

FHANA Member Council Minutes: June 28th, 2023
Special Meeting on B Book II Registration and Inspection in North America

Present:

Marq Laude – Mountain Time Friesian Chapter (Chairperson)
Scott Kelnhofer – Friesian Horse Association of the Mid-East (Vice Chairperson)
Carrier Blair – Ohio Valley Friesian Horse Association
Marvel Jeffcoat – South Central Friesian Horse Association
Heidi Smith – Great Lakes Friesian Horse Association
Mat Jenkins – Central California Friesian Horse Club
Kay Veinotte – Pacific Friesian Horse Club
Beatrice Whiteley – Friesian Horse Club of Southern California
Joe Michielli – Cascadia Friesian Horse Club
Anna Osinga-Bouma – Atlantic Canada Friesian Horse Association
Jaime Caesar – Northeast Friesian Horse Club
Mark McGowan – Lone Star Friesian Horse Club
Klazien Sietzema – Alberta Friesian Horse Association
Jack Vanderkooy – Ontario Friesian Horse Association
Janice VerMerris – Michigan Friesian Horse Club
Robin Spaeth – Friesian Horse Association of Oklahoma
Pam Groom – Florida Friesian Horse Club
Erin Miley – FHANA Board Liaison
Angie DePuydt – Administrator
Caron Osborn – Administrator
Juleé Kula – FHANA Member Guest
Marc DiLeo – FHANA Member Guest
Katie Wenger – FHANA Member Guest
Lisa Driver – FHANA Member Guest

Absent: Lori Brock – North Michigan Friesian Club

1. Opening Remarks & Announcement of Guests. Mr. Laude called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm EDT. Mr. Laude introduced several ground rules for the meeting. He began by reiterating that this meeting was for informational purposes. We are here to listen to what each chapter has to say, and the council will maintain proper decorum throughout the meeting. Each chapter will have five minutes to present their chapter's position on the registration and inspection of B Book II horses. A 30-second reminder will be given to each speaker as they near their time limit. After each chapter has had an opportunity to speak, we will go into a roundtable discussion for 20 minutes. Any questions or rebuttals can take place at that time. If the roundtable requires more time, we can discuss and vote on extending the meeting. No motions will be made during this meeting due to the time required for the discussion of motions and the estimated length of this meeting. Any motions on this topic can be made during one of our regular meetings. Any chapter wishing to place an item on the agenda for our next meeting related to this topic should submit it to the administrators no later than July 7th. Due to the nature of this meeting, there is likely to be great interest in it. In order to capture all the comments fully and accurately, the administrators would like to suggest that the council consider approving the release of the video recording of this meeting, along with brief written minutes. This will require someone to make a motion to that effect. Mr. Kelnhofer made the motion to release the video to the chapter representatives in lieu of very detailed minutes. Mr. Michielli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Please refer to the meeting recording for complete/detailed comments from each chapter:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KAa1p_mzKodDWJwI24VVvKkWDObfMJLN/view?usp=share_link

2. **Central California Friesian Horse Club – Mr. Jenkins.** The CCFHC unanimously and firmly believes that the decision regarding the future of B Book II horses in North America should be put to the membership.
3. **Ohio Valley Friesian Horse Association - Ms. Blair.** 60% of the OVFHA responded to a survey asking if FHANA should register and inspect B Book II horses in North America. 100% of the respondents answered yes to both questions.
4. **Northern Michigan Friesian Horse Club - Ms. Brock.** Not present.
5. **Northeast Friesian Horse Club - Ms. Caesar.** 60% of NFHC are in favor of registering and inspecting B Book II horses.
6. **South Central Friesian Horse Association - Ms. Jeffcoat.** 75% of SCFHA members are opposed to registering and inspecting B Book II horses.
7. **Great Lakes Friesian Horse Association - Ms. Smith.** 33 of 36 GLFHA members oppose registering and inspecting B Book II horses in North America.
8. **Cascadia Friesian Horse Club - Mr. Michielli.** 100% of CFHC members are in favor of registering and inspecting B Book II horses in North America.
9. **Atlantic Canada Friesian Horse Club - Ms. Osinga.** 100% of ACFHC members believe FHANA should follow the KFPS rules and register and inspect B Book II horses in North America.
10. **Lone Star Friesian Horse Association - Mr. McGowan.** 130 out of 135 LSFHC members are in favor of registering and inspecting B Book II horses in North America.
11. **Alberta Friesian Horse Association - Ms. Sietzema.** After careful deliberation and consultation with its members, the AFHA has taken a position of uncompromising opposition to any efforts to facilitate or promote the use of foal book stallions for breeding purposes, any initiatives to place a licensed foal book stallion in Canada, any efforts to include B Book horses in inspections, including virtual inspections using videos.
12. **Ontario Friesian Horse Association - Mr. Vanderkooy.** 100% of OFHA members present at the OFHA AGM were in favor of registering and inspecting B Book II horses in North America.
13. **Pacific Friesian Horse Club - Ms. Veinotte.** Only one PFHC member is opposed to registering and inspecting B Book II horses in North America.
14. **Michigan Friesian Horse Club - Ms. VerMerris.** Every MFHC member was contacted and asked for their opinion on registering and inspecting B Book II horses in North America. 100% of the respondents are in favor.

15. **Friesian Horse Club of Southern California - Ms. Whitely.** The FHCSC members are split 50/50 as to whether B Book II horses should be registered and inspected in North America.

16. **Florida Friesian Horse Club - Ms. Groom.** 90% of FFHC members are in favor of registering and inspecting B Book II horses in North America.

17. **Friesian Horse Association of Oklahoma.** The FHAOK membership feels that FHANA should follow the bylaws of the KFPS and register and inspect B Book II horses in North America.

18. **Friesian Horse Association of the Mid-East - Mr. Kelnhofer.** FHAME believes FHANA's current policy not to register and inspect B Book II horses in North America is in conflict with bylaw 3.1 and that FHANA's acceptance of membership dues and failure to provide advertised membership benefits to B Book II horse owners is fraudulent.

19. **Mountain Time Friesian Horse Chapter - Mr. Laude.** MTFHC members support FHANA following the rules published by the KFPS and FHANA and support the registration and inspection of B Book II horses in North America.

20. **Roundtable Discussion.** Mr. Vanderkooy asked what the meeting attachments noted in the agenda were. Ms. DePuydt will resend the attachments to everyone after the meeting. Ms. DePuydt noted that 13 chapters were for registration and inspection of B Book II horses in North America, 3 are opposed, 1 chapter was split 50/50, and 1 chapter was not present. Mr. Jenkins commented that one of the chapters mentioned the motion made by a previous board. However, that board's decision was never ratified by the membership into a bylaw change. According to Robert's Rules, a current board could ratify a previous board's motion to register and inspect B Book II horses, but if the current board wishes to change the bylaw, that requires a vote of the membership. Because this is a rule/bylaw conflict, the current board could simply vote to change the rule that is in conflict with bylaw 3.1. The current board has been notified for many months about this bylaw conflict.

21. **Next Meeting Date.** The next FMC meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 12th, 2023, at 8 pm EDT.

22. **Motion to Adjourn.** Mr. McGowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm EDT.

Minutes presented by Angie DePuydt