

FHANA Member Council Minutes: April 12th, 2023

Present:

Scott Kelnhofer – Friesian Horse Association of the Mid-East (Vice Chairperson)
Mat Jenkins – Central California Friesian Horse Club
Carrier Blair – Ohio Valley Friesian Horse Association
Jaime Caesar – New England Friesian Horse Club
Marvel Jeffcoat – South Central Friesian Horse Association
Theresa Marshall – Great Lakes Friesian Horse Association
Joe Michielli – Cascadia Friesian Horse Club
Anna Osinga – Atlantic Canada Friesian Horse Association
Mark McGowan – Lone Star Friesian Horse Club
Klazien Sietzema – Alberta Friesian Horse Association
Jack Vanderkooy – Ontario Friesian Horse Association
Kay Veinotte – Pacific Friesian Horse Club
Janice VerMerris – Michigan Friesian Horse Club
Beatrice Whiteley – Friesian Horse Club of Southern California
Pam Groom – Florida Friesian Horse Club
Robin Spaeth – Friesian Horse Association of Oklahoma
Angie DePuydt – Administrator
Caron Osborn – Administrator
Marc DiLeo – FHANA Member Guest
Lisa Driver – FHANA Member Guest

Absent:

Marq Laude – Mountain Time Friesian Chapter (Chairperson)
Lori Brock – North Michigan Friesian Club
Erin Miley – FHANA Board Liaison

1. Opening Remarks & Announcement of Guests. Mr. Kelnhofer called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm EST.

2. Approval of March 2023 Minutes. Ms. Veinotte made a motion to approve the March 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Spaeth seconded the motion. Mr. Vanderkooy recommended that the word “meeting” be added to the discussion regarding the B-Book II Committee. The motion to approve the amended minutes passed unanimously.

3. FHANA Board Updates. Ms. Miley provided an update from the FHANA Board in writing, as she could not attend. Ms. DePuydt read the following board updates from Ms. Miley: The Board approved the financial statement for year-end 2023 and has posted the financials for the membership to review on the website. They discussed and approved several new committee members for various FHANA committees. The Finance Committee submitted a new late fee for foal registrations that are older than one year, and the board approved this new fee. The Board discussed several new testing facilities for future stallion testing. Hoosier Park in Indiana is the venue for the 2023 Mare Show East which will take place on November 18th.

Mr. Vanderkooy reported that DG Bar is no longer available as a venue for the 70-Day Test. The Stallion Testing Committee has identified two new sites and recommended these sites to the FHANA Board: Cazmier Equine Center in Indiana (Wim and Marjan Cazmier) and Elite Dutch Sport Horses in Michigan (Kai and Lisa Zijlstra). The Committee is working to expand these options to include potential East and West Coast sites as well.

Mr. Vanderkooy reported that the Stallion Jury in the Netherlands has asked FHANA to bring new Star stallions together in a few locations in North America so that these stallions can be seen in a second viewing by the Stallion Jury. To that end, the Stallion Testing Committee supports the idea of allowing new Star stallions to attend one of the FHANA Mare Shows in the Fall to be seen again by the stallion jury. Young stallions must first attend their local inspection and become Star. Next, new Star stallions will have the opportunity to attend of the Mare Shows and receive a second viewing by the Stallion Jury. If a stallion is recommended to proceed to the next step by the Stallion Jury, this decision is concrete. The next step mimics the Education Days that take place in the Netherlands and will occur during the following summer (June, July, and August). During these Education Days, the stallions will be trained under saddle at a training facility of the owner's choice or at home. During the first two months, a video will be made and sent to the Stallion Jury in the Netherlands for evaluation. Advice will be given as to how to improve training for the stallion's benefit. A second video will then be made, and the Stallion Jury in the Netherlands will review the video and decide if the stallion is good enough to continue in the Education Days. At the end of the third month, the Stallion Jury will come to North America and see the stallion in person and will decide if the stallion is promoted to the 70-Day Test.

