals in the Netherlands had not been required to do DNA testing since it has been required through FHANA for several years. Ms. Miley noted that she didn't believe the SNP method would be implemented through FHANA in the near future. Mr. Kelnhofer shared that our current STR testing is approximately \$35 and included in the foal registration fee. It would cost approximately \$220 at the University of Kentucky since they would have to ship the test out. The cost to do the test in the Netherlands is approximately 70 euros. Mr. Kelnhofer understands that North America has a 1-year waiver and that FHANA plans to continue the STR testing even after we begin using the SNP testing method. Ms. Osinga inquired why we would do both tests. Ms. Miley noted that if we have assurances that the markers on the SNP test

include those on the STR test, then there would be no need to continue the STR test requirement. Mr. Vanderkooy stated that he believes the new testing used by the KFPS will cover a large number of foals, giving the researchers ample samples for research and allowing FHANA time to get the test provided at the University of Kentucky at an affordable price. Ms. Osinga pointed out that the goal is to have 3,500 foals in the testing, including North America foals and B Book foals. Ms. Bechler asked whether they would collect DNA on foals that die early. Mr. Vanderkooy stated that this was not discussed. Mr. Kelnhofer pointed out that there might be some unique depth in the DNA in North America that the KFPS might want to be included in the study.

6. Stallion Testing in North America. Mr. Kelnhofer presented a breakdown of the cost of having a stallion tested for approval when invited by the KFPS. He stated that there had been some discussion about sending some of our stallions to the Netherlands for testing. He noted that the cost of testing here in North America is lower than sending a stallion to the Netherlands. He hopes we will stop thinking that sending a stallion to the Netherlands would be a viable policy since it will eliminate the testing here in North America. Mr. Vanderkooy noted that FHANA had reinstated the Stallion Committee, and he will serve as the Chair. Other members are Julee Kula, Danielle Piascik, and Lana Markey. This committee will strive to ensure that we have everything in place so that when a North American stallion is invited for approval testing, it can participate in the testing here in North America. Ms. Jeffcoat inquired why the travel cost is higher for a stallion returning to North America than going to the Netherlands. Mr. Kelnhofer stated that it was due to the stallion having to be quarantined for 30 days when returning to North America.

7. Board Election Nomination Announcements. Mr. Kelnhofer inquired why there is a delay in announcing candidates who are nominated and accept their nomination to run for the FHANA Board, including current Board members who are running for re-election. He would like to see candidates announced as they accept their nominations and also have the ballot list candidates in order of their acceptance to run for the Board. Upon inquiry of the topic with the FHANA office, it appears the names are being held back only because this is how it has been handled in the past as opposed to an established policy or rule. Ms. Jeffcoat also inquired why we don't have biographies from candidates before the Town Hall is held. Ms. Osinga agreed with Ms. Jeffcoat.

Mr. Kelnhofer made the motion that when a candidate accepts their nomination under the FHANA guidelines, FHANA announces within 24 hours to the community that the candidate is running in the upcoming election. Ms. VerMerris seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kelnhofer made a motion that the order in which candidates accept their nomination is the order in which they appear on the ballot. Mr. Vanderkooy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kelnhofer motioned that candidate bios be sent to the membership one week before the Town Hall. Ms. Osinga seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Roundtable. Mr. Laude requested that Ms. DePuydt draft a document allowing a representative to attend the FMC meeting at which their new chapter application is being presented and answer any questions the committee members bring forward. **Ms. VerMerris motioned for the applications to be presented to the FMC with a representative in attendance and then voted on the application during the following month's FMC meeting. Mr. Kelnhofer seconded the motion. The motion was approved**

unanimously. Note that new applications will still be distributed to FMC members along with the upcoming agenda as they are received.

9. Next Meeting Date. The next FMC meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 25th, 2023 at 8 pm. EDT

10. Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Kelnhofer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes presented by Caron Osborn

