

Inspection Committee Minutes December 12, 2023, 1:00 Central Time

Attendance: Marq Laude, Chair, Jason Tice, FHANA Executive Director, Tiffany van der Kooi, Secretary, Annie Muilwijk, Annette Carpenter, Julie Karpus and Jo Clough, BOD Liaison, Carrie Blair, Rick Butts
Special Guest: Chair of Stallion Committee – Fernando Horowitz

Absent:

Approval of the October 2023, minutes: Annie made a motion to approve minutes and Annette 2nd, with the exception to change to the October attendance report. Annette was present for the October Meeting. Approved.

A guest from Stallion Committee, Fernando, was present to help improve the process of the Stallion viewing into the Mare Show. We are trying to collaborate to fit the 2 events together more seamlessly. The Stallion Committee is looking into the requirements for things such as the 'cage', vet, etc....and they will help put this into site host manuals. Fernando will join us again at the next meeting to provide an update.

Financials: From Jason The 2023 keuring season overall was a success. Total income was \$128,425 and Expenses to date are \$70,298 with a few more expenses to be received from the KFPS. Those expenses are expected to about \$12,000 additional. We exceeded our goal of 600 horses with 606 horses entered through out all the sites. Circuit 5 was extremely successful and very profitable. \$28,000 was received in sponsorships alone!

Inspection Manuals: Jo and Marq continue to work on these. One is for the site hosts and will collaborate with Fernando and the stallion committee to include the young stallion viewing requirements. And of the stallion process documents is for the participants. Jo and Marq are also working on a video reference for instruction on how to present horses for video inspections.

2024 Schedule: The dates have some changes and there is no Circuit 4. Rick Butts will host the New York inspection. There were not enough horses for the Mare Show West to make it feasible to have one again in 2024. Between Washington and Oregon, it will be one inspection, the exact location has not been determined. Utah did not get their application in to the office in time to be considered for the 2024 schedule. There were 22 sites in 2023 and will be 15 sites in 2024. We discussed the schedule at length and did some adjusting to try to make it feasible.

Circuit 1: Start on August 31st, Alberta would go on Sept 3rd. The Inspection Committee recognizes this as an early start day, if the kfps agreed we may push out 2 weeks to start on the 17th. If this is not possible then it stays as is to start on August 31st.

Circuit 2: Dates have been changed to the following.

Sept 27 and 28 - Central California

Sept 30 - Oregon

October 2 - Kansas

October 4 and 5 - Wisconsin

Circuit 3: Good as Is!

Circuit 4: There is not a circuit 4 for 2024.

Circuit 5: There was low attendance for the Mare Show West, so financially it isn't possible to continue the West next year. The number of horses needed to financially sustain the event has increased in the last few years, not helping the current situation. The Inspection Committee will try for an additional Inspection during Circuit 5 for the Southern California members. It would fit in on November 15th if the judges and KFPS agree. The idea of combining the Mare Show East with FHANA 40th anniversary would affect the Mare Show East dates and duration and judges could go to the West after. That might look like this:

East Inspection - November 15

East Mare Show - November 16

East "Events" - November 17 and 18

West Inspection and Stallion Viewing - November 22 and 23

A motion was made by Annette to approve the schedule as Jason reported. Carrie 2nd the motion. Motion approved.

Inspection Photographer: There was an issue in the East with the contract being broken by the original contracted photographer and a new one was hired. There are some grey areas in the contracts and the rules for photography at FHANA events. The wordage needs to be modified and made clearer, then added to the site horse manual – Jo to work on this. The main reason to do a photography contract is so that FHANA can have access to the photos. Marq needs to send the photos from the East to Jason, he will forward them.

IBOP Awards: There was an issue this year because a horse could potentially do the IBOP twice in one year and have two scores to consider. This year a horse did that, both scores were in the top 5 for the IBOP cup. We need to modify the rule that going forward only the highest of the two scores will be used when considering the top 5 for the IBOP award. Unfortunately, the winner of the Majestic Friesians award was not eligible, the breeder was not a current member of FHANA.

Circuit 5 Recap: Awesome in every way. We had 150 entries in total and a lot of amazing volunteers and sponsors!!! THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED MAKE THIS A HUGE SUCCESS.

2024 Inspection Budget: It was approved by the Board.

Sponsors and Donations from Inspections: Thank you emails were sent to the sponsors, and we should send the Friesian logo from the office as something tangible for the sponsors as a thank you.

Letter to Texas Site Hosts: This letter was put on hold by Eric, but now is ok to go to the Texas site hosts.

Incident in New England: The committee took care of getting information to the Board, it was not discussed at their meeting. The tasks that were requested are completed.

2024 Manuals: Changes need to be made, adding safety protocol for horses and humans.

Participants for Inspection Committee: Everyone wants to continue on with the committee - Annie, Tiffany, Julie, Annette, Carrie and Jo. Rick had dropped off the call at this point, so his response is unknown.

Round Table: The next meeting date will conflict with people going to the stallion show in Holland. We will have the meeting early – Jan 4, 2024.

Annette made a motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting: THURSDAY January 4, 2024, at 1:00 CST