Ms. Osinga asked if the potential 70-Day Test sites will also offer ABFP testing in the future. Mr. Vanderkooy stated that this is absolutely a possibility.

4. Roundtable Discussion. Ms. Groom provided an overview of what the FHANA Events and Sponsorship Committee does and what support they can offer FHANA Chapters. This support includes providing marketing materials, assistance with coordinating demos, sponsorship brainstorming, and limited financial support.

Mr. Vanderkooy commented that at the last meeting he asked when the B-Book II committee was to meet again. He has been informed by the committee's chairperson, Mr. Laude, that the committee is scheduled to meet again soon this month.

Mr. Vanderkooy commented that FHANA members in Texas have been asked by KFPS members who reside in Texas if they can bring their horses to an inspection in Texas. He understands that the desire to do this is primarily related to shorter travel distances to Texas. Mr. Vanderkooy was told that FHANA said no to this request. He would like to know if this is true. He is disturbed that we would turn away KFPS members across the border. Mr. Kelnhofer asked if there were any residency requirements to attend FHANA inspections. Ms. Jeffcoat asked if Mexico was part of Central America and if the reason the horses are not allowed to attend FHANA inspections was due to geography. Mr. Kelnhofer responded that Mexico is part of North America. He feels FHANA's unwillingness to engage with KFPS members outside of the United States and Canada is elitist. Ms. Osigna asked if we can inquire with the FHANA board if Mexican KFPS members can attend North American inspections. Mr. McGowan commented that the FHANA office stated that a U.S. residence-based mailing address was required in order to participate in FHANA inspections, and these members cannot attend because they do not have a U.S. address. Mr. Vanderkooy commented that FHANA members of the KFPS can take their horses to inspections in the Netherlands if

they wish. There is no residency requirement for NL-based KFPS inspections that bar FHANA members residing in the U.S. and Canada from participating in them. Mr. McGowan commented that he was also told if a stallion owned by a Mexican KFPS member attended a FHANA inspection and was selected for testing and approved, the stallion would have to remain in the United States or Canada for two years. He would like to know if this is true. Ms. VerMerris commented that the United States and Canada had to start somewhere, so perhaps Mexican KFPS members are looking to FHANA and thinking they are closer. Mexico is not set up to have everything. She believes it would be kind and courteous for FHANA to allow Mexican KFPS members to attend FHANA inspections. She believes they are only asking for an opportunity. Mr. McGowan commented that Mexican KFPS members have already asked the KFPS if they would be allowed to attend FHANA inspections, and the KFPS does not have an issue with it. Mr. Vanderkooy commented that some of these Mexican KFPS members would also like to bring their approved stallions to the FHANA Mare Shows, and he would like to understand why we would not welcome that. The FMC agreed to ask FHANA what their policy is. Ms. Jeffcoat commented it is really a three-part question- what is the policy on these horses from Mexico attending inspections, stallion testing, and participating in FHANA events? Mr. McGowan commented that these horses would have to be quarantined for 21 days once they enter the United States. The owners have the money and are willing to do this. He also commented that there are approximately 2,000 KFPS registered Friesians in Mexico. There are three inspections in Mexico; however, for many horses, Texas is closer, and the travel is safer than going through some parts of the country to get to other Mexico inspection sites. The FMC agreed to send the following inquiry to the FHANA board:

1. What is FHANA's policy on KFPS registered horses that reside in Mexico attending North American inspections?
2. What is FHANA's policy on KFPS registered stallions that reside in Mexico attending stallion testing in North America?
3. What is FHANA's policy on KFPS registered horses that reside in Mexico participating in FHANA events, i.e., the FHANA Mare Shows?

5. Next Meeting Date. The next FMC meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023, at 8 pm. EST

6. Motion to Adjourn. Ms. VerMerris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Minutes presented by Angie DePuydt