

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**April 10, 2023, 5:00 pm EST**  
**Special Meeting on the Mare Show East Venue Proposal**

**I. Welcome & Call to Order**

- a. In Attendance: Eric Smith, President, Jo Clough, Secretary, Erin Miley, Treasurer, Danielle Piascik, Director, Will Bron, Director, and Jason Tice, FHANA Executive Director.
- b. Absent: Allison Thomas, Vice President and Charlotte Dumford, Director
- c. Conflicts of Interest: None

**II. Purpose of Special Meeting:** Mr. Smith reported today's meeting has one agenda item. The meeting focus will be on the selection of a venue for the Mare Show East.

**III. Background:** Ms. Clough thanked all for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend today's special meeting. She then gave a brief overview of the Inspection Committee's process to identify a Mare Show East venue. An email with supporting information was sent to the FHANA Directors from Ms. Clough on April 3, 2023, detailing the committee's findings and recommendations. This included information on travel distances to the proposed east site, the location of our FHANA members, and contracts for Tryon in North Carolina and the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington Virginia. Ms. Clough explained that they reached out to both of these sites and learned that Tryon was booked for 2023, they would not be able to accommodate FHANA. Second, Lexington VA was available for the November dates; however, their fees were significantly higher than Hoosier Park. Given the need to be fiscally responsible, they determined that Hoosier Park would be the most affordable option. **Ms. Clough made a motion to accept Hoosier Park in Indiana for the 2023 Mare Show East. Mr. Bron seconded the motion.** Mr. Smith asked for all Directors to comment on the motion. Ms. Piascik indicated she appreciated the efforts of the Inspection Committee; however, she did not agree with the proposed site given the travel distances required for some. She commented it is what it is and would support the motion. Ms. Miley indicated that a thorough review was done by the committee. She stated that she looks forward to the event, indicating she would support it. Mr. Bron stated that he agrees with Ms. Miley and indicated that the committee exercised due diligence. Mr. Smith noted that Hoosier Park would serve areas such as Texas as well as the east, requiring similar travel times. He noted that Denver was in the middle of the catchment areas for the East and West Mare Shows; the proposal would cover the U.S. and eastern Canada. He noted that the Virginia site was almost double the expense of Hoosier Park. It was noted that western Canada had previously declined to host a Mare Show in Canada for 2023. Mr. Smith inquired if Mr. Tice had any comments on the proposal and he indicated that he did not. **A vote was taken on the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**IV. Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned following the vote.