

## Stallion Committee Minutes

Committee Members Present: Jack Vanderkooy, Danielle Piascik, Julee Kula, Fernando Horowitz, Lana Markey, Will Bron

Meeting Called to Order: 7:31 PM EST 11/21/23

Danielle Piascik asked the Approval of Agenda be held until a sensitive top was reviewed by the committee regarding closed session. Committee discussed and reviewed sensitive top. Motion was made by Danielle Piascik, seconded by Fernando Horowitz. 4 in favor, 1 not in favor, motion passes. Committee member resigned from committee effective immediately, left the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Motion was made by Danielle Piascik to fill in as interim Chair person and secretary until BOD replaces with new Chairperson. Lana Markey second. All in favor, motion passes.

2. The original agenda was discussed. The committee agreed to move all topics down and add discussion of X-ray and semen for the newly selected stallions for 70 day testing. Agenda was approved.

3. Motion was made to accept October minutes by Fernando, seconded by Julee Kuka. Minutes were accepted.

4. The stallion procedures for semen and X-ray were examined by the committee as sent by the FHANA office and placed in committee google drive. The committee agreed there was no definitive rule in the documents that said stallions owners were required to use higher education facilities and could in fact use local or private vets. If the X-rays sent to KFPS were not acceptable or correct, it would be the owners responsibility to have them redone at their expense. The documents provided to owners have explicit instructions for what is required. The committee agreed to use the verbiage "it is preferable a higher education facility be utilized" vs using verbiage such as "it is recommended" so there would not be confusion of what is required vs being suggested.

The committee discussed putting together a welcome congratulatory letter to be sent to the owners of the stallions that included a packet of information and forms that would be in one place and easily utilized. The committee agreed this would be beneficial and will try to get this in front of the BOD immediately and could be sent out right after.

5. The committee next continued discussion regarding a potential conflict. Owners of the stallions were each contacted and had discussions with a committee member or President about how they felt about a potential conflict as well if they would interested in auditing the committee. Each of the owners felt they would be comfortable as auditors on the committee and did not feel there was a conflict in this case. Situations were discussed where abstention from voting would take place to avoid all biases or conflicts that could occur. It was further agreed Lana would be the official point of contact for questions to be front to the chair and/or committee. The committee briefly discussed adding one more committee member in the coming months that would be preferably up to speed on the stallion processes and 70 day testing. This will continued to be discussed.

6. For documentation purposes the selected stallions who have passed initial vet exams moving on to X-ray and semen analysis are :

Remington EFF (Mees 497 x Norbert 444) - Annette Carpenter  
Sepke van de Meerbos (Tiede 501 x Bikkel 470) - Lisa & Kai Zijlstra  
Ouren fan North Ster (Tsjalle 454 x Sipke 450) - Lana & Megan Markey  
Hilbran fan North Ster (Wybren 464 x Sipke 450) - Roger & Dana Hartley

7. The committee discussed the upcoming stallion selection process schedule. One stallion owner is at a disadvantage due to location. The committee discussed ways to minimize the disadvantage to lend all stallions the best chances possible as the objective is to have as many stallions successful in the process as possible. Training will begin January 1st with the first presentation day being February 1 followed by the second presentation day approximately March 1st. The third presentation day, which will be in person, will be approximately April 1st.

8. Trainers for riding and driving were discussed. Recommendations were discussed as well as potential conflicts with any suggestions brought forward. There are approximately 6 weeks of under saddle and 4 weeks of driving the stallions will go through. Committee will obtain prior pricing for trainers and board. All trainers of the list discussed amongst the committee as viable candidates will be contacted.

9. Venues to host the 70 day testing were discussed. It was agreed Fernando would contact the venues suggested for pricing and availability. Boarding facilities as well as amish facilities would be contacted.

There will be biweekly committee meetings beginning *December 5th*, followed by *December 19th* at **7:30 pm**.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:07 PM EST