

FHANA Member Council Minutes: November 1st, 2023

Present:

Marq Laude – Mountain Time Friesian Chapter (Chairperson)
Scott Kelnhofer – Friesian Horse Association of the Mid-East (Vice Chairperson)
Henk Sytsma – Central California Friesian Horse Club
Carrie Blair – Ohio Valley Friesian Horse Association
Marvel Jeffcoat – South Central Friesian Horse Association
Heidi Smith – Great Lakes Friesian Horse Association
Anna Osinga-Bouma – Atlantic Canada Friesian Horse Association
Mark McGowan – Lone Star Friesian Horse Club
Klazien Sietzema – Alberta Friesian Horse Association
Pam Groom – Florida Friesian Horse Club
Jack Vanderkooy – Ontario Friesian Horse Association
Janice VerMerris – Michigan Friesian Horse Club
Robin Spaeth – Friesian Horse Association of Oklahoma
Will Bron – FHANA Board Liaison
Angie DePuydt – Administrator
Caron Osborn – Administrator

Absent:

Lori Brock – Northern Michigan Friesian Club
Jaime Caesar – Northeast Friesian Horse Club
Joe Michielli – Cascadia Friesian Horse Club
Lauren McDonald – Pacific Friesian Horse Club
Marc DiLeo – Friesian Horse Club of Southern California

Please refer to the meeting recording for complete/detailed comments: [FMC Meeting Recording – 01 NOV 23](#).

1. Opening Remarks & Announcement of Guests. Mr. Laude called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM EDT.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Mr. Kelnhofer motioned to approve the October 2023 meeting minutes, and Mr. McGowan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FHANA Board Updates. Ms. Miley reported that the Breeding Committee is working on establishing an annual Breeder of the Year award, an idea that the FMC brought forth. Board of Director nominations are open and will close on November 30th. There are three positions to be filled this year. The FHANA AGM will occur February 23 – 24 in Lexington, KY. The next edition of The Friesian magazine may be delayed due to Circuit 5. An update on Circuit 5 events was provided. Voting for the Lifetime Achievement award has been changed from chapter president voting to FHANA member voting.

4. The Role of the FMC w/in FHANA. A discussion about the FMC's role in FHANA took place. Ms. Osinga expressed concerns that the board has not taken some of the FMC's recommendations seriously enough. It was reiterated that the FMC has chosen not to be part of FHANA's formal structure and serves in an advisory capacity only to FHANA. Should the FMC wish to have a more formal role within FHANA or the ability to submit motions to the board, they will need to consider adopting a different relationship with FHANA in the future. If any member or chapter is displeased with the actions of the board or B Book II Committee or wishes to understand in more detail what actions are taking place with regard to B Book II, they should reach out to a FHANA board member to express their concerns or ask questions.

5. Roundtable. Ms. Jeffcoat expressed concern about comments made by Mr. McGowan on social media and asked for an apology. Mr. McGowan responded. Ms. DePuydt called a point of order regarding the discussion, citing mutual respect under the Democratic Rules of Order. Mr. Laude ruled Mr. McGowan's comments out of order. A brief discussion occurred regarding the FHANA Code of Conduct regarding social media use.

6. Next Meeting Date. The next FMC meeting will occur on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023, at 8 PM EDT.

7. Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Kelnhofer motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM EDT.

Minutes presented by Angie DePuydt