

FHANA Member Council Minutes: January 25th, 2023

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
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
Annie Muilwijk - Alberta Friesian Horse Association
Jack Vanderkooy – Ontario Friesian Horse Association
Janice VerMerris – Michigan Friesian Horse Club
Jaime Caesar – New England Friesian Horse Club
Joe Michielli – Cascadia Friesian Horse Club
Beatrice Whiteley – Friesian Horse Club of Southern California
Pam Groom – Florida Friesian Horse Club
Robin Spaeth – Friesian Horse Association of Oklahoma
Erin Miley – FHANA Board Liaison
Angie DePuydt – Administrator
Caron Osborn – Administrator

Absent:

Carrie Blair – Ohio Valley Friesian Horse Association
Kay Veinotte – Pacific Friesian Horse Club
Danielle Barrasso - Friesian Horse Association of New England

1. Opening Remarks. Mr. Laude called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm EDT. Mr. Laude introduced Ms. Spaeth from the Friesian Horse Association of Oklahoma and welcomed her and her new chapter to the FMC. Ms. Spaeth gave the FMC some background on the new chapter and its planned activities.

2. Approval of December 2022 Meeting Minutes. Ms. DePuydt reported that she received a request from Ms. Osinga to note that her comments regarding SNP testing also apply to B Book foals. Ms. Osborn commented that a second was missing from one of Mr. Kelnhofer's motions, but she could not determine who seconded it. Ms. VerMerris commented that it may have been her, and Ms. DePuydt confirmed that. **Mr. Kelnhofer made a motion to accept the amended December 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. VerMerris seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

3. FHANA Board Updates. Ms. Miley reported that two breeding webinars are coming up and encouraged chapters to attend the webinars. The AGM auction will be online this year, vs. in person. She encouraged everyone to check out the auction items. The cutoff date for auction items is February first if anyone has an item to donate. Ms. Miley encouraged everyone to vote in the election currently taking place for FHANA board officers. The board has approved the 2023 budget, and some of the fees

imposed by the KFPS have changed FHANA's fee structure. This includes a flat foal registration fee of \$260. The additional fee for foals sired by non-North American Approved Stallions has been dropped. The 2023 inspection schedule is coming along, and the board hopes to approve it at their next meeting.

4. Chapter Renewals. Ms. DePuydt reminded everyone that chapter renewal time is here again, and renewal applications are due to the FHANA office no later than March 31st. She reminded everyone to ensure that all members listed on the renewal application are current 2023 FHANA members, as this is an issue every year. Ms. DePuydt will provide an update on the status of the applications at the next meeting.

5. AFHA B-Book Survey Results. Ms. Muilwijk reported that her chapter had surveyed their chapter members about B Book II registration, and she provided the general results for the FMC's information. Most of their members did not favor FHANA registering B Book II horses. None of their members favored FHANA allowing B Book II horses to attend inspections. Their members felt that more education and information about North American approved stallions and their availability is needed to decrease the use of non-approved stallions for breeding. Many of their members felt that using non-approved stallions for breeding does not help to lower kinship, as these stallions are usually from the same genetic pool as approved stallions. Their members like the thoroughness of the KFPS stallion testing program and how it is carried out, and they find it very important that stallions go through testing before they are approved. Mr. Laude clarified that the B Book II Committee asked certain FHANA members to ask other FHANA members their opinions on B Book II. That information will be sent back to the committee and analyzed to prepare a presentation for the FHANA board. This presentation will eventually be released to the FHANA members. Mr. Kelnhofer commented that there is a science to conducting polls; depending on how the questions are framed, you can obtain the answer you want. He cautioned the board against taking these polls too seriously because the results can be very misleading. Ms. Osinga commented that most B Book II owners had left FHANA because of how they were treated, so you will not get an accurate response by polling only FHANA members.

6. FMC Rules on Outside Attendees. Mr. Vanderkooy introduced the idea of making the FMC meetings known to the membership and welcoming FHANA members to attend the meetings if they like. He feels that only allowing chapter representatives to attend the meeting may be a lost opportunity. He would like to make it more inviting for other members to attend the FMC meetings if they would like to. That would require some simple, basic rules. He doesn't feel many people will attend, but a small number of members would likely participate regularly. He suggests the chairman make it possible for these members to attend. If time allows, the chair can offer an opportunity for these members to ask a question or make a comment, but they would not participate in the discussion during the meeting. Mr. Kelnhofer asked how we would ensure these individuals are FHANA members. Ms. Osinga commented that representatives could share the FMC minutes with their members, and if there are concerns or questions, the representatives can bring those items to the FMC. Mr. Kelnhofer commented that the representatives are supposed to bring their chapter members' concerns to the FMC. Mr. Laude commented that some members do not belong to a chapter, and if the meetings are opened up, they should also be opened up to members who do not belong to a chapter and do not have a representative to bring forward their questions or concerns. Mr. Kelnhofer commented that he would entertain a representative or two for members at large who do not belong to a chapter. He reminded the FMC what happened to the former Mid-Atlantic chapter representative when that chapter closed, at the FMC did not allow her to continue participating. Mr. Kelnhofer felt that if the FMC wants to entertain publishing their meeting recordings, this could be done to allow members to understand how the council functions. Mr. Laude offered that maybe once or twice a year, the meetings could be opened up to everyone. Mr.

Kelnhofer commented that the FMC could allow representatives to invite one guest per meeting. Ms. Osinga supports the idea of opening up the meetings, especially for the members that do not currently have chapter representation. Ms. Bechler is also in favor of opening the meetings up. She feels that being transparent and letting members attend is important and that we should welcome any members interested in our meetings. Mr. Vanderkooy feels some good points have been made, and he realizes there are some logistical issues. He would like to table the item until the next meeting to allow everyone the opportunity to think about this idea.

7. Roundtable. Ms. Jeffcoat brought forward an idea proposed by Mr. Bergsma that FHANA hold a North American Stallion Show. She is curious how the FMC feels about this idea. Mr. Vanderkooy stated he had also talked to Mr. Bergsma and asked Ms. Jeffcoat if she was proposing a show for the approved stallions or a Keuring for the young stallions in North America. Ms. Jeffcoat clarified that the idea is mainly for approved stallions. Ms. Muilwijk commented that Mr. Bergsma also brought this idea to her, but it was for young stallions so that as many as possible could be judged. Ms. VerMerris commented that the logistics of a show for approved stallions would be challenging, and if a stallion could not attend, it would be a disservice to him. Mr. Kelnhofer commented that the logistics of a show for approved stallions in North America, the timing, and the risk of transporting far outweigh any benefit of attending such a show. Mr. Vanderkooy clarified that when Mr. Bergsma spoke to him about this idea, it was with the intention of getting more young stallions seen and in larger groups so that they could be compared against one other, the same way they are in the Netherlands. He is aware that the percentage of young stallions who attend inspection in North America is lower than in the Netherlands. He wondered if it would be possible for a farm to offer the service of raising nice pedigreed colts, similar to how it is done in the Netherlands. This might allow a collection of colts to be raised and prepared for inspection, which might encourage members to hang on to their nice colts to be judged. Ms. Baker felt it might be a good idea to invite approved stallions to the Mare Show and any young stallions that have not been seen yet at inspection. Mr. Laude commented that the Inspection Committee has already been asked to look at the idea of a North American Stallion Show, and more information will be developed for the board to consider.

8. Next Meeting Date. The next FMC meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 15th, 2023, at 8 pm. EDT

10. Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Kelnhofer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Minutes presented by Angie DePuydt